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Each and Every Child, Each and Every Day

Parcells Newsletter

October 2018

<http://gpschools.schoolwires.net/gpparcells>

From the Principal's Desk

Mr. Dan Hartley
Principal

Happy October Parcells –

We have had an outstanding start to the 2018-19 school year. The mission of our school is for students to reach their Personal Best through rigorous Curriculum, strong Character, and by building a Community of relationships. To start the year, students and staff have been hard at work to get to know one another, review procedures and expectations, and are already digging into new course content. Students have figured out how to open the new lockers, have responded well to our updated cell phone policy, and are getting recognized regularly for their positive behavior by receiving Panther Bucks. While there are sure to be bumps in the road, please remember that student/parent/teacher/school relationships are at the heart of everything we do. By working together, we are sure to make this Parcells school year the best one yet. While parent/teacher conferences are not until November, please do not hesitate to reach out to a teacher, counselor, or administrator if you have any questions or concerns.

Something that we are offering again this year is an informal opportunity for parents to connect with me about any thoughts, suggestions, or questions they have about what is going on at Parcells. We will not have a set agenda, but will instead meet to discuss anything that is on your mind for how we can work together to improve our school. **Our first “Donuts with Dan” session will take place on Friday, October 12th, from 8:20-9:20am.** Coffee and Donuts/Pastries will be provided. Please check in at the office and we will direct you to the room location. I hope to see you there!

The month of October also means that our fall testing sessions are taking place. This year, all students will take the NWEA test during their language arts and math classes. NWEA is used to track student growth and identify areas of strength or concern in both reading and math. Our 8th grade students will also be taking the PSAT. With the State of Michigan switching from MSTEP to PSAT in 8th grade, the October testing session will help us gather the necessary data to target instruction before students take it again in April. We also use PSAT and NWEA for High School placement and to prepare our students for their college entrance exam.

Personally, the month of October will be an exciting one in the Hartley household as we will be welcoming our second child soon. I'll be sure to send photos of baby boy Hartley next month!

Thanks to everyone for a successful start to the school year. Have a wonderful October!

Mr. Hartley



From the Assistant Principal's Desk

From the office of Debra Redlin, Assistant Principal

Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the warm, sunny days of summer but welcome the cool evenings and changing colors in the fall. It reminds me that the school year also has its seasons and the 2018-2019 school year has gotten off to a wonderful start.

Parcells continues to be a leader in Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) and am excited to see our team continue to do the hard work in expanding our program. Teachers are a vital part of the PBIS program. This year, we received a grant to purchase a large television to be used as our PBIS Digital Signage. It allows us to display all things PBIS and for students to see themselves in our school. Ms. Butler, Ms. Golitko, and Ms. Goloweyco spend countless hours above and beyond their day to make sure our 1P lessons continue to be relevant to student needs. Mr. Nyenhuis is taking the helm again this year as the PBIS lead coach and continues to do a fabulous job.

A breakout team of Ms. Radant, Mr. Nyenhuis, Mr. McDonald, and Ms. Gruenwald, forms our PBIS Reward Committee. They have spent a tremendous amount of time outside of the school day coming up with positive behavior incentives that promote a positive climate for our students and staff.

September Reward using Panther Bucks - Cider and donut holes

Raffle #1 - Use Panther Bucks to enter - Wally's Ice Cream Token

Raffle #2 - Use Panther Bucks to enter - Lead the Pledge of Allegiance for school

October Reward using Panther Bucks - Candy

Raffle #1 - Use Panther Bucks to enter - Pizza lunch with up to 4 friends

Raffle #2 - Use Panther Bucks to enter - Participate in Minute to Win It assembly



HOW YOU CAN HELP - Almost every day after school we have opportunities for kids to use their Panther Bucks for small candies. We would really appreciate any donations of small candies such as airheads, tootsie rolls, etc (wrapped candies only please) so we can continue to replenish the candies students can use their Panther Bucks for each day. We go through them very fast!! Thank you in advance for any help you can provide! Drop them off in office to attention - Debbie Redlin

If that doesn't sound busy enough, our Lunchroom is full of energy this year as well. We are lucky enough to have three lunches that separate our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. We have fabulous help in the lunchroom that allows us to offer choices for students. This year, we have Ms. Marjie, Ms. Leslie, Ms. Lil and new to us this year is Ms. Kat. Ms. Dana is now in the front office working as our clerk. Be sure to say hi!! We are also fortunate enough to have Ms. Dornbrook and Mr. Austin again to help out when available. The students are expected to be seated at all times in the cafeteria and clean up after themselves. They are doing a great job with this so far. In addition to offering students about 10 minutes outside, we offer lunch time basketball for 7th and 8th grades and will offer it to 6th grade students during 2nd semester. Our PBIS committee has provided colored pencils and Adult Coloring Books filled with designs, animals, Butterflies, etc for students to color during lunch. There are now also decks of cards to loan out for lunch. Students are really enjoying the activities. Of course, this is also a time they are permitted to use their cell phones so they are very excited about this as well.

HOW CAN YOU HELP: We will be going through colored pencils and gel pens quickly. If you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office attention - Debbie Redlin.

The mornings continue to go well inside Parcells. Students that come a few minutes early can go to the Media Center, Cafeteria for some breakfast, or sit in the hallway against the lockers. They are doing well with this and it makes the morning transition go much smoother. Mr. Brunson and Mr. Dedeyne are coming in early to run morning basketball for our kids beginning at 7:45am Tuesday - Friday.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us each day. I am looking forward to keeping this positive momentum going all year and having a fabulous fall!

Debbie Redlin
Assistant Principal

Greetings from the English Department

We are very excited to announce our student's first experience with Poetry in their 8th grade English classrooms. Although many students may have read or written poetry elsewhere, this month they will be reading, analyzing and performing it with their classmates for the first time. Considering the difficulty of writing and performing poetry, it is vital to remember that respect and kindness is paramount in our classroom. In order to enjoy our poetry unit please encourage your readers to approach this with an open mind and a can-do attitude. Although interpretation of poetry can be challenging, I have no doubt that with class discussions, performances, and vocabulary development we will solve the puzzle together, making future poetry readings less frustrating and more enjoyable for all students. Our third annual Parcels 8th Grade Poetry Slam, which will take place October 5th and feature your students performing poetry live as well as cider and doughnuts. Thank you for your continued support!



