



# Panther Post

## Thoreau Park Elementary School



**Mr. Bickley, Principal**

**Mr. Keating, Dean of Students**

**Jan. 2020**

*At Thoreau Park, we believe it is our mission to increase student achievement and social-emotional health through student-centered instruction, positive family-school partnerships, and providing a safe learning climate.*

### Principal Update

As we enter the second half of the school year, our focus continues to be on providing a high-quality education to our students, particularly on reading and writing. There are several ways that we teach literacy and many ways this can also be supported at home. At school, students are taught literacy skills through daily instruction, Title I Reading Mastery Instruction, our Book of the Year program (for this year: Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown), Spring Training (Coming Soon!), our RACES writing protocol, and many others. All of these programs have a focus on helping students not only learn to read, but to develop a love of reading.

At home, there are also a variety of activities that families can participate in to help support reading. Our Book of the Year program has many opportunities to engage in fun reading activities. If you are looking for games and activities, our Title I Parent Resource Library has many items you can borrow. Every minute read helps make progress toward our 1,000,000 minute reading challenge. Ultimately, research shows that as little as 10-15 minutes of dedicated daily reading time at home can have dramatic positive effects on a student's reading ability.

We are excited to begin the second semester and continue to see our students learn to love reading. Be on the lookout for information coming soon about Title I Events, Right to Read Week, and Spring Training. Thank you to the entire Thoreau Park Community for an excellent first semester and continued dedication to our students.

*Ted Bickley, Principal*

### PTA News

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Feb. 3, 2020, at the library on Powers Blvd. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Don't forget to join us on Facebook, Thoreau Park PTA.

### Home Liaison - Mrs. Catalano

Parents, please send your child to school dressed for the winter weather with a coat, boots, mittens, and a hat. We do go outside for recess as much as possible. Also if you are able to, we are asking parents to send in an extra set of pants, underwear, and socks for your student to keep in his/her locker for those just in case moments. Our clinic is running low on "extra" clothes for our students. If you are in need of some support getting clothing or other supplies, please call me at 440-843-3526 or directly to the Parma Area Collaborative at 440-887-4873. As a reminder, the Parma Area Family Collaborative moved to Parkview Elementary at 5210 Loya Parkway. The clothing center is open at the Collaborative every Thursday from 2-4pm.

### Dental Sealants Program

Just a reminder to parents/guardians the program will be at Thoreau Park Jan. 28-30, 2020. Permission slips were sent home from the Ohio Department of Health in December. If your child is in 2nd-4th grade and would like them to participate in the program, you can return the permission slip by Jan. 27 to the Main Office. If you need another slip, call Mrs. Pace at 440-843-3671.

### Parma Parent University

**FREE MONTHLY PARENTING WORKSHOPS**

**PARMA PARENT UNIVERSITY**

**PCSD**  
Parma City School District

**Cuyahoga Community College**

### **SAVE THE DATES**

From 6:00 PM -7:00 PM

- October 16 @ Normandy
- November 13 @Valley Forge
- January 22 @ Parma Senior
- February 19 @ Normandy
- March 18 @Valley Forge
- April 15 @Parma Senior
- May 13 @ Normandy

Attendees will enjoy refreshments and have the opportunity to help select topics for future workshops.



## **Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)**

Thoreau Park is excited to announce that our school has been awarded the **Ohio PBIS Silver Recognition for the 2019-20 school year**. Members of the PBIS team will accept our Silver Recognition at an awards ceremony in Dayton in December. We will have a banner recognizing the accomplishments of our staff, parents, and students in the Main hallway in the near future. Look for it coming soon. The PBIS committee would like to recognize the following students that have received Super Student status at least 5 times since September. These students were recognized during the morning announcements and have received a new Green clip for their classroom clip chart:

<b>Kaylee Price (103)</b>	<b>Aiden Richards (103)</b>
<b>Jamie Camp (105)</b>	<b>Reyce Kerns (105)</b>
<b>Bailey Leatherwood (105)</b>	<b>Samuel Udell (105)</b>
<b>Tristan Muscatello (105)</b>	<b>Alyssa Sigley (106)</b>
<b>Hailey Devera (106)</b>	<b>Annabella Fye (106)</b>
<b>Cameron Bowman (108)</b>	<b>Ava Johnson (108)</b>
<b>Madelyn Renko (108)</b>	<b>Jaycee Toppings (108)</b>
<b>Bailey Crown (113)</b>	<b>Adelyna Cosgarea (113)</b>
<b>Ashlyn Geiger (113)</b>	<b>Laila Salti (113)</b>
<b>Yuvraj Nandkumar (113)</b>	<b>Amanda Bellanca (202)</b>
<b>Ben Feliciano (202)</b>	<b>Olivia McDade (202)</b>
<b>Isabella Lackey (202)</b>	<b>Taylor Shaw (202)</b>
<b>Brendan Callahan (203)</b>	<b>Mina Carson (209)</b>
<b>Payton Scheely (209)</b>	<b>Sonya Chernetska (209)</b>
<b>Ana Ramos (210)</b>	<b>Jada McKee (210)</b>
<b>Nadine Czerwinski (210)</b>	<b>Christian Rodriguez (210)</b>
<b>Adison Lennert (210)</b>	<b>Devin Borkey (214)</b>
<b>Grace Lawrence (214)</b>	<b>Ethan Murray (215)</b>
<b>Sophia Jenkins (215)</b>	<b>Emilia Furakawa (215)</b>
<b>Aaliyah Sellers (215)</b>	<b>Noah Hart (218)</b>
<b>Emery Hendricks (218)</b>	<b>Mea Murray-Phillips (218)</b>
<b>Aubrey Wheeler (218)</b>	<b>Gabriel Wendl (218)</b>
<b>Skyler Blatnica (218)</b>	<b>Jayden Bru (218)</b>
<b>Addalyn Ellis (218)</b>	<b>Ivy Fandrigh (218)</b>
<b>Samantha Simecek (218)</b>	

The following students have received Super Student status more than 5 times since September. They have traded in their Green clip for the following clip:

**Nevaeh Grant - Rm. 103 - Rainbow Clip**  
**Skyler Peters - Rm. 103 - Pink Clip**  
**Tamirus Cooper - Rm. 103 - Blue Clip**  
**Martin Turk - Rm. 103 - Purple Clip**  
**Ellis Janas - Rm. 105 - Purple Clip**  
**Erin Maynard - Rm. 105 - Purple Clip**  
**Thiana Sanchez - Rm. 105 - Purple Clip**  
**Ameena Salti - Rm. 106 - Blue Clip**  
**Angel Huffman - Rm. 106 - Pink Clip**  
**Arianna Whitt - Rm. 106 - Pink Clip**  
**Izzy Hach - Rm. 108 - Pink Clip**  
**Aaliyah Studzinski - Rm. 113 - Purple Clip**  
**Addison Abrams - Rm. 201 - Blue Clip**  
**Ibrahim Atyeh - Rm. 201 - Purple Clip**  
**Dakota Bailey-Baxter - Rm. 201 - Pink Clip**  
**Parker Collins - Rm. 201 - Pink Clip**  
**Jonathan Lash - Rm. 201 - Blue Clip**  
**Thea Sanchez - Rm. 201 - Blue Clip**

**Hunter Brown - Rm. 202 - Purple Clip**  
**Evan Robinson - Rm. 202 - Purple Clip**  
**Evelyn Jusek - Rm. 203 - Purple Clip**  
**Olivia Sprock - Rm. 203 - Purple Clip**  
**Olivia Janas - Rm. 210 - Purple Clip**  
**Ana Ramos - Rm. 210 - Purple Clip**  
**Dominc Sbroglia - Rm. 210 - Pink Clip**  
**Emanuel-Ryan Mweke - Rm. 214 - Blue Clip**  
**Landon Sneed - Rm. 214 - Purple Clip**  
**Anthony Kafcsak - Rm. 218 - Purple Clip**  
**Camryn Weber - Rm. 218 - Purple Clip**

## **7 Habits of a Happy Kid: The Leader in Me**

As a school this year, we will be focusing on building leadership skills in our students using the 7 Habits. Each month we will focus on one of the 7 Habits. Two students who exemplify the monthly habit will be selected by their classroom teacher to be the Student Leader of the Month. January's Habit is **Habit #4 - Think Win-Win. Everyone can win**. Throughout the month, students will learn to do the following:

- Look for solutions when there is conflict.
- Believe that everyone can win.
- Have courage to get what they want.
- Be considerate of what others want.

