

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Each and Every Child, Each and Every Day

Parcells Newsletter

May-June 2015

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

Important dates in May & June

May 4 - Late Start Monday 9:05 AM
May 4 - 2:30 PM - Instrumental Band Concert - Adjusted schedule
May 4-May 29 - MStep Testing
May 5 - Elections-voting @ Parcells
May 5 - 9 AM - 2 PM - 6th gr. English field trip
May 6 - 6:30 PM - Choir/Instrumental Concert and pre festival parent meeting
May 6 - Field trip - College Tours-McDonald
May 7 - 9:30 AM -11 AM - Ferry student tour
May 8 - 9:30 AM -11 AM - Mason student tour
May 11 - Late Start Monday 9:05 AM
May 11 - Permission slips sent home for June 9th field trips - Due back by May 22nd
May 12 - NO P3 today (wed-fri schedule)
May 12 - 9:30 AM -11 AM - Poupard student tour
May 12 & 14 - GP Writing Assessment
May 13 - 6:45 AM - 3 PM - 8th gr choir @ CMU for state choir festival
May 13 - P3 Schedule today(Tues schedule)
May 13 - 9:30 AM -11 AM - Monteith student tour
May 15 - 1/2 Day - 11:34 AM dismissal
May 14 - 3:30 - 5:30 - Talent show auditions
May 15 -16 - Band/Choir field trip
May 16 - Soc. Stu. Olympiad Tournament
May 16 - 10 AM - 12 PM - Student Council/ NJHS Spring Clean Up
May 18 - Late Start Monday 9:05 AM
May 19/22 - ACT Testing Gr. 7 & 8
May 19/20 - Adjusted Schedule
May 21 - P3 Schedule (Tues schedule)
May 21 - 7:30 AM - NJHS meeting
Week of June 22 - Report Cards & online registration info mailed home
May 21 - Student Council Tiger Game
May 25 - Memorial Day-NO SCHOOL
May 27 6:30 PM - Choir Concert
May 28 - 1st hr. Honors night practice
May 28 - 6:30 PM - 6th & 7th Gr Honors Night & PTO Elections in the Auditorium
June 3 - 3:30 PM - 1 Mile Run
June 4 - 3:20 PM - 5:30 PM - Talent Show rehearsal
June 5 - 3:20 PM - 5:30 PM - Talent Show Rehearsal
June 8 - Locker Clean Out at the end of the day- All books turned in today
June 8 - 1st hr. 8th gr promotion practice
June 8th - 6:30 PM - 8 Grade Promotion Ceremony in the Auditorium.
June 9 - 7:30 AM - 8 PM - 8th gr Cedar Pt.
June 9 - 7th gr CJ Barrymores
June 9 - 6th gr. Red Oaks Waterpark
June 10 - 1/2 day -dismissal @ 11:34 AM
June 10 - 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 8th gr Party

From the Principal's Desk

End of Year Calendar Reminders

- May 15th: ½ Day, 11:30 Dismissal
- May 25: No School, Memorial Day
- May 28: 6th & 7th Grade Honors Night (We will be mailing out invitations next week for all students who qualify for awards)
- June 8th: Promotion Ceremony 6:30pm (1 hour, followed by outdoor reception)
Locker Cleanout - Don't bring anything the rest of the week (NO BACKPACKS)
Promotion Practice - 1st Hour
- June 9th: Class Trips (all eligible students)
Field Trip permission slips will go home May 11th. Due by May 22nd.
6th Grade Red Oaks Park
7th CJ Barrymores
8th Cedar Point
- June 10th: Half Day, 11:34 Dismissal; 8th Grade Party 11:30 - 1:30
- June 11th: Last Day of School
Half Day, 11:00 Dismissal
Talent Show at 9am
- End of year Report Cards will be mailed during the week of June 22nd

On-line Registration Process for 2015-16: A letter will be sent to your home in early August, explaining the mandatory on-line pre-registration. Pre-registration must be completed before coming to Parcells registration on the following days and times:
Grade 8: Monday, August 24 from 9:00-11:30 am
Grade 7: Tuesday, August 25 from 9:00-11:30 am
Grade 6: Wednesday, August 26 from 9:00-11:30 am
Make-up registration for all grades will be Monday and Tuesday, August 31 & September 1 from 9:00-11:00 am. The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 8.

Thank You PTO

Thanks to the PTO who provided Kona Ice for all of our students who successfully completed the MStep! Our 8th graders were treated on Monday, April 27th. Our 6th & 7th graders will also be treated on the Monday's following testing during their lunch periods.