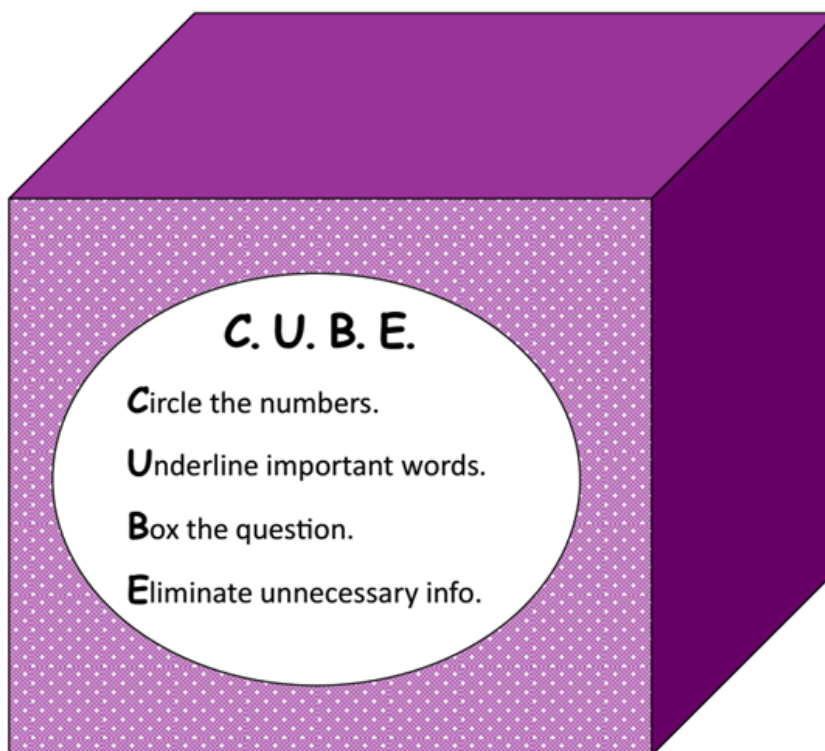
Greetings from the Math Department

During the first few weeks of school, we have successfully transitioned to a school schedule from the more relaxing summer schedule. Math classes are in the process of taking the fall NWEA test. Classes that have not completed the testing are focusing on mathematics curriculum while waiting their turn for the Chromebook carts to complete testing.

Classes have already had many homework assignments and a quiz or test grade. The card marking on November 2, so now is a good time to check Schoology. All math teachers maintain a homework calendar on Schoology where parents and students can locate the current homework assignments and be advised of any upcoming quizzes or tests.

Imagine Math is a new program in the middle school. It is the middle school version of the *Think Through Math* program used at many elementary schools. The district received a three-year grant for Imagine Math. Students across all three middle schools are required to complete 30 lessons in the Imagine Math program. Each teacher will determine how to accomplish this in his or her individual classroom. For more information, see the Imagine Math parent letter included in this month's newsletter.

With the math curriculum in full swing, many students struggle with solving word problems. The math teachers at Parcels use the CUBE method to help students solve problems. See the graphic below. After students take the time to follow the process, the solution to the problem usually becomes clear.





Imagine Math

A parent's guide to monitoring your child's progress

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your student has been enrolled in Imagine Math, an online math tutoring program that adapts to your student's level of math fluency and provides live, state-credentialed teacher support when students need assistance. Imagine Math is proven to increase math proficiency when students use it for at least 90 minutes each week.

Imagine Math Live Teacher Support

Live teacher support within Imagine Math provides direct, targeted instruction when students need assistance. Our certified teachers provide support to students by tailoring their instruction to the student's level of math fluency. Students can receive live teacher support through text chat, verbal instruction, or virtual whiteboard sessions. Students also have access to Spanish-speaking teachers as needed.

★ Using Imagine Math at Home ★

Because Imagine Math is an online program, your student can access it from any computer with Internet access—whether at school, home, or the library. Students can log in to Imagine Math at math.imaginelearning.com.

Students can access Imagine Math from home on computers or tablets, including PCs, Macs, iPads, Chromebooks, Android tablets, and Windows tablets (no smartphones). For the best experience in Imagine Math, students should use headphones or speakers to hear voice prompts or use live teacher support. For a complete list of system requirements, visit support.imaginelearning.com/mathtech.

Note: Only students officially enrolled in Imagine Math should log in to their Imagine Math account from home.

Recommendations for Parents

Your student's success in Imagine Math can be heavily influenced by consistent parental involvement. These recommendations will help you and your student get the most out of Imagine Math:

- Encourage your student's participation in Imagine Math. The more your student engages with Imagine Math, the more their math fluency will increase.
- Encourage your student to be thoughtful as they work through math problems. Imagine Math provides constant support and immediate feedback on student performance, especially in those subject areas where students tend to struggle.
- Create an Imagine Math parent portal account. Review your student's Imagine Math dashboard and discuss the lessons they've completed or passed, the points they've earned, or any motivational challenges they are working towards.

Follow Student Progress in the Imagine Math Parent Portal

In the Imagine Math parent portal, parents can see how their student is progressing and print achievement certificates that their student has earned.

- 1 Create a parent portal account.
Parent Sign Up URL: <https://lms.thinkthroughmath.com/customers/55180/registrations/new>
- 2 Log in to your parent account at math.imaginelearning.com
- 3 Click **Link a Student**, then enter your student's username and password to link their Imagine Math account to yours.

