



Dear Parents,

The first weeks of school are behind us, and we are off to a fantastic start. Students have adjusted well to their new schedules, classrooms, and teachers. We are looking forward to a great year!

Important events coming up:

Our 21st Century after-school program started **Monday, September 10, 2018**. The program offers both academic and enrichment classes to build up the student, increase their leadership potential, and to see an improvement in math and reading scores. The program is Monday through Thursday from 2:35-4:45. Applications for this program are available in the entryway at Park. If you have additional questions, please contact Alondra Rodriguez, our 21st Century Coordinator, at 222-6553.

Park Newsletter online! Starting in October, Park's monthly newsletter will be available on Park Messenger. Please be sure the school has your e-mail address so that you can receive a copy directly to your email account. The newsletter will let you know all the great things that are going on at Park and include important dates and events.

Park Middle School is a HERO school! HERO encourages positive student behavior choices. When students demonstrate HERO behaviors, they may earn points toward exciting incentives. We invite students and parents to register your own **HERO account**, so we may keep the lines of communication between home and school open. Once you register online, you may download the **HERO** app to receive push notifications about your student's **HERO** behavior throughout the day. Students and Guardians will each have a unique **Hero** login account.

To register, follow these easy steps:

- 1) