

# Jones Center Journal

## PRINCIPAL'S SECOND QUARTER REPORT

2017-2018

CHILDREN ARE GREAT IMITATORS, SO GIVE THEM SOMETHING GREAT TO IMITATE

### Upcoming Events :

**Thursday, February 8**

PTA Meeting, 5:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 14**

Spring Pictures during school

**Wednesday, February 14**

**Thursday, February 15**

Parent Teacher Conferences

5:00-8:00 pm

**Friday, February 16**

**Monday, February 19**

No School

**Thursday, March 8**

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting,

5:00 pm

**Friday, March 16**

End of 3rd Quarter

**Monday, March 19—Friday,**

**March 23**

No School, Spring Break

# Happiness

isn't about getting what you want all the time.

It's about loving what you have and

being grateful for it.



Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe we are entering the second half of the school year, nevertheless second semester has gotten off to a good start! Students appear to be settled in and instruction is pushing forward. I have seen some amazing instruction in the classrooms.

As the second semester of the school year begins, we are all aware that a lot more learning must be achieved before the end of the year. We could use your help with that... please make sure your child is here if they can be, the more they are in the classroom, the more instruction that can happen. Please have your child read regularly at home to help increase comprehension and learning. In addition, research states that a student's academic performance can be negatively impacted by lack of sleep (less than 10 hours) and lack of energy. Your child needs plenty of rest followed by a healthy diet to strengthen the brain for learning.

The Jones Center is a wonderful place, I am so thankful to be here! Thank you for your continued support and help.

~Dr. Kalis

### **Park Hill Star Award**

Our employees are the reason we are so successful here in the Park Hill School District, and we would like to recognize them for all they do for our students.

That is why we present the Park Hill Star award once a month to our teachers and support employees.

Anyone can nominate an employee for this award. There is a link that you can access from the District Website or you can call Ms. Vicki and she can take the nomination from you and submit it on your behalf if you don't have internet access.

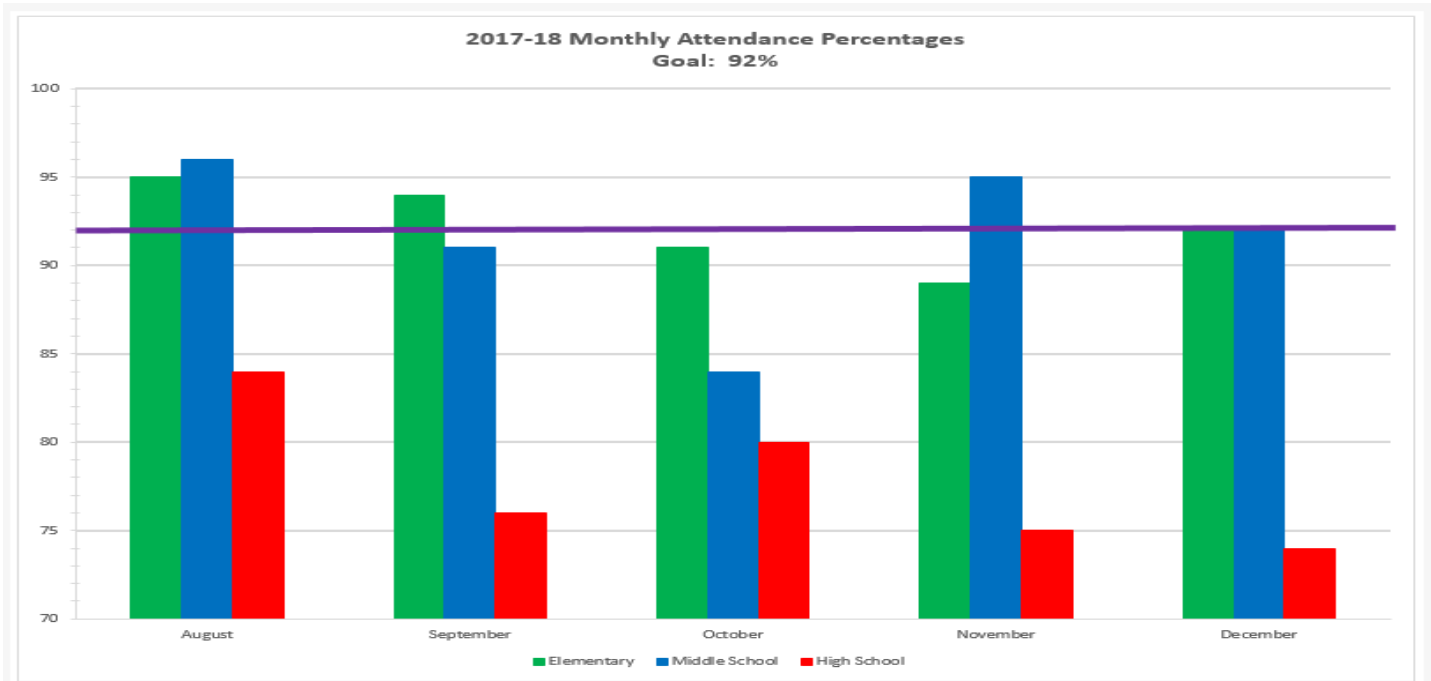
*Please nominate a Park Hill Star today!*



**THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS.**  
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

*Through expertise and commitment, the Russell Jones Education Center provides a therapeutic learning environment to prepare each student with skills to enjoy success in life.*

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## Parent Conferences

We encourage parents to use the Infinite Campus parental portal to check for grades and update contact information.



Spring parent conferences will be held during the week of February 12th. Be sure to watch for additional information from your child's teacher.

Research shows that parental involvement in a child's education benefits the child. These benefits are higher levels of academic achievement, positive attitudes, and greater maturity and responsibility.

Please take part in as much as possible in the life of our school. It does take an entire village to raise a child. Our staff is committed to working with students and their families as a team.

*The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice. ~Petty O'Mara*

## Attendance

There are a lot of winter bugs going around and we strongly advise that children stay home if they are ill or have a fever so that germs do not get shared around the school.

Recent reports of illnesses are anything from upset stomach, cold/flu, headaches, and strep throat. Per Park Hill School District policy, students must be symptom free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school. We thank you for your assistance in trying to keep the Jones Center as healthy as possible!

Spring testing is just around the corner and we want everyone to be healthy and well rested!

do your little bit of  
good where you are; it's  
those little bits of good  
put together that  
overwhelm the world.

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## **Park Hill School District Long-Range Facility Plan Update**

### **Timeline:**

Park Hill has started the process of choosing the first principal of the district's new middle school and choosing a permanent principal at Lakeview Middle School, since it currently has an interim principal. This is our standard procedure for interim positions. We will assign the principals in **June 2018** and the assistant principals in **November 2018**. We will name the principal for the new elementary in **fall 2018**.

To see the next steps in our timeline for the long-range facility plan, see the district website, [www.parkhill.k12.mo.us](https://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/district_information/long-range_facility_plan_projects), under District Information at [https://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/district\\_information/long-range\\_facility\\_plan\\_projects](https://www.parkhill.k12.mo.us/district_information/long-range_facility_plan_projects).

### **Questions about Our Land:**

As you might have heard, we are working with residents who started a petition to share their concerns about our purchase of almost 272 acres of land at 68th Street and Waukomis Drive.

As called for in our long-range facility plan, the land will house our next elementary school and a facility for our high-school students (this is also on our district webpage for the long-range facility plan). The elementary will open in **2019**, and the LEAD Innovation Studio, which is operating in a leased office space, will move to the new high-school facility no sooner than **2020**. The size of this land and the designs for the high-school facility will allow us to build onto it to make a full high school at this location if we have enough enrollment growth in the future. This plan helps us continue to be good financial stewards of taxpayer dollars. We made plans for our new schools to take advantage of the natural beauty of the land and leave as much of the wooded area as possible. We are also working with the city of Kansas City, encouraging the city leaders to consider scaling back their plans for a full parkway through the property to make it a smaller roadway. The section of the Line Creek Trail that runs along the edge of our property belongs to the city of Kansas City, Missouri, and we are excited to have this public amenity so close to our new schools.

We spent years planning to accommodate all the new students moving into our district, and we did this with a great deal of community participation. We plan to be good neighbors to the people around this property, and we plan to be good stewards of this beautiful land, just as we continue to try to be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars that will build these schools for our community's children.

To be kind is more important  
than to be right. Sometimes  
all a person needs is not a  
brilliant mind that speaks but  
**a kind heart that listens.**