From The Leader in Me, "Think Win Win," means "It's not you or me-- it's both of us. By working with your child to come up with a solution, will help you both be happier in the situation and work through the conflict better each time. An activity to do with your child at home to support this month's habit is to think of an ongoing problem that you and your child are having at home. This may be homework or chores. Discuss the situation and together come up with a win-win solution to the conflict. The next step is to write down your solution. Then when the situation occurs, you can remind each other of your solution and together use follow your plan. You can make changes to the plan until you find something that works for both of you.

The following students were recognized as the November Leaders of Month for Habit #3 - Put First Things First. Work first, Then play:

<b>Tamirus Cooper (103)</b>	<b>Zahiant Malave-Soto (104)</b>
<b>Bailey Leatherwood (105)</b>	<b>Sam Udell (105)</b>
<b>Kailynn Garcia (106)</b>	<b>Liliana Boilanger (106)</b>
<b>Zachary Hernandez (108)</b>	<b>Jaycee Toppings (108)</b>
<b>Caleb Vargo (109)</b>	<b>Mason Johnson (110)</b>
<b>Paul Jusek (113)</b>	<b>Ashlyn Geiger (113)</b>
<b>David Pirovolos (114)</b>	<b>Thea Sanchez (201)</b>
<b>Dakota Bailey-Baxter (201)</b>	<b>Amanda Bellanca (202)</b>
<b>Ben Feliciano (202)</b>	<b>Brianna Kilpatrick (203)</b>
<b>Brendan Callahan (203)</b>	<b>Lexi Franklin (209)</b>
<b>Sonya Chernetska (209)</b>	<b>Dominic Sbroglia (210)</b>
<b>Kylie Mahon (210)</b>	<b>Zackery Tokarcik (211)</b>
<b>Caycee Hardy (211)</b>	<b>Lillian Offut (212)</b>
<b>Sora Cham (212)</b>	<b>George Remesnicek (214)</b>
<b>Mason Kuzio-Waycaster (214)</b>	<b>Ethan Murray (215)</b>
<b>Logan Koppa (215)</b>	<b>John Ferko (217)</b>

**Emmalynne Wojciechowski (217)**

**Anthony Kafcsak (218)**

**Braden Ellison (218)**

### **2nd Quarter Panther Recognition**

Report cards were sent home with students on January 13, 2020. Our Panthers have a lot to be proud of! Students were celebrated with a make-your-own sundae bar on January 17. More than 200 students were invited to partake in the ice cream sundae bar for their academic achievements and/or positive behavior choices throughout the 2nd quarter. Each student also took home a coupon for a free taco donated by Taco Bell or a free Frosty dessert from Wendy's. Thank you for your support at home and we look forward to even more students participating during the 3rd and 4th quarters this year!

### **Panther 200 Club**

Every day, five student names are randomly drawn and if your child is at school and ready to learn during the morning announcements, they will come down to the office to earn a pencil, a paw sticker, and draw a number. The number they select is where their picture will go on the *Panther 200 Club* board located in the hallway next to the Main Office. Make sure to look for it the next time you stop in the building. Our school just recently completed one entire 200 Club chart. The students earned a locker badge and began their day as a Role Model on their classroom clip chart. We are currently working on our next 200 Club board. Thank you for making sure your children are at school and on time each day.

### **Go Green Lottery**

The Go Green Lottery will continue this school year at Thoreau Park Elementary. All students who remain on green (Ready to Learn) and above in our behavior management system known as CLIP IT for 80% of the month have the opportunity to be entered into the lottery for a Pawsitive Panther yard sign. Every month, a name will be drawn for each grade level so we will have 5 winners a month. Winners for the month of **November** were: **Emmett C.- Kindergarten. December winners are: Emmalynne W. - Kindergarten, Taevyn A. - 2nd grade, Erin M. - 1st grade, Aiden R. - 3rd grade, Christian R.- 4th grade.** Continue to encourage your child to be READY to LEARN. Remember: **GREEN IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE!**

### **Classroom Attendance Incentive Program**

Has your child mentioned that their class got to put a PAW up on the chart next to their classroom door? This is part of our school's initiative to increase daily student attendance and decrease student tardies and absences from school. Every classroom will have a specific percentage of students that need to be present each day to earn a PAW for their calendar. This percentage will be based on data collected over a period of time at the start of each semester for each particular classroom. Each Monday, the classroom from each grade-level with the most PAWs will get to choose a prize for their class. This program worked to help our school decrease chronic absenteeism last year, so we look forward to it helping our Thoreau Park Panthers be at school each day this year as well.