Have a Great Summer!

I can hardly believe that our school year is coming to an end. While it feels like I just started here at Parcells, our many accomplishments are proof that we have put in at least a year's worth of time. In addition to maintaining the highest academic standards, our students have achieved numerous awards at the state and national levels in all areas from Chemistry, Robotics, Music, Art and many more. It has been my pleasure to share this year's successes with our students, parents, and staff. Parcells continues to exemplify what it means to be a community school, as we work together to provide the highest standard of education for our students.

As summer is approaching, I look forward to serving this community in the future and sharing in next year's accomplishments. On behalf of the entire Parcells staff, I want to say "Congratulations and Thank You" to everyone for a year full of hard work in supporting the success of Parcells students.

Sincerely,
Mr. Hartley
Principal

Happy Spring!

As you may have heard, our spring testing calendar has been lengthened this year due to changes with the MDE's new annual assessment, the **M-STEP** (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). Changes with the test include a writing performance task in Math and ELA sections at each grade level. Our Math and English teachers have been preparing students this semester for such changes. Other changes include our 7th and 8th grade ACT Explore test, which is now titled **ACT Aspire**. This assessment will be similar to the version administered in previous years. Our teachers have also begun integrating concepts into their instruction to prepare students for this assessment.

Students will be placed in grade level testing locations (and will not be testing in their P3 classes). We will communicate these locations with our students prior to Spring Break and will have easy to view posters placed in our hallways. We strongly encourage you to view our website for specific information regarding our testing calendar and testing locations for each grade level. Finally, if you have additional inquiries into either test, we encourage you to visit the following websites:

M-STEP: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_70117---,00.html

ACT Aspire: <http://www.discoveractaspire.org/>

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8TH GRADE TESTING SCHEDULE	
8th grade Students Report to the Following Rooms on Listed Test Dates	
M-STEP: April 14th - 5th and 6th hrs. April 15th - P3 to 2nd hr. April 21st - P3 to 2nd hr. April 22nd - 3rd and 4th hrs. April 23rd - 5th and 6th hrs.	
ACT Aspire: May 19th & May 20th testing begins at 8:20 AM	
7TH GRADE TESTING SCHEDULE	
7th grade Students Report to the Following Rooms on Listed Test Dates	
M-STEP: April 28th - 5th and 6th hrs. April 29th - P3 to 2nd hr. May 5th - P3 to 2nd hr. May 6th - 3rd and 4th hrs. 7th	
ACT Aspire: May 19th & May 20th testing begins at 8:20 AM	
6TH GRADE TESTING SCHEDULE	
6th grade Students Report to the Following Rooms on Listed Test Dates	
M-STEP: May 19th and 20th testing begins at 8:20 AM May 27th - P3 to 2nd hr. May 28th - 5th and 6th hrs.	

After school homework help is available weekly on Mon. Wed. and Thurs. from 3:25-4:25 in room 104.

After school math help is available weekly on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. from 3:25-4:25 in room B2.

After school test make up day is every Thursday from 3:25-4:25 in room 100.

ACE - Required opportunity for students to complete homework assignments daily in the school library from 3:25 PM - 4:25 PM

Please check the Parcells website calendar for updates and further event information.]
www.gpschools.org/parcells

Please visit the GPPS Website: Summer Learning Program page for information and links that are displayed here for your information:


Geoffrey Young
Secondary Summer Program Director

Andrea Lappin
Elementary Summer Program Director







Questions: [email the office staff](#), Summer Learning Phone: 313-432-3095, Technical Assistance: 313-432-5177

Summer Learning online registration is now open
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 1ST
Be sure to **REGISTER EARLY!!**

See the course descriptions below

- ♦ See the specific course descriptions then use the registration link found there. 
- ♦ Please note that the *same log-in credentials that were used for the regular school year registration* will be used for the 2015 Summer Learning registration.
- ♦ **Login ID = *Your child's Student's ID#***
- ♦ **Access Key = *Your MISTAR Parent Password***

<p>Elementary Program (Entering grades K-6 in Sept.) Maire Elementary School 740 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe July 7 – July 30 Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 – 10:00 / 10:15 – 11:45</p>	<p>Middle School (Entering grades 7-8 in Sept.) Grosse Pointe North High School 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods July 6 – July 30 Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:00 – 10:00 / 10:10 – 12:10</p>
<p>Incoming Freshman (Entering grade 9 in Sept.) Grosse Pointe North High School 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods July 6 – July 30 Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. 8:00 – 10:30 / 10:30 – 1:00</p>	<p>High School (Entering grades 9-12 in Sept.) Grosse Pointe North High School 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods July 6 – July 31 Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 – 2:00</p>

<p>Elementary</p> 	<p>Camp O'Fun Shuttle</p> 
<p>Middle School</p> 	<p>Maps to Locations</p> 
<p>High School</p> 	<p>Michigan Virtual High School</p> 

- ♦ **New Kindergarten or Out of District Students** - Please [email our office staff](#) to add your student into our system for Summer Learning registration.
- ♦ **Payment** – Course fees vary and are listed with the class descriptions and in the online registration. Non-residents will be charged an additional 50% over the listed course fee. Registrations must be accompanied by full payment. Payment by VISA or Master Card is accepted online only. No cash or checks will be accepted. If your student(s) currently receive free/price reduced lunch, a 50% discount will be applied.
- ♦ **Refunds** - After classes begin, if a class is dropped Tuesday or Wednesday of the first week, a 75% refund will be issued. If a class is dropped on Thursday of the first week, a 50% refund will be issued. No refunds will be issued if a class is dropped on Friday of the first week or any time after. All refunds will be issued back to your credit card.
- ♦ **Parking and Transportation** – Parents and students are reminded to use extreme caution when driving near the summer school sites.
- ♦ **Attendance** – High School students are expected to attend all classes. If a student misses more than two 6 hours classes, he/she will receive no credit for the class. Because daily attendance is required, vacations should not be scheduled during this time.
- ♦ **Counselor Approval** – In order to register, high school students must have approval from his/her counselor to verify the correct course has been selected (no paperwork required). Consult your counselor early as they are generally not available after June 20th.
- ♦ **Special Needs** – Any person with a disability, who wishes to attend Summer Learning, but needs accommodations related to the disability, should contact the program director. Please provide appropriate documentation when enrolling.
- ♦ **Questions:** [email the office staff](#), Summer Learning Phone: 313-432-3095, Technical Assistance: 313-432-5177



Enrollment Re-verification: Please be advised that families of current 5th and 8th grade students must re-verify their residency this summer. This includes families at every school building across the district that own or rent their home. Please go to www.gpschools.org under Residency to find more information about the documents required for this process.

August registration for 6th grade is August 26th. 6th grade students will not be allowed to participate in August registration and WEB activities for 2015-16 school year until student residency verification has been completed.

Data from the Science Department:

Parcells science students continue to excel in competition. Ritika P., who won the Wayne County Regional You Be the Chemist competition in March, went on to place 6th in the state on Saturday. We are proud of Ritika and her coach, Mrs. Gulyas! It took months of hard work to rise to that level!

Mrs. Geerer's eCybermission students have also been successful. "The Chemical Compounds" – Connor H., Victoria T., Stephen B., and Will E., took first place in the state for their research on harmful household cleaners, and have been declared Regional Finalists as well, which means they placed in the top three of teams among eleven north central states. They will receive two \$1000 savings bonds for their stellar work. "The Nerd3" team – Anthony M., Luca V., and Ben U., took second place in the state with their engineering design for a solar recharging iPhone case. They will receive \$500 savings bonds for their engineering prowess.

Parcells science students rock!





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May 2015

ATTENTION: FAMILIES OF FIFTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

Effective Immediately

The Board of Education feels strongly about enforcing our residency requirements and not opening our district to School of Choice options. Rather than incur the cost of a total district re-registration, the administration is performing a **total re-verification of students entering sixth and ninth grades**. Families who have already verified their address this school year due to an address change are exempt from this process.

[This link for Residency Re-Verifications](#) you will find more information about the documents required for this process. You must bring all the required documents with you. We encourage you to come to the Administration Building at 389 St. Clair Avenue, Grosse Pointe by **August 1**. The office hours are: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am - 3:30 pm on Friday. Questions may be directed to Denise Sharples at 313-432-3083, option 2.

Class assignments will not be shared in August if you have not completed this re-verification process.

Please remember, that only one parent/legal guardian must reside within the district for their child to legally attend our schools. Students found to be attending without meeting residency requirements, are removed immediately.

This is one more method to assure our community that the children in our buildings are our students.



PTO Corner

PTO is looking for new members

The PTO is looking for parents to join board for the next school year 2015 / 2016. We are looking for someone to fill a couple of the officer's positions as well as a couple of other positions with the PTO group. We meet once a month from August through June and the meetings are usually on Monday nights and last about an hour. Besides the monthly meetings we are actively involved with the Bazaar as well as a few other events. Being part of the PTO is a great way to stay involved with your child's school and to keep abreast on what is going. The PTO will be electing officers at the Honors Night Ceremony on May 28th at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.

