

## Parkside Newsletter from the Desk of Jason Hillman

### Absent from School

I will be having a surgical procedure that may keep me out of school for a number of days in October. I tried to put the surgery off until a break, but was unable to do so. Mr. Kenny Jones has agreed to fill in for me in my absence. Mr. Jones was the principal of Parkside for many years and will do an outstanding job of keeping our students safe and learning. I will be back as soon as possible.

### Author Visit

We had a great time with Jason Tharp Wednesday (Sept.27<sup>th</sup>) during our author/illustrator visit. Ask your child to show you his website, [wondervillestudios.com](http://wondervillestudios.com).

Parkside Parent Group will have our October meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Library.

### No School Monday

There will be no school on Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Picture Day

We will be smiling for the camera on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Halloween

We will be having our classroom parties on Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup>. This should be a great time for our Parksiders. Just want to remind everyone to please leave any weapons that go along with the costumes at home. I am excited to see all the kiddos dressed up.

### Fire Prevention Week

Our Fire Prevention Week is October 9-13. The Powell Fire Department's assembly for district 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is at Parkside on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Celebration

We had over 40 students reach their reading goal for the month of September. Hopefully we will have twice as many in October. Rock the Reading Rainbow!

### Character Corner

Every month we will be focusing on different Parkside Pride traits. This month we will focus on respect, cooperation, compromise, doing your best, and be fair minded.

Early Release Days are October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to save those box tops for education.

### Reading, Home Ideas

Often parents ask what they can be doing at home to help their children. I found an interesting quote in the book The Fluent Reader that somewhat answers the questions parents have. "Research indicates that parental involvement is key to students' success in learning to read...One study of reading achievement found that parental involvement in children's reading was the number – one predictor of reading achievement worldwide." So a great answer to your question is READ! Read at home, read to your children, let them read to you, read as a family. Read, Read, Read!