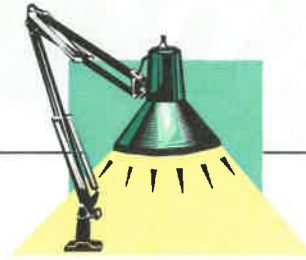




# PARIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017



## Class of the Month Spotlight Kindergarten

### *Where's Parry?*

Congratulations to Violet in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!  
She discovered Parry hiding on the quilt by Mrs. Skweres's room.



**We are off to a great start in Kindergarten! We have been busy getting to know each other and learning our routines. Grandparents Day was a huge success and lots of fun. Kindergarten is now getting ready for the Panther Prowl! This is going to be a great school year, and we are excited to be a part of the Paris family!**

### DO YOU KNOW THIS STAFF PERSON?

1. I love to work outside in my gardens.
2. I enjoy using power tools!
3. I was on the golf team in college.
4. I collect Precious Moments.
5. I have two girls: three & five years old.



Answer: Mrs. Erbentraut  
Jr. High Science



**EVENT DAY IS  
SATURDAY, OCT. 14TH,  
NOON-5:00 P.M.!**

# 100% of Panther Prowl pledges benefit 100% of our students!

Your participation makes a positive difference for our students and our school!

## COLLECT PLEDGES TO BENEFIT OUR KIDS & CLASSROOMS!

Panther Prowl 2017 pledges will help support accessible playground equipment, a Ga-Ga ball court for middle schoolers, the reopening of the Paws Store, gym chairs for our athletes, and technology updates and improvements.

**Pledges are due on Panther Prowl spirit day, Monday, October 9th. Students: wear your best Prowl colors for pics on the playground!**

## LEND A PAW TO OUR CAUSE!

Please contact **Jamee Wojtanowicz** at [jhanke2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jhanke2001@yahoo.com) or sign up through the Sign-Up Genius email you received to volunteer for an event shift to help the Prowl run smoothly!

## HELP YOUR STUDENT WIN: PIZZA, ICE CREAM, & MORE!

Students who turn in Prowl pledges will receive a ticket to pull a square off of our \*Panther Prowl Mystery Bulletin Board\*. The more squares that are pulled off, the more of the picture below is revealed! The classroom in each wing that collects the MOST squares labeled \*ice cream party\* will WIN an ice cream party. The classroom in each wing with the highest Prowl pledge total will win a pizza party courtesy of Valeo's Pizza!

Other exciting Panther Prowl 2017 prizes include: Kalahari Waterpark Package, Limo Lunch, Six Flags passes, Kindle Fire, Action Territory party, and more!

## DONATE, BAKE, & PARTICIPATE!

Paris School family silent auction baskets and donations are welcomed...and your sweet specialties, too!

**Please drop off silent auction contributions in the school office by Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> & bake sale goodies on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Then, come to the Panther Prowl for a day of fun with family, friends, and neighbors!

**Enjoy great music, tasty food (including Mr. Weldner's famous chili!), 50/50 raffles, and our exciting silent auction—including unique classroom projects!**

*Thank you for your support!*

**PLEASE CONTACT BETH AT LABELL5@YAHOO.COM OR (262) 515-3175 FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

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# Literacy Corner



October 2017

Paris School will start our very successful **Come Read with Me Program** in November on Wednesday afternoons. This program teams up Paris students with retired volunteers to read and discuss stories. The experience has been rewarding to our students, as well as to the volunteers. Contact the school if you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity. reading program.



## Make Time For Free Choice Reading



Free Choice Reading is important to the process of developing life-long readers. We give our students time in the day for free choice reading, but we also encourage you to take some time at home.

Readers need to read books that they are interested in and books that they can independently read. The problem is they are often not able to read the books they are most interested in. That is why we encourage students to check out one "Just Right Book" and one book of high interest, which may need an adult's help to decode. We hope with the combination of the two books they will always have a free choice book that will meet their needs.

What is a "Just Right Book" Just right books are books that can be read without support from parents or teachers. At Paris we encourage students to use the five-finger rule to find those "Just Right Books".