If you are interested or know someone who is or if you would like to talk to someone to get more information please contact Dave Denomme at ddenomme@mccemail.com or by phone at 313-550-3046.



2015 PTO Holiday Bazaar

It may be Spring, but the PTO is already beginning to plan for the 2015 Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar! This is the 40th year for our show which is one of the largest shows featuring items that are exclusively hand-made/ handcrafted. As always, it's the first Saturday in December, which is December 5, 2015 from 9am-4pm. Registration forms have been sent out to vendors who have participated in our show in the past. We will be inviting new vendors after June 1. New for this year we are planning a "Scavenger Hunt" for the shoppers with vendors donating prizes for those who participate. If you're interested in helping our PTO to plan and execute this fundraiser, please email parcells.bazaar@gmail.com

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2015 – 2016 Parcels Middle School (#91050) Kroger Plus Card Enrollment and Re-Enrollment Instructions

You can support Parcels 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 Parcels Middle School. Your participation makes a difference in our school community!

You can enroll your card any time during the year.

All participants must re-enroll each year between April 1 and April 30.

To get started, please follow the steps for NEW ENROLLMENT (next) or RE-ENROLLMENT (below).

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 for the first time, please be aware that it is a two-part process. You have to complete both parts to link your Kroger Plus Card to Parcels 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 Parcels Middle School will receive benefits wherever you shop.)

Click the orange “Create Account” button.

If you experience a problem during this process, please contact Kroger for assistance at 877.576.7587.

Keep going....you have not linked your Plus Card to Parcels Middle School yet!

Part Two – Select Parcels 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 from Part One, 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 Parcels Middle School as your Community Rewards Partner. Begin by clicking the orange “Enroll” button. Then complete these three steps:

1. Find your Organization. Type “**Parcels Middle School**” and click “**Search.**”
2. Select your Organization. Select **Parcels Middle School (#91050).**

Click the orange “Enroll” button to complete your enrollment.

Now you have selected Parcels 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 Parcels Middle School.”

RE-ENROLLMENT

Go to www.kroger.com and click on “Sign In” at the top right corner of the page.

Sign in to your Kroger Account, using your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it. Don’t give up...it just takes a moment to reset your password. Your password must be 6-12 characters long and include at least one letter and one number.

Click on **your first name** at top right corner of the page.

- You will be on the “Account Summary” page.
- Scroll down to “**Community Rewards**” at bottom of the page.

Click the orange “Re-enroll” button.

You must complete the following three steps:

Find your Organization. Type “**Parcels Middle School**” and click “**Search.**”

Select your Organization. Select **Parcels Middle School (# 91050).**

Click the orange “Enroll” button to complete your enrollment.

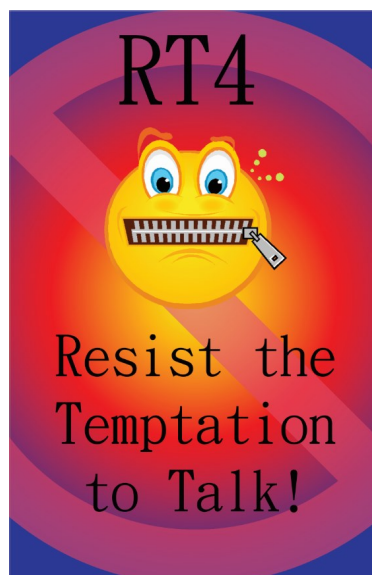
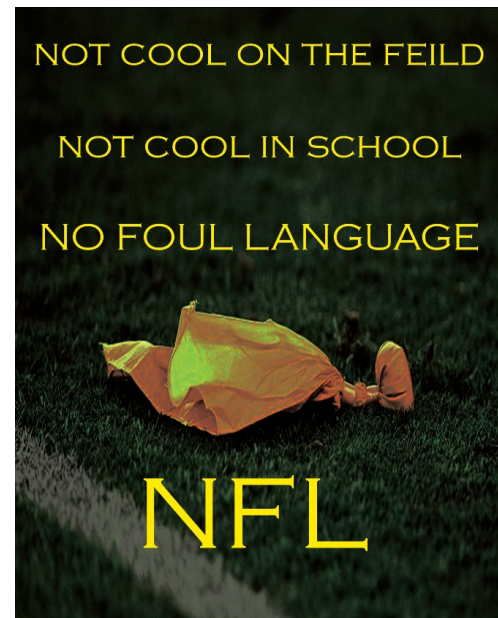
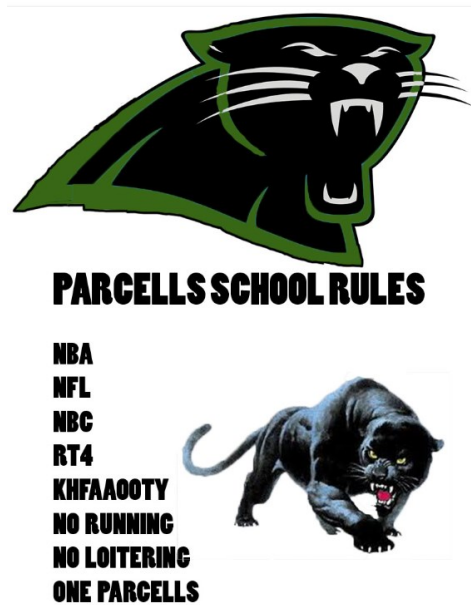
Now you are re-enrolled for another year! You should continue to see the statement, “At your request, Kroger is donating to Parcels Middle School,” at the bottom of your receipts.

