

Park Elementary



IMPORTANT DATES:

Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 3&4	Elf Factory
Tues. Dec. 11	Holiday Program K-2- 6:30 3-5 - 7:30 Fellowship Ref Church
Fri. Dec. 14	Early Release
Fri. Dec. 21	Holiday Parties
Dec.21-Jan.6	Winter Break

A Note from Mrs. Heerema:

It is very hard for me to believe that we are already almost to Thanksgiving! We are embracing our November theme to BE Thankful. Our staff is thankful for the partnership of parents here at Park. It was wonderful to see so many parents at Parent Teacher Conferences last week. It was a great chance for us to meet about each individual student and discuss his or her social, emotional and academic progress at school. These times of collaboration allow us to better meet the needs of our students. If you have additional questions after attending your child's conference or if you were unable to attend, please call our office at 669-1970 to schedule a time to meet.

We are also thankful for our amazing PTO who put on the first of TWO Scholastic Book Fairs for the year. This is no small task but with so much support, time and energy from Park parents, PTO was able to offer this opportunity so students could select fun and meaningful books to enjoy.

As a new member of the Park family, I am exceptionally thankful for the warm welcome and continued patience from parents, staff and students. Every day has been a joy for me since beginning this new role at Park. As I create my list of things I am grateful for this season, the Park community will be at the top of my list.

Thank you for your continued partnership! We could not do what we do without our dedicated and caring families.

Dawn Heerema

Please do a **background check** if you will be visiting or volunteering in your child's classroom. Starting in 2019 we will request a reservation prior to class parties in order to check background entries. Thank you for your compliance. Here is the [link](#) to fill out now if you haven't already.

From the Art Room:

Square 1 Art:

Thank you to all who made a fuss about your artist and their Square 1 Art stickers. It's so fun hearing all of the cool and creative ways kids have used their stickers and seeing how affectionately they have been shared. Thank you also for supporting your young artist and our Art program at Park with your orders of keepsakes. The orders will be sent home at the beginning of December. Congrats to the 2nd graders who won an extra clay project this year for having the highest percentage of participants per grade level.

Follow me on Instagram! I have created another way for everyone to stay more connected with what's happening in the Art room. I think this will be a perfect fit with imagery being the drive for quick communication. If you haven't set up an account and would like to it is really simple. Please follow me on Instagram at [bettertogetherart](https://www.instagram.com/bettertogetherart/) (<https://www.instagram.com/bettertogetherart/>). I'll be posting pictures of kids working, artwork and other glimpses into the art room, school and life. I will continue to blog as well. I plan to still post to this [blog](http://amandaandersonart.blogspot.com/) (<http://amandaandersonart.blogspot.com/>) along with the district wide Hudsonville Art Program [blog](http://hudsonvilleartprogram.blogspot.com/) (<http://hudsonvilleartprogram.blogspot.com/>). I look forward to sharing more of the art room happenings this weekend on Instagram. So create an account if you haven't yet and start following me at bettertogetherart!

Mrs. Anderson

ELF FACTORY

Forms have been sent home. We are getting ready for our annual ELF FACTORY! We are looking forward to helping your children create keepsake ornaments. Due to the liquidation of the company, all available ornaments have been pre-ordered and have limited quantities. Orders will be fulfilled in the order they are received. If an ornament your child has ordered is no longer available, they will be able to choose a replacement ornament at the Elf Factory. This year, each child will receive a pre-selected free ornament to create at school. Every ornament after that is \$2.50 each. Attached is a great photo of all the assembled ornaments. If you have any questions, please feel free to call, text or email me. Thank you!

Paddy Raschke

PC Elf Factory Coordinator

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Tuesday, Dec. 11
K-2nd- 6:30
3rd - 5th- 7:30
at Fellowship Ref Church Save the Date
More information to come after Thanksgiving

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.

CALLING ALL SNOWBOARDERS/ SKIERS!

Do you like to ski or snowboard? If so, this opportunity is for you, your family, and your friends. ANYONE can be a part of this. This makes the perfect Christmas gift for those people in your life that enjoy skiing and snowboarding. It's only \$17 to join the club which can save you lots of money at Bittersweet Ski Resort in Otsego, MI. The "club" part of this is really for middle & high schoolers, but YOU get the opportunity to take advantage of the exact same savings. Here is out it works: You purchase a \$17 pass and then it only cost you \$17 for a lift ticket *each* time you go. The normal lift ticket price is \$38. So just going one time you have already saved money. Do you need to rent skis or a snowboard? Your pass will allow you to rent either skis or snowboard for only \$17. The normal rental is \$27.

Click [here](#) to order your passes today!

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Could you our someone you know use support this Christmas? Call us at Love In the Name of Christ 616.662.3300 and ask for the Call Center. We would love to hear from you! Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you again! Tonia Westmaas Relational Ministry Coordinator Love In the Name of Christ of SE Ottawa County & the City of Grandville 3300 Van Buren St Hudsonville, MI 49426

GIRLS on the RUN: Online program registration for the girls will be offered starting November 1st! We will also be holding registration open houses at select schools as in years past. Registration information and open house dates can be found on our website. Click [here](#) for more Information.



Baby it's cold outside

Cold weather and snow are coming! Your child is outside in the morning, and two recess periods. Please remember to send them with proper attire. If your child does not come with boots and snow pants they must stay on the blacktop the entire recess to stay dry. Also, please **label everything!** The lost and found bucket grows considerably over the winter with unclaimed / unlabeled items.