## MAP Testing

Students in grades 3-8 just finished taking the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment. MAP scores are on a continuum that gives us historical growth data for each student and each class. The results of the assessment will drive our curriculum as we strive to meet students' individual needs. We will be sending home results and will discuss them with families at our first conference. If you have any questions, please contact the school.



## Choose "Just Right Books"

### Directions:

- Open a new book.
- Begin reading
- Lift your finger each time you come to a word you can't read.

### Five Finger Rule

- 0-1 = too easy
- 2-3 = just right
- 4 = okay to try
- 5+ = too hard



\* Open a book to any page. Start reading. Hold up a finger every time you see a word you do not know \*

## School + Home (Working Together) = Student Success

Keeping communication open between school and home is one of the keys to making our school successful. If you have any concerns or questions about curriculum, instruction, or social growth, please contact any staff member for assistance. We want our children and our families to be as comfortable and informed as possible. Working together we will make it the best year yet!





## Paris Consolidated School

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**Roger Gahart** District Administrator

September 27, 2017

Dear Parents,

With the start of the new school year, we are looking forward to working with your children to further their learning and strengthen their skills. One of the many ways which we are able to do this is with opportunities through our Enrichment Program. This program will allow classroom teachers, as well as Enrichment instructors, to meet with students on a weekly basis and continue to challenge them above and beyond the traditional curriculum using higher level thinking skills and in-depth problem solving. As a member of the Southern Lakes Advanced Learners Network, we are also able to offer programs such as the Southern Lakes Writing Anthology, Middle School Leadership, Science Immersion Day, Math 24 tournaments, and Math Meet competitions.

All advanced learners will be given the opportunity to participate in Enrichment activities based on their needs and the type of Enrichment being offered. Classroom teachers will use a variety of information to evaluate students and their needs regularly, including but not limited to MAP assessments & classroom performance. Students participating in Enrichment activities will vary throughout the year in order to provide each student with the best and most effective instruction possible. Various teachers will be providing these Enrichment opportunities throughout the building, including Mrs. Weidner, Mrs. Erbentraut, & the Junior High staff. We will be working closely with your child's teacher to find the best time during the school day to do so.

Please contact us or your child's teacher with any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you and your child in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Tiffany Erbentraut  
Enrichment Coordinator

Rossella Weidner  
Enrichment Instructor

# Southern Lakes Advanced Learners Network Presents

## Parenting Today's Advanced Learners *with* *Jackie Drummer*



Jackie Drummer has given educator, administrator, and parent workshops on gifted education in over 150 districts in the Midwest. She was also a featured speaker at the 2016 Supporting the Emotional Needs of Gifted (SENG) Conference in Williamsburg, VA. She speaks nationwide on the behalf of gifted children and is certified as an Instructional, Team and Organizational, Systems, and Transformational Coach.

Gifted and Talented Education Specialist; Education Works! CEO; Past President WI Association for Talented/Gifted; Educational consultant; musician and writer

**“Parenting Gifted Children: The Good, the Bad, and the Awesome”**  
This presentation focuses on parenting advanced learners in the 21st Century. It includes what parents can expect, how schools find and serve gifted kids, and provides resources to help parents on this journey.

**Location:**

Pontiac Center  
Janesville, WI

Kenosha County Bldg  
Bristol, WI

Matheson Memorial Library  
Elkhorn, WI

**Date:**

October 18, 2017

October 30, 2017

November 4, 2017

**Time:**

6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

This program is a free, two-hour, adult-only workshop. Unfortunately, no childcare will be provided. Attendees may choose only one location/date.

To register, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ParentAdvLearners>



*Calling parents and guardians of children with gifts & talents!*

## Join us on Parent Day at our Annual Conference!

Friday, November 17, 2017

**Wilderness Conference Center, Wisconsin Dells**

We know that parents and guardians of gifted children don't often have an avenue to come together with other parents or to learn more about supporting gifted children. The WATG Board is pleased to announce that our conference will feature sessions and opportunities designed to address that need.

