



# PARIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020

## Save the Date

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11  
More information to follow.

## *Where's Parry?*

Congratulations to  
Jackson M. in  
3rd grade!  
He discovered Parry  
hiding in the Library with  
the stuffed animals.  
Be sure to be on the  
lookout for Parry's next  
hiding spot.



## Class of the Month Spotlight

### **6th Grade**

Sixth grade recently completed a portion of the Project Lead the Way curriculum "Design & Modeling" in Science and will continue to work through it in Computers during the remainder of the year. In Social Studies, students will be learning about Ancient Rome. This month, we are excited to be exploring Australia during our Literacy Unit! From koalas to echidnas and bush fires to didgeridoos, students will be diving into fun facts and activities along the way! Sixth graders are also excited to be working with fifth graders to cooperatively read "47 Degrees" by D'Ath during their literacy block. Math will also be focusing on Australia, doing temperature & currency conversions, as well as other Australian-related activities. With spring in the air, we are looking forward to being outside and enjoying some Wisconsin sunshine!

## **Counselor Connection**

During the month of March, students will be learning about different careers. 6th grade through 8th grade will be working on Career Cruising, which is now known as Xello. K-5 will be doing other fun activities that will have them looking into different careers that might interest them in the future.

**Ms. Thomas**  
School Counselor

## **DO YOU KNOW THIS STAFF PERSON?**

1. The first vehicle that I learned to drive was a tractor.
2. I love watching sports, especially football.
3. I rode a donkey down the east rim of the Grand Canyon.
4. I went to grade school in Paris
5. I love to eat Sushi!



**Answer: Mrs. Blair**  
Curriculum Coordinator/Reading Specialist



# Literacy Corner

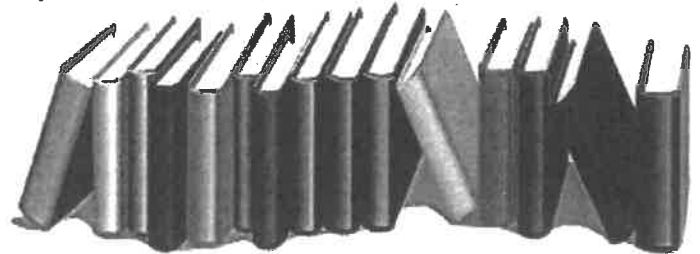
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## Writer's Club Books Are Almost Done!

Paris staff and students will depart on our exploration into Australia beginning with a kick off assemblies next **Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. "Didgeridoo Down Under", a national organization that specializes in weaving Australian-themed cultural arts into high-energy experiences for young people will be here for a two-day learning experience for our students. The PSO is sponsoring this event, as well as purchasing literature and supplies for our exploration unit. An enthusiastic thank you to our PSO for prioritizing and investing in such an awesome learning experience for our kids. Assemblies will be designed by grade level starting early in the morning and running throughout the two-day event. There will also be interactive hands-on workshops for specific grade levels. We are looking forward to a great start.

All the writer's club books are due next **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** and the original stories will soon be taken up to the *GO KIDS GO! Writing Competition* in Milwaukee. The book copies will be sent home as soon as we have them all back from the printers. We are all so proud of our writers and very grateful to everyone who has made this process successful!



We will begin the preparations for our Spring Book Signing Night featuring all of our young authors! Save the date **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** for our authors' celebration. Look for details to follow soon! Thank you again to the staff and parents for making this program so successful.

Mrs. Westover, a PGS parent and native Australian will be here on **March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** to meet with each grade level in a question and answer discussion as she shares what it was like to grow up and live in Australia. Mrs. Westover has been instrumental in helping us prepare for the unit, and we look forward to the first-hand expertise that she can share with our students.

The culmination assembly will be on **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30 p.m. The midlevel hallway will be ready to display all of our discoveries and projects on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Spaghetti Supper! We are so excited for all the fun to begin!



Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss's birthday is **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Primary students will be dressing up as their favorite Seuss characters as they enjoy multi-grade literacy groups designed to celebrate Dr. Seuss and the contribution he has made to children's literature! Be sure to take time and enjoy a Seuss book with your family!

Paris School's Annual  
**SPAGHETTI SUPPER**  
RAFFLE, LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

**March 21st, 2020**  
4:00-6:45 p.m.  
(Live auction begins at 7:15 p.m.)

Adults + High Schoolers.....\$8.00  
 Seniors + Students (K-8<sup>th</sup>).....\$5.00  
 Preschoolers.....FREE

**PSO**  
All-you-care-to-eat spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage

# SPRING INTO SPAGHETTI!

This year's Spaghetti Supper Fundraising Event will benefit our all-school Literacy Unit, classroom technology, and much more! There are many ways to support our event. Please contact Beth LaBell at (262) 515-3175 to sponsor or donate!



**WE THANK VALEO'S PIZZA FOR TOPPING OUR NOODLES WITH OODLES OF YUM! ☺**

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

## CLASSROOM RAFFLE BASKET ITEMS DUE

Please consider purchasing an appropriately themed item in support of your child(ren)'s classroom raffle basket and then buy tickets to WIN at the Spaghetti Supper!

Please contact Jodi Matthews with raffle basket questions at [psosecretary@outlook.com](mailto:psosecretary@outlook.com)

- MS. CURTIS/MRS. WILSON: KRAFTY KIDS!**  
**MRS. GREENO: SUMMERTIME FUN!**  
**MRS. VAN TINE: RISE AND SHINE!**  
**MRS. SKWERES: CAMPING ADVENTURES!**  
**MRS. SCIFRES: COMFY COZY!**  
**MRS. RENNOCK: CULINARY KIDS!**  
**MRS. BERCE: TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!**  
**MRS. E/MRS. B: SLEEPOVER SNACK ATTACK!**  
**MR. TOWNE: OUT AND ABOUT!**  
**MRS. TOPERCER: IT'S PARTY TIME!**

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

## VOLUNTEER & DESSERT SIGN-UP DUE

Dozens of adult and student (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) volunteers are needed to help our Spaghetti Supper run smoothly! Please consider working a 1.5 hour shift help set-up, clean-up, or serve our guests in one (or more!) of many positions.

Please contact Jamee Wojtanowicz with your scheduling questions at [jhanke2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jhanke2001@yahoo.com)

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER TICKET MONEY + VIP SEATING RAFFLE DUE

Please return ticket money and/or unsold tickets AND ticket stubs and \$\$ for our VIP seating raffle in the white envelope you received.

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

## DESSERT DONATION DROP-OFF



Your delectable desserts will help serve over 1,000 guests on event night! Please bake in disposable containers & bring your sweet treats to the cafeteria after school.

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

## LIVE & SILENT AUCTION COMMITMENTS DUE

Family contributions make bidding fun! Please contact Beth LaBell at (262) 515-3175 with your donation plans. Some of our exciting live auction and raffle items include:

**Family photo session**  
XOXOX Photography

**Kenosha Kingfish first pitch package**  
Throw the first pitch at a home game this summer!

**Fair lamb**  
Courtesy of Gahart Club Lambs

**Chocolate Fest VIP Package for 4**  
Burlington Chocolate Fest (May 22-25, 2020)

**Handcrafted furniture items**  
Kloet (Gerou) Family, Buskirk Family, Mr. Pace

**Front row seating for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation**  
Burlington Chocolate Fest (May 22-25, 2020)

**Delectable desserts**  
from Paris School staff & board members + Paris parents ☺

**Meat & Grill raffle package**  
\$10 per ticket—sponsored by Hammond and Drissel families

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER TRAINING

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to attend a brief volunteer training after lunch for an overview of expectations & duties.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**Teacher conferences are Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>!**

PSO provides a meal for Paris School teachers & staff on these days. Please contact Kris Wessel at [awessel@0626@icloud.com](mailto:awessel@0626@icloud.com) to contribute!



Dear Paris School Community:

If you are aware of a new family in the Paris School attendance area with a prospective kindergartener that will be enrolling at Paris School for the 2020-2021 school year, please ask them to call the school office as soon as possible. Kindergarten screening is coming up very soon, and we want to be able to include them in our mailing. We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Mrs. Dorn  
School Secretary  
Phone: 262-859-2350



**STEP**  
SUMMER TRANSITIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM  
JULY 26 - AUGUST 8, 2020  
RESIDENTIAL GRADES 7-8

**ALP**  
ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM  
JULY 5-25, 2020  
RESIDENTIAL GRADES 9-12

**GEM**  
GROWING EARLY MINDS  
FEBRUARY 7-29, 2020  
JUNE 15 - 19, 2020  
JUNE 22 - 26, 2020  
DAY PROGRAM GRADES 1-4

**PACE**  
PRECOLLEGE ACADEMIC CAMPUS EXPERIENCE  
JULY 12 - 17, 2020  
DAY PROGRAM GRADES 5-8

WE WANT YOUR BRAINS



WCATY  
Wisconsin Center for  
Academically Talented Youth  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