STUDENT USERNAME: Student's GPPSS Username

STUDENT PASSWORD: Student's GPPSS password

Dear Parents and Guardians:

First quarter of this school year we are piloting (trying out) a new middle school science curriculum called **IQWST** (pronounced *eye-quest*), *which stands for Investigating and Questioning our World through Science and Technology. The curriculum is based on the very latest research on how people learn, and how students learn science in particular. We know our students are going to be engaged in science and will learn a great deal, but the curriculum may not look like what you (or your child) expects.*

Instead of reading about science and doing experiments from time to time, students will be engaging in many more hand-on activities in class, in which they are handling science materials and are experiencing phenomena first-hand. In every lesson, they will be reading about, writing about, talking about, and doing science. Discussion is central to this type of learning. Students will work individually, in pairs, in teams, and as a whole class to “make sense” of how things happen in the world around them or why things happen the way they do.

Readings will accompany many of our lessons, and will help students to understand the science more deeply. Always, the readings support students in understanding the language (vocabulary) used in science and how it compares to the ways in which we use words like *mass or volume or property in our everyday speech. In the same book as their readings are the pages we will use in class, called “Activity Sheets” that are like a science notebook.*

The notebooks require students to make predictions and record their data, but also to answer questions that support them in thinking about activities and connecting what they learned in previous lessons to new ideas. In their. I readings, everything that students do in class is also connected to their own experiences.

Students will be developing models, writing explanations, and supporting their ideas with evidence. They may talk about “scientific principles” or writing in a “claim-evidence-reasoning” format. The book that comes home with them will be their only textbook for science—a new one for each of the 4 units we will study this year. Encourage students to write in these books! They can underline or circle key words; they can write in the margins; they can doodle if that helps them concentrate as they read or as they think about a question they need to answer.

Please encourage your student to ask questions and not to be afraid to talk about ideas—wrong ideas lead to important learning in science! Ask your child about what they did in class and what they learned from it, or what new questions an activity made them think about. To follow up their reading, ask, “What’s the most interesting thing you read about?” Or, “What’s one thing you learned from that reading that you didn’t know before?”

If you wish to support your child by reading with him or her, always stop and answer the questions in the book together. When a question is used as a header, stop and think for just a moment about what the answer might be before continuing reading. The goal of this curriculum is not only to teach important science, and to prepare students for the next grade level, but also to ensure that students enjoy learning science. Research shows that elementary students are very interested in science, but middle schoolers’ interest in learning science declines tremendously. We want our students to have opportunities and be encouraged to pursue STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) in the future, if they choose to, because they are interested and motivated to learn, and they see themselves as *able to be successful in science.*

Each of the 4 units in each grade level will focus on an open-ended big question called a “Driving Question,” that is also the title of each unit. Students’ goal in each unit will be to provide a complete, scientific answer to that question, and to answer new questions that arise along the way. Students will be assessed through oral class discussion, written responses in their notebooks, and periodic written responses that will provide a window on their developing understandings. Although we will have tests, students’ grades will also reflect class participation, performance-based work from the labs, and evidence that they have done the readings. Homework will be assigned as it makes sense with what is happening in the classroom.

Thank you,

GP District Middle School Science Teachers

Greetings from the Choir Room!

After just four weeks of school, our choirs at Parcells sure are sounding great! 6th graders are busy learning about solfege hand signs and new music, 7th graders are successfully sight reading and reviewing treble clef notes, and 8th graders are learning about time signatures with the number 8 on the bottom.

The month of October brings our first fundraiser, Century Resources, to a close. Some reminders about this fundraiser:

Monday, October 9th – all order forms are due. FYI: Money is *not* due until AFTER the products are delivered. Only order forms come to school on October 9th.

Week of October 29th – delivery of all products to school. As we get closer to this week, I will communicate the exact day of delivery with all choir families. All products will need to be taken home and delivered to customers ASAP!

Looking ahead at the November choir calendar...

Wednesday, November 28 – Parcells, Pierce and Brownell “Celebration of Choral Singing” Concerts - This evening's concerts feature all singers from all three middle schools in GPPSS. We will give two performances, 6pm and 8pm, at Brownell Middle School on the evening of Wednesday, November 28. Please start planning ahead for concert attire:

6th grade girls: a dressy combination of black, white, and/or gray

6th grade boys: long-sleeved dress shirt in black, white, or gray; black dress pant; black dress shoes; black, white, or gray tie

7th grade girls: dressy black - a black dress, or a black skirt with a black top, or black pants/leggings with a long, dressy top; skin colored nylons, black dress shoes; simple jewelry.