Among other sessions, those highlighted below will be available to engage parents in a **range of topics** associated with giftedness and gifted children. We will also provide opportunities for parents to **network with other parents** of gifted children, **sharing opportunities and meeting with others** who understand the experience and challenges of raising a child with gifts and talents.

**Parent Networking Breakfast** Share stories, ask questions, and get to know other parents attending the conference.

**Keynote: Supporting the Social and Emotional Development of High Ability and Twice-exceptional Learners** Find out the research on the social and emotional needs of high ability learners and how different aspects of identity may influence development. Identify potential risk-factors and effective strategies to support high ability youth.

**Nurturing the Path to Achievement** Helping your child or student cope with academic and social challenges

**Parent-to-Parent: Sharing Your Wisdom** Engage in close conversation about issues and ideas you care about! Network with other parents, sharing insights, information and resources in a guided facilitation format. Learn to deal more effectively with the unique social, emotional and learning needs of gifted children. **Parent Networking Room** is available all day on Friday

**Building Negotiation Skills to Affect Change** Learn about negotiation factors and how they can be put to practical use as an individual advocate or as part of a larger network.

**Meeting the Needs of the Twice-Exceptional Student** Learn what parents can do to meet the needs of the "twice-exceptional," students with disabilities AND gifts and talents.

**Letting Go While Holding On: Supporting Your Child's Self-Advocacy** Parents of adolescents will discover ways to help their children negotiate the educational system, creating their own unique routes to graduation and beyond.

**Supporting Your Child's Wellness** (double session) Find tools to support children as they navigate the ups and downs of giftedness. Topics included: typical traits of giftedness, anxiety, depression, self-compassion, and building security in one's identity.

**Fearless and (Guiltless) Advocacy** Discover tools to advocate at the local, state and federal levels in a friendly and fearless manner.

**Register at [www.watg.org](http://www.watg.org) Parent Conference fee - \$60/day (includes meals and snacks)**

**See you in the Dells!**

Contact Tiffany Erbentraut for more information!

## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Kenosha County Red Ribbon Campaign

# “Drug Free? Absolutely!”

Oct. 15-21, 2017

*Honorary chair: Yolanda Jackson Lewis*

*All programs are free of charge. To register, please call 262-359-2256.*

**Monday, Oct. 16**

**Opening School Ceremony**

Mahone Middle School auditorium

6900 60<sup>th</sup> St. – enter through auditorium door entrance

9 a.m.

**Lunch and Personal Safety program**

Jeff Wamboldt, Kenosha Police Department crime prevention specialist

Wesley United Methodist Church, 4600 60<sup>th</sup> St.

11:30 a.m. lunch with 11:45 a.m. program

**Tuesday, Oct. 17**

**Active Parenting**

First of a six-week session for parents of elementary children

Donna Rhodes, Kenosha County gang intervention supervisor

Bose Elementary School, 1900 15<sup>th</sup> St. – enter through door 2

5:30 p.m. meal with 6 p.m. program - Child care provided

**Wednesday, Oct. 18**

**“Fighting – It’s in your DNA!” video**

A tragic story about Kenosha teen Clay Davison, a young healthy teen who ended up on the road of steroids, over the counter medication and other drugs and alcohol. His mother, Felicia Labatore, who is a Kenosha Police Officer, will lead a discussion following the video.

Program recommended for eighth grade or high school students and parents.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

5601 Washington Road – enter through main door

5:30 p.m. meal with 6 p.m. program - child care provided

**Thursday, Oct. 19**

**“Keeping Healthy Habits”**

Donna Rhodes, Kenosha County gang intervention supervisor

ELCA Outreach Center

6218 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. – enter through main door

Noon lunch with 12:15 p.m. program

**Friday, Oct. 20**

**Annual Concerned Citizens Coalition Meeting**

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

5601 Washington Road

Speaker: Judge Mary Kay Wagner

Noon lunch with 12:20 p.m. presentation and meeting

*The Annual Kenosha County Red Ribbon Campaign is sponsored by  
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