



Sandpiper School Community,

This is the very first Piper Periodical! This communication method will keep you up to date with regard to Parkside Elementary School.

First a message from the PTA President...

Welcome to the inaugural Parkside Elementary School year!! It is such an exciting time for our students and I hope you are pleased with the facility. It will be a wonderful place to learn.

As the first week of school comes to a close, I'd like to thank our teachers, staff, administration, and especially our Principal Ms. Caswell and Asst. Principal Bill Helfrich. They have spent an enormous amount of time preparing for your arrival, and it has been a great first week!

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has been formed as a chapter of the North Carolina PTA, and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It's intention is to advocate for education, and our primary focus is to serve our school. The PTA Board of Directors will oversee many activities, events, and fundraisers to enhance our school community this year.

I encourage you to **BE INVOLVED**, and be a part of your student's learning experience. It will have a positive impact on more than just your child, and provide you with a great sense of satisfaction. The PTA provides a mechanism by which you can engage with the school community. Follow the link [HERE](#) to see our online volunteer interest survey. I am confident that you can find a way to help, even if you are a working parent with limited time. Our offering to the school is based solely on volunteers, and our success can be had by a little time from many parents.

Please consider joining the PTA! Your support goes a long way to broaden the range of experiences for your students, whether you volunteer or not. The link to the PTA membership page is [HERE](#). Our regular communication platform will be this Sandpiper Periodical. Also stay engaged by finding the "Parkside Elementary PTA" Facebook page, and Parkside PTA website [HERE](#) (also find us through the Parkside school website / Parents / PTA).

Kind Regards,

Mark Dixon and Your PTA Leadership Nikki Johnson (Vice President), Jen McKay (Secretary), and Pankaj Sahasrabudhe (Treasurer)

Now a few topics of interest as we get into the second week of school...

Coupon Books - The PTA has partnered with Go Play Save to offer you coupon books. Your student will bring home a book on Monday July 15. It will help you save on purchases around town and should pay for itself easily. There are options to have a book, use a mobile app, or both. However, if you do not wish to purchase a book simply return it to your teacher. If you would like to purchase the book, you can pay online or submit cash/check in an envelope to your teacher. Details will come with the book.

Spirit Wear - We had a large demand for T-Shirts during the Meet the Teacher event. We sold out every child size shirt, and so we will address the need for more with an online spirit wear campaign. You will be able to order the size and color that you'd like, as well as some other spirit wear items. More details about this will come in the next Piper Periodical, on our Facebook page, and through your teacher.



WCPSS Background Check - Please visit the school and submit your information for an online background check if you wish to volunteer at the school. It is a district policy that any volunteer in the Wake County Public School System must first pass a background check before they can help in class, go on field trips, or assist the PTA with activities. This can only be done at the school, and it will be valid for any school your children attend (some parents have students in Middle / High School). There is a computer set up at the reception desk for your convenience. You will need your driver's license and last few addresses.

Support Your Teachers - Please inquire with your teachers for class needs. There may be a need for playground articles like soccer balls, basket balls, jump ropes, etc. Also, our students will consume supplies at an alarming rate, so keep your teachers in mind and ask often.

That concludes our first Piper Periodical!