Thank you for taking the time to select Parcels Middle School as your Kroger Community Rewards partner. We are grateful for your support.

If you encounter problems, please contact Kroger at 877.576.7587.

Art News

Graphic Design students have been busy creating school rules posters for Parcels. Mr. Hartley and Mr. Wolf have selected a few from the class that will be displayed throughout the school for years to come! Congratulations Billy S., Roy T., Dominic P., RJ. S., Toniah E., and Madeline M.!



English News

Throughout the 2014-2015 school year the 8th grade has put a focus on writing and the importance of writing in school and though out life. 8th graders have written in a variety of formats and even had the opportunity to entry their writing in a variety of contests. In April one of our 8th graders Kuvin S. was recognized for his writing. Kuvin wrote an excellent piece for the Kroger's "How I Can Make History Contest" in February. There were more than 2,500 entries from across the state and Kuvin's work was recognized as an 8th grade state winner. On April 8th he and his family and teacher Mrs. Keelean had the opportunity to attend a dinner and awards ceremony at the Henry Ford Museum to celebrate his achievement.



Washington DC Trip 2016 Trip Dates: May 4 – May 6, 2016

Attn: 7th Grade Parents

The registration process for next year's 8th Grade Washington DC is well under way! Close to 100 students have already registered!!! The travel agency has assured me that they can guarantee all students who register before June 4, 2015 will have a place on our trip. However, if you wait until next year to register, it is *possible* that they may not be able to secure enough busses or airfare to accommodate such a large group.

Please don't allow your child to miss out on this once in a lifetime experience. By registering now, you will guarantee your child's placement on the trip, **save money** and have extended planning time for your child's trip.

WorldStrides has extended the Early Registration period. Everyone who registers by June 4, 2015 will receive the Early Bird \$70 discount off the total price of the trip. Additionally, WorldStides has offered a bonus discount of \$10 to all Parcels families who register by the June 4 deadline. Finally, the price of the deposit will be reduced to only \$49. That is a \$50 savings off the normal deposit price. So, please don't wait until fall to register. The price will go up and the trip could possibly sell out.

We have been traveling with WorldStrides for the past three years, and we have had a very good experience with them. They offer a wonderful learning opportunity for our students as well as safety and peace of mind for the parents.

Additionally, WorldStrides offers payment plans, scholarships and fundraising opportunities.

For more information, visit the Parcels Webpage and click on our Washington DC Trip link. To register your child, visit WorldStride's website at www.worldstridesdiscovernow.org or call at 1-800-468-5899. Reference our trip ID# 114685.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at debra.duffey@gpschools.org

Sincerely,
Mrs. Duffey

SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS

6TH GRADE: Students just completed the South America pizza box projects. During fourth quarter they will be exploring the history, geography and culture of the European countries.

7TH GRADE: Students in Mr. Cooper's class are completing a unit on Russia and the Cold War. Students in Mrs. Fogel's class are completing their study of the Middle East and how it relates to the USA. Rufus will be coming in several times before the end of the year to share his travels to some of the places we have been studying.

