

Park Elementary



PARK ELEMENTARY

REACH HIGHER. LEARN BETTER. TOGETHER.

A Note from Mr. Field:

"Park's Coffee Cafe"

Dear Parents,

Are you aware that we have our very own Coffee Cafe here at Park Elementary? Each week students from our 2nd/3rd grade cognitively impaired program in Mrs. Hekman's/Pell's classroom, along with students from our general education 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms, provide coffee for staff both in our building and the district administration building. This program provides a great opportunity for students to live out our school theme of "better together" by working together and practicing real-life applications for the skills like coin recognition, money counting, as well as the customer service skills of communication. We are so proud of this program and its many benefits for our students! Just last week, this program was also highlighted on News 8: Miranda Where you Live. Please click [here](#) to see the piece that was aired.

Have a wonderful weekend!

B. Field



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Wed. Nov 22-26 Thanksgiving Break
- Fri. Dec. 1 Early Release 12:15
- Dec. 5 & 6 Elf Factory
- Tues. Dec. 12 Holiday Program 6:30PM @ Fellowship Church

P.E. Cares thanks you for your generous food donations!

Our Box Tops drive raised \$758.70 this semester. Keep saving them for next spring! Congrats go to Mrs. Higg's class for bringing in the most.



From the STEAM Room:

All students in STEAM classes are working on projects based on the concepts of the engineering design process. The kids are working in groups and finding what does and doesn't work when trying to complete tasks in a group. Great discussions are starting to happen on what it looks like to be cooperative, patient, kind and considerate when working with others to complete projects.

Kindergarten - Kindergarteners finished their first module and have started Structure and Function: Human Body. This takes a look at the brain, stomach, lungs, heart, bones, muscles, and brain.

First Grade - Our first grade students will be doing the module, Animated Storytelling. The kids will be using an app called Scratch Junior that helps them start learning some basics of coding on the computers.

Second Grade - Second graders are coding as well. They have been coding on the iPads using the Scratch Junior app to get their first experience in coding a computer. You will have to ask the kids how they made the Scorekeeper Soccer game and created buttons that when pushed made the soccer ball move.

Third Grade - Third graders are continuing with the Science of Flight. They have been testing their glider designs and will be challenged to build a final project that can carry more weight but still fly a certain distance.

Fourth Grade - The fourth graders have been busy building pendulums and vehicles. They have run some tests using the vehicles to see how potential and kinetic energy play a role in speed and distance. They will continue to look at elastic and inelastic collisions and finally will try to prevent an egg from breaking by creating a vehicle with a restraint system.

Fifth graders, in Mr. Bolhuis and Mrs. Willmore's classes students have been creating bacteria and virus and wanted posters after creating their own in a petri dish with jello. They are finishing up Infection Detection by working on the project "Disease Detectives" in which they have to use deductive reasoning to find out who started a fictional strep throat virus in a school. Students in Mrs. Higg's class finished making a robotic test bed and running various tests on it to see which direction the wheels would turn and how fast they would rotate. If you have questions about our STEAM program please feel free to contact me anytime at kmason@hpseagles.net

Ms. Mason

This holiday season **Elf Factory™** is coming to our school! On Tuesday, 12/5 and Wednesday, 12/6 your child will have the opportunity to participate in a fun and meaningful gift-creating experience! In our Elf Factory, instead of buying pre-made gifts, parent volunteers will assist your child in creating ornaments to give as gifts to loved ones. Each finished ornament will go home in its own gift bag, ready to be given to someone special.

Order and Volunteer forms went home this week. Please make sure to have these forms returned no later than Monday, Nov. 20 at the beginning of the day. There is no limit to the amount of ornament kits you may order. We will have samples of some of the ornaments your child will be creating right outside the office.

We need many volunteers to make this program a success. Please consider giving the gift of your time to help us! If you have any questions, please contact Brandi Van Houten vanhoutenb@juno.com



HUDSONVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Please see the Hudsonville Community Education link at the school's website at www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org or call 669-7747, ext. #3 for information regarding all the activities being offered.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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Zutphen CRC invites you to a presentation given by **Protect Young Eyes** on December 6 from 6:45-8:15PM. This presentation is designed to enlighten parents, grandparents and teens (ages 14 and above) about the digital culture of kids today, equip them with strategies for creating an internet safer home and encourage them to be observant, engaged and informed. Protect Young Eyes exists to give busy parents and hyper-connected kids the information and tools they need to use technology awesomely. If you are someone who interacts with teens or children, please join us for this free event. A dinner will be served from 5PM-6:30PM. Follow the link to register <https://zutpheninternetsafety.eventbrite.com>. Childcare will be available.

Michigan Ballet Academy is presenting the magical holiday classic, **The Nutcracker**, with original choreography by internationally renowned Artistic Director Nikoloz Makhateli. Hudsonville Public School students receive a special discounted ticket price of \$10. Watch toys come alive, snowflakes dance, and a fierce battle between mice and soldiers! This production will have kids of all ages wide-eyed with wonder. Enjoy a stunning performance set to the wonderful music of Tchaikovsky at affordable prices for the entire family. Whether a holiday tradition or first-time discovery, The Nutcracker is a gift every family will love. Come join us on Friday, December 1 at 2:30 PM, Saturday, December 2 at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 3 at 2:30 PM at the Jenison Center For The Arts, [8375 20th Avenue, Jenison, MI 49428](http://8375_20th_Avenue_Jenison_MI_49428). Purchase tickets at www.michiganballet.org. Hudsonville Public School Students use promotion code STUDENT10 for discounted students tickets

Just in time for the holidays - show your Eagle Pride and support the Hudsonville Band Programs! We have exciting **gift ideas** for all Eagle fans K-12, parents, and proud Hudsonville Eagle Community members! A portion of all proceeds will help support our band programs. Whether at Riley, Baldwin, or Hudsonville High School, or your son or daughter will soon be at these schools, the Boosters are working to provide resources needed to ensure our student musicians can follow their dreams both now and for generations to come! Time is limited - place your order by November 27 for delivery by Christmas. [Visit our online store](#)

The Youth Boys team will be having **Lacrosse Sign-Ups** starting December 1st. All boys 1st through 8th grade will be able to play this season. If parents would like more information they can go to our website: www.hudslax.com

Christmas Fest 2017~ Welcome Home ~Saturday, December 2 - 4-8 pm You are Invited!

Join in the joy of the season...Christmas Fest 2017: A free, family-friendly, hometown holiday celebration! Who: come one, come all! What: A celebration! Catered pasta bar dinner and festive holiday entertainment, door prizes, games, activities, treats, and refreshments, DIY's and make-n-takes, Something for everyone! When: Saturday, December 2 - open house style Come and go anytime 4-8 pm Where: Grace Community Church, [3500 new Holland street, Hudsonville, MI 49426](http://3500_new_Holland_street_Hudsonville_MI_49426) For more information: www.solagrace.org or [616-669-6507](tel:616-669-6507) Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is an after school program for girls in 3rd-5th grades which educates and prepares girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. GOTR helps provide girls with the tools necessary to make healthy decisions and the knowledge to lead healthy lifestyles. Girls on the Run lessons use running as a tool to teach girls about physical, emotional, mental and social health. Registration Information: To register, visit WWW.GOTROAC.ORG and click on the 'Registration' tab! [Here](#) Registration opens: November 1st, 2016 at 9:00am Registration closes: November 30th, 2016 at midnight *Late registrations are only available on teams with available space* **We also need Coaches!** Please call the office if you are interested in more information. 669-1970