Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am pleased to announce that Parkway has a new Associate Principal, Mrs. Mallory Umar.

Mrs. Umar spent the past two years teaching 4th and 5th grade at Glen Hills and, this year, she will play an instrumental role at Parkway, interacting with your child(ren) on a daily basis. When Mrs. Umar was asked about her hopes and dreams, she responded by saying, “I hope that every single child feels like they are seen, heard, and belong at Parkway Elementary. In addition to feeling loved and safe, I want our youngest scholars excited about learning and inspired by our curriculum. It is my vision that all students have access to rigorous, relevant instruction and that we are setting our students on a pathway of academic success.”

This year, I am also pleased to announce that we have several new staff members that have joined our Parkway family. Please help me welcome the following people:

Mrs. Buckley 3rd Grade Teacher  
Mr. Williams 3rd Grade Teacher  
Mrs. Blanco 2nd Grade Teacher  
Mrs. Jewell K5/1st Grade SE Teacher  
Mrs. Wychlendt K4 Teacher  
Mrs. Kim K5 Para  
Ms. Rech K5 Para  
Ms. Pack K5 Para  
Ms. Gibson K4 Para  
Mrs. Mackienruf ASL Interpreter

5K RUN/WALK

DATE AND TIME:  
Friday September 13, 6:00 pm  
(Registration starts at 5:30pm)

START & FINISH:  
PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
5910 N. Milwaukee River Parkway Glendale

REGISTRATION: in person at event, cash or check
ENTRY FEE: $10 for teens and adults • $7 for kids 12 and younger  
T-Shirt included with entry fee, as long as supplies last!

Celebrate autumn and the new school year right by joining us for this fun 5K run and walk! Come early and play on the Parkway playground, walk or run the course with friends, enjoy time together, share refreshments, go home with a great t-shirt, and support our local schools. A perfect way to spend a Friday evening!
**RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM PRACTICES**

The goal of the Responsive Classroom approach is to enable optimal student learning. This is achieved when the adults at school, working as a community, consistently implement a combination of classroom and schoolwide practices that support children’s academic and social growth. During the first few weeks of school, staff members review and model expectations for: the playground, the cafeteria, the school bus, the hallway etc. Students also learn proactive strategies to help them relax and reflect. Take-A-Break (TAB) is an example of a proactive schoolwide strategy. It is important to note that students and staff may request a break and that taking a break is not meant to be a consequence nor a punitive measure, but rather a positive experience in which the students have the opportunity to reflect before rejoining the group.

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**WE OPENED THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH OUR ANNUAL MEET & GREET** which is always a wonderful way for the staff to connect with the students and their families prior to the first day of school.

**PARENT INFORMATIONAL NIGHT (PIN)**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding K5-3rd Grade Parent Information (PIN)/Literacy Nights where parents/guardians will have the opportunity to learn more about grade level curriculums, Responsive Classroom practices, the chain of communication and classroom expectations. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the course of the school year.

**K5 & 1ST GRADE PIN/LITERACY NIGHT**

October 1st from 6:00-7:30pm

**2ND & 3RD GRADE PIN/LITERACY NIGHT**

October 3rd from 6:00-7:30pm

**BUS INFORMATION**

Thanks for being patient as we continue to work out minor glitches that can occur with bus transportation at the beginning of the new school year. Our bus drivers are working hard to get your children home safely and in a timely fashion.