8th GRADE:

During fourth quarter, students will begin to examine the course and character of the Civil War. Using charts and graphs and other historical data, students begin by analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of the Union and the Confederacy. Students will draw on their prior knowledge to understand the causes of the Civil War. Further, students will analyze Lincoln's presidency with respect to his military and political leadership. Students will explore the role of blacks during the war, including black soldiers and the increased resistance of enslaved peoples. Students will be exposed to several primary written sources, including the Gettysburg Address and Emancipation Proclamation. The year will conclude with the Reconstruction Era. This is truly an exciting time to study the Civil War because this year is the 150th anniversary of General Lee's surrender to General Grant at Appomattox Courthouse.



Michigan Council for the Social Studies
An Affiliate of the National Council for the Social Studies

Social Studies Olympiad

Congratulations to Charlotte N. and Colin H.! Charlotte and Colin won GOLD MEDALS in the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad competition last week. Charlotte's project was a Primary Document Journal examining how the loss of life related to the sinking of the Titanic could have been minimized. Colin designed an interactive Civil War battle map using a program called Prezi. These two bright 8th graders are to be commended for their efforts and participation in this unique statewide Social Studies competition. Hundreds of students in Michigan competed once again this year, and their winning entry is certainly something to be proud of.

On Saturday, May 16th Parcels' Social Studies Olympiad Quiz Bowl team will be competing against other middle schools from across the state in a tournament at Okemos High School.



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Thank you Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education!

The social studies department would like to extend a large thank you to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. The GPFPE has graciously approved a grant for a classroom set of Chromebooks. The social studies department is excited to continue bringing history alive through technology. We are looking forward to designing technology based lessons that support all of our learners, increase historical thinking skills, and increase engagement.

Greetings from the Choir Room!

Please see all of the important dates listed below. Busy weeks ahead!

Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:30pm, auditorium – Pre-festival concert and final informational meeting for all 7th and 8th grade students attending the Music-in-the-Parks trip. Every student who is going on the trip must be present at this concert/meeting with an adult.

Tuesday, May 12 – after school auditions, choir room – auditioning for spring concert “curtain acts”. Song selections must be from movies. This is for all interested students in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade choir. The sign-up sheet is hanging up outside the choir room.



Wednesday, May 13 – 8th grade choir trip to Central Michigan University to participate in the State Choral Festival. Students will meet in the back parking lot in their formal choir uniforms at **6:45am**, return to Parcels approximately at **3:00pm**. Students need to bring cash for lunch at Jimmy John's in Mount Pleasant, MI.



Friday, May 15 thru Saturday, May 16 – Music-in-the-Parks trip to Cincinnati, OH and King's Island!
Wednesday, May 27 @ 6:30pm, auditorium – Spring Vocal Concert - student call time is 6:10pm; students are wearing choir t-shirts, black pants, dark shoes



Tuesday, June 2 – TCBY night – TCBY donates a portion of tonight's profits to the Parcels vocal music Department.

Friday, June 5 – 8th grade uniform turn-in deadline – girls' dresses to be washed and air-dried at home first; boys' tuxedos – just turn in all pieces (I will take them to the dry cleaners).

Monday-Friday, August 10-14 Summer Select Choir @ Brownell Middle School – register online at www.gpschools.schoolwires.net/ss. See ad in this newsletter.

As always, let me know if any questions arise – Leslie.Saroli@gpschools.org.

Happy spring!

Mrs. Saroli

GYM NEWS

Congratulations to all of the Green and White Fitness Award winners. Certificates will be included in the student's award packets at their awards night. An extra shout out to those students who achieved this status for two or three years! WAY TO GO!!!

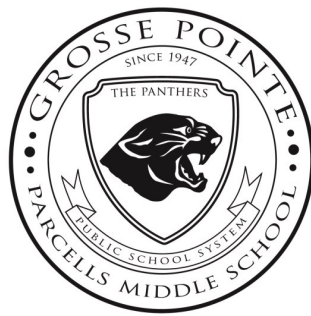
Eighth grade students attending GPN, you are allowed to wear your Parcels shorts as part of your GPN PE uniform. If you do not wish to keep it, we will take gently used uniforms to be used next year for loaners for the classes.

If you need to purchase a new uniform for next year, you may do so online in August during registration time and have your student bring in their receipt to the office or table set up in the gym or you can pay by cash at registration. Students are required to have grey t-shirts and dark green shorts which you can also supply from home.

Have a wonderful, active summer. Enjoy the sunshine and time outdoors. See you next school year!

Mrs. Gulick





In October, several students helped plant tulips in the Parcels grounds in memory of Mr. Aulph. We are delighted to share that the squirrels and rabbits have left the bulbs alone (for the most part) and the flowers are now blooming. Our students have worked very hard to create this lasting tribute to a phenomenal Spanish teacher and colleague, so we'd like to thank them again for their contributed time and effort and share some before-and-after photos with the Parcels community.