8th grade girls: in addition to the school-provided dress, please wear modest black heels (which could be “character shoes”) and skin-colored nylons

7th and 8th grade boys: in addition to the school-provided tuxedo, please wear black socks and black dress shoes (not tennis shoes!!)

Friday, November 30 – Parcells, Pierce and Brownell Choir Lock-in! More information will be available soon. This is an event *only* for choir members of our three middle schools...it is going to be a fabulously fun night!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions via email – sarolil@gpschools.org and henrib@gpschools.org. Thanks for your continued support of the Parcells choir program!

~ Mrs. Leslie Saroli and Mr. Ben Henri



GYM SHORTS

This section relates to the athletic teams here at Parcels Middle School. Each team has an end of the season pizza party provided by the athletic department. Please help the coaches with donations of water, desserts or snacks.

The schedule of contests are always posted on our website as well as location. MOST schools do not charge a fee to enter a contest, but please be prepared that some do require an entrance fee. Our \$125 pay to participate fee is a ONE TIME fee for the school year. Your son/daughter could technically play 3 sports for free for Parcels in a given year. Both swimming, cheer and 6th grade Basketball (boys and girls) are club fees of \$52.

Most teams order a t-shirt, shooting shirt, hoodie, or sweat pants. This is OPTIONAL for your athlete. The athletes are given a uniform to wear for their season. Please wash them and turn them in clean at the end of the season. Our athletes are dismissed from class at 2:50 p.m. on an away contest day. The bus leaves at 3 p.m. They are responsible for missed work as well as passing 4 of their 6 classes at all times. Their work habits and conduct is also considered for eligibility. Practices are to be attended daily. Usually the practice begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends by 5:15 p.m. Games are usually about an hour and 15 minutes. Please have your athlete ride the bus back to the school as this is part of the athletic experience. Also, please pick them up on time as the coaches are required to stay until all athletes have gone home.

Girls Volleyball begins their season on September 26, 2018 and is completed by October 29, 2018. Boy's Basketball tryouts will begin after Halloween. A reminder, **ALL PHYSICALS MUST BE ON THE APPROVED FORM AND DATED AFTER APRIL 15, 2018.**

Good luck to all athletes and THANK YOU for supporting your athletes and the Parcels Panthers.

Beth Gulick
Athletic Coordinator



Greetings from Life Skills

Life Skills News-

7/8 Grade-

Students are wrapping up their first unit on Personal Development. We had a fun time learning about our personalities and have recently started a stress management training using the "Learning to Breathe" curriculum. During this training, students will learn how to focus on their breathing in order to manage stress and maintain a healthy overall outlook. In the past, feedback from students has been very positive and I'm excited to offer this training to students again this year. Please discuss with your child, and encourage kids to remember their training as needed at home.

6th Grade-

Students are hard at work learning the qualities of a caring and reliable babysitter. Please watch for information on the Egg Baby babysitting project to be coming home early this month!

It's almost TURKEY TIME! If your family is interested in donating a whole frozen turkey to be cooked in class during the week of November 12th, please plan to send one in anytime from now until Friday November 9th.



Last year, Parcels Life Skills students cooked and carved 18 turkey's which helped feed a Thanksgiving feast to over 1,000 hungry people in Metro Detroit. Turkey's will be cooked, carved and donated to Crossroads of Detroit. Crossroads is also looking for canned goods (vegetables, potatoes, gravy, etc.) for their meal. For more information, please feel free to email me- andrea.gruenwald@gpschools.org Please let me know if you plan to donate. Thanks!

Student Council-

A special thank you to all students who applied to StuCo this year! We are excited to see what wonderful things we can accomplish.

Meetings this month will be 10/11 and 10/25. We will plan to rake leaves and do our fall clean-up day on 10/25 (weather permitting). Please bring work gloves, rakes, and a bottle of water.