[WWW.WCATY.WISC.EDU](http://WWW.WCATY.WISC.EDU)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ON UW-MADISON CAMPUS  
GRADES 1-12 | JUNE 15 - AUGUST 8, 2020  
DAY AND RESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

WCATY summer gives you a class, a camp, and a community. Tackle rigorous subject matter that you'd never get to try in a normal school setting. Paint a flag; traverse a ropes course; eat pizza for lunch every day if you want. Spend your time living in a college dorm on the UW-Madison campus with like-minded kids who have the drive to challenge themselves academically and who want to get out of their comfort zone. Be social. Be independent. Become part of something bigger than yourself and create relationships that last a lifetime.

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## What Is STEP?

The Summer Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP) gives an opportunity for students, who are finishing grades 7-8, to spend two weeks on a college campus studying one accelerated course. STEP is designed to engage, intellectually challenge, and inspire. It offers a learning atmosphere that nurtures students' talents and abilities, enriches social life, and encourages creativity. WCATY strives to balance the academic and recreational sides of camp. This program is for those who are ready for above grade level challenge and are serious about having fun in and outside of the classroom with peers who share similar aspirations and interests.

### Choose a Class:

#### Law101

Using the case study method, this class analyzes individual rights as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and as interpreted by the courts. It also examines the two major branches of the law: criminal law and civil law. Group discussions, courtroom simulations, and a scavenger hunt will be the focal points of classroom activities. As a final activity, students act as attorneys and witnesses to face each other in a mock trial set on the UW-Madison campus.

#### Building with VEXRobotics

In this course students will design and build robots, then test them against each other in challenging games. Using math, science, and technology, students will determine what factors need to be considered to create a competitive robot. In two weeks, students will design, test, evaluate, and operate a robot built from the VEX Robotics Design System.

#### Exploring Veterinary Science

In this course, students will learn about modern veterinary science through in-class presentations and demonstrations, field trips, and hands-on activities. If you love science, enjoy working with or being around animals, or are interested in knowing more about the field of veterinary science, this is the course for you!

#### Writing, Creatively

In this class, you will explore your creativity and discover what it takes to be a compelling writer, looking for inspiration in the mornings and laying down ideas in the afternoon. This class is designed for avid readers and writers who read well above grade level and are serious about improving their skills, broadening their repertoire and preparing for high school writing.

#### Game Design: Intro to Programming

In this class, you will have the opportunity to build a character from scratch as well as code brand-new interactions with an environment. You will learn about essential processes in game development and experiment with coding to generate characters with unique powers.

#### Math and Chaos: the World of Fractal Geometry

What is a fractal? Where are they found and how are they made? Why should we even care about them? In this course, you will explore the world of math and fractals and answer these questions for yourself. You will explore the complex patterns and examine the concepts of self-similarity, chaos, and modeling of natural phenomena that make up the fascinating world of fractal geometry.

#### Human Body Systems

Did you know that in 30 minutes, the human body gives off enough heat to bring a gallon of water to boil? The human body is a complex machine made up of important systems that keep us active and alive. In this class, you will take a closer look into the main systems of the human body and their important functions. Through discussions, activities, and exploring campus, you will gain an understanding of the different career options in the medical field.

#### Engineering Missions and Design Challenges

In this class, you will dive into the blueprints of structural engineering and design. You will be asked to design and create models based upon creative parameters and specifications. As a team, you will take on and propose solutions to real-world design challenges.

#### Forensic Science

In this class, you will collect and analyze evidence from crime scenes and use logical thought processes and scientific inquiry skills to interpret evidence and explain crimes. You will learn to interpret physical and biological evidence such as fingerprinting, hair and fiber analysis, impression analysis, blood and DNA analysis, and forensic entomology and anthropology.

#### Mysteries of the Mind

If you have ever wondered why your brain does what it does, this is the class for you! We will cover topics like motivation and emotions, learning and forgetting, intelligence and personality, and social behavior. You will have the opportunity to apply it to your own life through a final research project.



**Program Dates**  
**July 26 - August 8, 2020**  
UW-Madison

Application fee  
\$60

Financial aid is available  
for qualifying students.

Tuition  
\$2,500 residential  
\$1,700 commuter

Register Online: [wcaty.wisc.edu](http://wcaty.wisc.edu)

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