Also, our National Junior Honor Society and Student Council members plan to do one more spring clean-up outside before the year is out to keep the grounds looking bright and beautiful. Students and parents are welcome to participate in this event. You can email Ms. Butler or Mr. Palen with questions about the date and time of the clean-up.

Excellent job, Panthers!



3RD ANNUAL
GOLF FOR AULPH GOLF OUTING



Brian Michael Aulph was a beloved husband, father, brother, and son. He was a wonderful Spanish teacher at Parcels Middle School and a dedicated football coach at Grosse Pointe North High School. We lost Brian on February 19th, 2013, and this annual golf outing serves as an opportunity to come together and celebrate the life of our colleague and friend. All proceeds benefit Brian's wife and two young children through the Aulph Family Fund.

WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

WHERE: SUNNYBROOK GOLF COURSE IN STERLING HEIGHTS

TO REGISTER VISIT:

<https://gpschools.formstack.com/forms/aulphgolf>

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS
(TICKETS TO LOCAL EVENTS, SPECIALTY ITEMS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, ETC.)
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FOR OUR RAFFLE.

If you have any questions, please contact
Brian McDonald or Crissy Therriault.

Welcome to the New Column for Parcels Athletics called:

GYM SHORTS SPORTS INFORMATION

My name is Beth Gulick and I am the new Athletic Director here at Parcels Middle School. I am replacing Mr. Tim VanEckoute as he enters retirement. **Thank You** Mr. VanEckoute for your time towards making Parcels athletics a program set to accomplish very high standards. We plan to continue on with your traditions of excellence.

Congratulations to all students who were part of the athletic program here at Parcels this year. Good sportsmanship always prevails over victories though it is nice to win! We hope you continue your career in sports either back here or in high school.

All athletes wishing to play on sports teams both here and in high school are required by the MHSAA to have a physical dating after April 15, 2015 in order to TRY OUT for a team. This included high school teams.

Grosse Pointe North is hosting a physical night on August 4 from 4:30 – 7 in the gym. Cost is \$25. A parent must accompany a child. This physical will be good for all sports during the 2015-2016 school year. Please make sure to have the necessary paperwork needed to get this accomplished. Grosse Pointe South is hosting theirs on August 6 if you miss GPN's. You may also go to your doctor. You can either have your student stop in the office to get a MHSAA physical form, download it from our Athletics homepage or from the MHSAA website (MHSSA.com). This is the only approved form allowed for sports both here and at the high schools.

Grosse Pointe North hosts many sports clinics as well as Grosse Pointe South for our middle school students. Macomb Community College also has camps. All will help in developing skills as well as giving your athlete more time with their sport. Check their websites for updates and information. Fall Sports at North begin as early as the first day off of school for summer vacation. June 15, 2015. Cross Country runners run throughout the summer, the weight room is open, football has passing scrimmages, and basketball runs open gyms. All this information can be found on Grosse Pointe North's website under athletics. Officially Football begins August 10 and all other sports begin August 12. Times are to be determined by the coaches.

Our first team here at Parcels is Girls 7/8 Volleyball. The first day of tryouts begins on the second day of school which is September 9, 2015. Girls MUST have a current physical to try-out as well as practice gear. Keep an eye on the website for information.

Pay to play participation fees can be paid online with a link off our Athletic tab on the main website. This is a onetime fee of \$90 for the year. Club fees are separate from athletic fees.



Special Education Department- April is Autism Awareness month. The Peer2Peer program along with the ASD program has raised awareness this month. We put together a video "10 Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You to Knew". This video, along with a lesson about Autism, was shown during P3 classes for the whole school to participate in. In addition, puzzle pieces with a fact about Autism was displayed throughout the school. A fact about Autism was also read daily during WPBC announcements. On April 2nd, which is World Autism Awareness Day, the whole school was encouraged to "Light it Up Blue".

****Coming up in May!**** All three programs (MiCi, MoCi and ASD) are bringing some Peer2Peer friends on a trip to LifeTown in West Bloomfield. This is a place where students with disabilities apply what they have learned about being in the community. We are very excited to be able to bring our Peer2Peer friends this year!



Parcells 1 Mile Run - June 3rd

Mr. Cooper will be hosting an all-school mile race at Parcells on Wednesday, June 3, at 3:30. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the top finishers. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be scored against each other for school bragging rights. The Parcells teachers are also planning to put together a team to beat, I mean compete with the students. This event will take place on the Parcells field and should conclude by 4:00.