Please encourage members to check our Google Classroom and the Parcels Calendar for important info and reminders. Thanks!



The Counselors' Corner

October 2018

RAMP Advisory Council Meeting – TBD

Light Up Laces Walk- October 6th 6PM

<https://lovemylaces.com/walk-registration>

Please make sure you know how to login to Schoology:

<https://mi01000971.schoolwires.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=20417>

Reminders:

- Check Schoology grades twice a week with your student
- Review your student's calendar on Schoology every Monday for the week
- Homework help is available after school room 108 Monday- Thursday
- 7th Hour makeup testing is every Thursday after school
- Be proactive! Any missing assignment or 0 require a conversation.
- November 2nd is the end of 1st quarter- don't wait until the last minute to check on grades!

To find out more, check out the Counseling website and join us on Facebook (Parcells Middle School Counseling Office) to be the first to hear what's new in the counseling offices.

Please feel free to contact your student's counselor with any questions or concerns!

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THE HOMEWORK STATION

The Homework Station is open after school Monday through Thursday from 3:25 to 4:25 in room 108. It's a great place to do homework, ask for help and work on projects. We have textbooks, calculators and other school supplies. Students may also use computers and a color printer for class projects. No sign up is necessary, and students may attend as often as they like.

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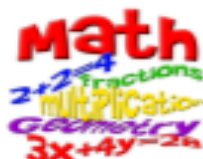
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Monday-Thursday

ROOM 108

- **Do you want to get your homework done before you get home?**
- **Are you having trouble understanding your**
- **homework?**
- **Do you need a computer/printer to complete your homework?**

Come to the Homework Station! We have everything you need to help you understand and finish your homework. No sign up. Just drop in.



The Homework Station

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@MadesARTclass



Yearbook Club

When: After school starting Wednesday, October 3rd 3:30-4:20

Where: Room 213

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST!



Requirements:

Paper size: 8.5 inches wide by 11 inches tall

Print name on back. Original art only!

Winners will receive a FREE yearbook!

DUE
OCTOBER 12th
To Mrs. Mades
(Room 215)

PTO Corner

PTO Meetings: PTO Meetings are open to all parents and are a great way to get involved in your child's school. They are generally held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00, but some meetings are different due to holiday schedules or conflicts. Please check the school calendar for dates, or send an email to paul@paulabke.com for a schedule of meetings.

Kroger Cards: Please register your Kroger Card to benefit the Parcels PTO. (see instructions) Even if you signed up last year, the enrollment period ended in April and it is necessary to re-register. This is an easy source of income for the PTO and it doesn't cost you anything!

School Clinic: The Clinic is in need of volunteers. Even if it's only for a few hours, every bit helps. If you are interested, please contact Juli Mott Bastien.

Holiday Bazaar: Mark your calendars for our yearly Holiday Bazaar, Saturday December 1st. We are still in need of volunteers for our largest fundraising event. If you can spare a few minutes of your night(Friday) /day(Saturday) to help please email Parcels.Bazaar@gmail.com

Kroger Plus Card Support Parcels – Enroll or Renew
www.kroger.com school id # 91050



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KROGER PLUS CARD FUNDRAISER – Enroll Now!



Parcells Middle School (#91050) Kroger Plus Card Enrollment

You can support Parcells Middle School by shopping at Kroger and using a registered Kroger Plus Card. Every time you use your Plus Card (or telephone number) at check-out, Kroger donates a percentage back to Parcells Middle School. Your participation makes a difference in our school community!

You can enroll your card any time during the year but don't wait, sign up now so the school can benefit year around! New this year, you do NOT need to re-enroll every year! If you are already enrolled you will continue to support Parcells Middle School!

To get started, please follow the steps for NEW ENROLLMENT

Go to www.kroger.com and click on “No Account? Register” located at the top right corner of the page.

If you are enrolling your card, please be aware that it is a two-part process. You have to complete both parts to link your Kroger Plus Card to Parcells Middle School.