### **One Book, One School**

The big reveal of our book happened on January 7. This year, Thoreau Park students will be reading *Flat Stanley*. A calendar of home activities was sent home with students. Families are encouraged to read the book with their children each night. Friday mornings, students can earn prizes for answering a trivia question correctly. Our school will read *Flat Stanley* through the month of January and have a closing assembly in early February. Contact Ms. Ryan with any questions - [ryank@parmacityschools.org](mailto:ryank@parmacityschools.org).



### **Million Minute Reading Challenge**

We've increased the number of minutes we are reading per month by double. We are beginning to see the results of our efforts as students complete winter benchmarking. So remember to keep reading. Prizes for quarter 2 will be distributed this month as well as top reader prizes for January. Shout out to Mrs. Hoffman's class for massive improvement in the number of minutes they are reading as well as Mrs. Haws' classroom and Mrs. King's classroom. Don't forget, you can double dip, count the minutes you read Flat Stanley, track them. Be on the lookout for more reading trackers coming home.

### **Young Entrepreneurs Day**

Parma City Schools will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young Entrepreneurs Day Event on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Students in grades 3-6 are eligible to participate in the event where they will learn how to develop business ideas by working through an online curriculum and then have the opportunity to present their ideas to a panel of judges to compete for cash prizes. We gave out a total of \$1,500 in cash prizes to our winners in 2019. For more information and to register for the event, please visit [www.pcsdconnects.org](http://www.pcsdconnects.org) and click on the YED 2020 button at the bottom of the page. If you have any questions please contact Chuck Caldwell, Administrative Specialist for Workforce Development, via email at [caldwellc@parmacityschools.org](mailto:caldwellc@parmacityschools.org). Register today and learn how to become an Entrepreneur!

### **Friday morning Mystery Announcers**

The Office is looking for volunteers to read the morning announcements Friday mornings. Volunteers are asked to arrive at Thoreau Park by 9:10. Announcements begin at approximately 9:20 each day. After announcements, parents and guardians can enjoy a donut with their child and Mr. Bickley. If interested, please call Mrs. Pace in the Main Office at 440-885-2351 to schedule a day. And remember, don't tell your child to keep it a surprise.

### **Choir - Ms. Shelow**

Choir practice resumes for 3rd and 4th grade students on January 27, 2020. Interested 3rd and 4th grade students that did not join in the fall can join now to practice and prepare for our Spring concert. Practices take place Monday and Wednesday after school until 4:30 pm. The evening concert is scheduled for May 12, 2020, at Parma High School at 7:00 pm. The dress rehearsal will be at Thoreau Park the afternoon of May 11. Don't forget to sign up for Ms. Shelow's Remind group for updates and information regarding choir. The code to join the group is: **@74gc83**. Choir will be having a fundraiser at Chipotle on March 4, 2020, from 5-9 pm at the restaurant at 7683 W. Ridgewood Rd. near the Shoppes of Parma. Contact Ms. Shelow with any questions - [shelowa@parmacityschools.org](mailto:shelowa@parmacityschools.org).

### **Cuyahoga County Library- Homework Help**

Free homework help is available at certain branches of the Cuyahoga County library. The Parma branch is a site where this is offered. Registration is required for participation. Visit the following website for more information - <https://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Services/Homework-Help/Homework-Centers.aspx>

### **River Valley Paper Recycling Bin**

Don't forget to bring all of your paper and cardboard to our recycling bin located in the main parking lot. Our school earns money for each ton of paper collected. Thank you for supporting our school and helping the environment at the same time.

### **Upcoming Events**

Jan. 8-Jan. 22 - Winter Benchmark testing window  
Jan 28-30 - Dental Sealants program @ TP  
Feb. 3- PTA Meeting - 5:30 @ Powers Blvd. library

Feb. 6 - January Student Leaders of the Month recognition  
Feb. 7 - 4th grade field trip to City Hall  
Feb. 10 - Spring Training AIR Test prep program begins (tentative date)  
Feb. 14 - Valentines' Day classroom parties (2:30 pm)  
Feb. 17 - No School for staff and students  
Feb.24-28 - Right to Read Week

### **Welcome Winter!**