GIRLS ON THE RUN/GIRLS ON TRACK:

The young ladies participating in the Girls on the Run/Girls on Track program are having a great time! The team has been working hard and we are all excited for our 5k run at Kensington Metro Park on Sunday, May 17th. The girls are enjoying the team so much they even met over spring break to run! We would like to give a special thank you to Hanson's Running Store for taking time out of their day to size all of our students in Brooks running shoes. Brooks has graciously donated brand new running shoes for our runners!



Grosse Pointe Summer Select Choir 2015

You are invited to register for the Grosse Pointe Public School System's 23rd Annual Summer Select Choir Workshop! This exciting program is open by invitation to GPPS vocal music students in grades 4 – 12 and provides an opportunity for students to maintain and further develop their singing skills.

PLACE: Brownell Middle School

DATES: August 10 – 14, 2015

TIMES: Monday thru Thursday 8am – 12pm
Friday 8am – 2:30pm

WORKSHOP FEE: \$75 (non-refundable) includes T-shirt and pizza lunch on Friday

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES: The workshop is open by invitation to GPPS students going into grades 4 – 12 and is intended for students who are enrolled in their home school's choir program. Teacher approval is required prior to registration.

Register online at gpschools.schoolwires.net/ss or by following the Summer Select Choir link from your school's website. Please register prior to June 30. Questions? Contact carolyn.gross@gpschools.org

Please return this form to your school music teacher after registering online.

Student Name _____

Parent Email _____

I understand that to be a participating member of a Select Choir, I must attend ALL of the scheduled rehearsals during the week of August 10 - 14 and the final performance on Friday, August 14th.

Student Signature _____ Parent Signature _____



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The Camp Invention Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is back this summer!

Those entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade this fall are invited to be a part of something BIG and ride alongside the fun in our Counselor-in-Training program! Innovation enthusiasts and creative thinkers will gain leadership skills while having fun, too!

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Registration is limited, so sign up early to secure a spot!

Learn more by visiting campinvention.org/counselor-in-training or call us at 800.968.4332



The cost of this program is \$120, plus any applicable school fees.

The CIT program is coming to Parcels Middle School on June 22 – 26, from 9:00AM to 3:30PM!

Directed by: Debra Duffey

Important Online Registration Note: When signing up for the Counselor-in-Training program, be sure to click on the Counselor-in-Training button instead of "New Attendee," "Alumni," "Installment Plan," or "Staff/Sponsor."



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The Grosse Pointe Summer Music Festival is open to all currently enrolled Grosse Pointe Band and Orchestra students in grades 5 through 8. This exciting program provides an opportunity for students to maintain and further develop their instrumental music skills over the summer. Grosse Pointe Summer Music Festival also provides an affordable local alternative to expensive summer camps.

July 6 - 17
Brownell Middle School
 260 Chalfonte Ave., GP, 48236

Registration Online at
www.GPSMF.org

CLASS SCHEDULE

Primary Courses

Orchestra (MPR Stage)

Intermediate Orchestra 9:00 – 9:50 am
 For students completing grades 5 or 6

Advanced Orchestra 11:10 am – 12:00 pm
 For students completing grades 7 or 8

Band (Room C-15)

Intermediate Band 9:00 – 9:50 am
 For students completing grades 5 or 6

Advanced Band 11:10 am – 12:00 pm
 For students completing grades 7 or 8

Extension Courses

(must be enrolled in a primary course)

Fiddlers 10:05 – 10:55 am
 Open to string students grades 5 - 8

Jazz Band 10:05 – 10:55 am
 Open to saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drum set, string bass, guitar, bass guitar, and piano students with **at least ONE YEAR previous jazz band experience**. Limited openings for drum set, guitar, bass, and piano students.

TUITION

Primary Courses - \$75.00
Extension Courses - \$45.00

**Closing Celebration Concert
 and Luncheon is Friday,
 July 17 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Don't Miss Out
 Register Your
 Child Today!**

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.GPSMF.ORG!

Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Presents...

A Night On BROADWAY

Presented By



Saturday May 9th 7:30pm

Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center



An evening of music featuring student soloists from the
Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts and a special
performance by Broadway star

Sandra Joseph

Tickets are \$20 general admission balcony and \$30 main floor. A limited number of \$80 VIP reserved main floor seats with a pre show reception meet and greet opportunity are also available at Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack Avenue or by calling Collette McInroe at 313-519-0889

Proceeds from this concert will benefit the GPN Sandra Joseph Performing Arts Scholarship

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.