Part One – Create a Kroger Account

- Provide your email address and create a password.
- Your password must be 6-12 characters long, and include at least one letter and one number.
- Select your preferred store. (Please note that Parcells Middle School will receive benefits wherever you shop.)
- Click the orange “Create Account” button.

Part Two – Select Parcells Middle School as Your Community Rewards Partner

Go to www.kroger.com and click on “Sign In” at the top right corner of page. Using the email address and password sign in to your Kroger Account.



- Click on **your first name** at the top right corner of the page.
- You will be on the “Account Summary” page.
- First, add your Plus Card number or 10-digit phone number and your last name. If you experience a problem at this stage, please contact Kroger at 877.576.7587.
- Second, add your Personal Information. You do not need to input your birth date.
- Third, choose Parcells Middle School as your Community Rewards Partner. Begin by clicking the orange “Enroll” button. Then complete these three steps:
 1. Find your Organization. Type “**Parcells Middle School**” and click “Search.”
 2. Select your Organization. Select **Parcells Middle School (#91050)**.
 3. Click the orange “Enroll” button to complete your enrollment.

Now you have selected Parcells Middle School as your Community Rewards partner. Within one – two weeks, you should see a statement at the bottom of your receipts which says, “At your request, Kroger is donating to Parcells Middle School.”

Thank you for taking the time to select Parcells Middle School as your Kroger Community Rewards Partner. We are grateful for your support. If you experience a problem during this process, please contact Kroger for assistance at 877.576.7587.

You can also contact Jennifer Michalski at jjmichal2@gmail.com or 313-310-0914.

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DECEMBER 1, 2018

| 9 AM - 4 PM

Bandwidth Focused on Academics



The District is working with our internet filter options to ensure appropriate bandwidth for instruction and testing. **Please be aware that as the District limits access, social media like Snapchat and Instagram will be using your family data uses and charges could increase.** Make sure to review with your student the cell phone policy that is on pages 11 and 12 in their student planner passed out the 1st day of school. Thank you for supporting our focus on academics.

Your Grosse Pointe Public Library

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is grateful for its many community partnerships. To ensure we remain good neighbors with our partners in the Grosse Pointe Library System, we would like to take this opportunity to remind patrons of rules that will help us all utilize this community resource to its fullest potential.

Just as in school, there are guidelines for behavior and supervision at our local libraries. The library has a document entitled "Guidelines on Behavior" that will be enforced. It is available for review at the Youth Desk, but here are a few highlights we would appreciate your help in maintaining:

Visiting the Library

- We encourage all patrons to work together in order to ensure a safe, positive learning environment.
- Loitering outside the library, or excessive entrance and exit, is disruptive to this environment which is designed to support study, reading and other quiet activities.
- Please remember the Woods branch parking lot off Mack Avenue is locked during drop-off (7:30-8:30 a.m.) and pick-up time (2:45-3:30 p.m.) for the safety of our children.
- Our libraries, particularly the Woods branch, are busiest from 3:15-5:30 p.m., so it may be helpful for other patrons to visit at non peak hours.
- Children under the age of 9 cannot be left unattended. Guardians or caregivers must be age 13 or above themselves to watch younger students in the library. The library staff is not responsible for supervision of your children. Childcare is available for a fee through the GPPSS Kids Club and details can be found at www.gpschools.org or by calling 313-432-3067.

Computer Use

- Students need a valid library card or knowledge of their card number to use computers.
- Livetutor.com is available free of charge from 3-10 p.m. every day of the week.
- Computer use is limited to 30 minutes to ensure equitable access.
- Only one student is allowed to sit at a computer.
- No food or drinks are allowed at the computer.
- Students may bring their own earphones to use with computers; the library does not provide these.
- Printing is available from youth computers for a small fee (10¢ per black and white page, \$1 for color).

Working Together

- An expired library card or excessive fees may prevent patrons from using the computers or borrowing materials.
- Any patron, including students, with a pattern of disruptive behavior will be banned from the library.
- To keep track of library usage in those busy times, student patrons will be asked to sign in for programming or quiet study using their library card.

Please remember, this is our community library. Working together, parents, students, community members, and library and school personnel will maintain a positive library environment and experience for all.

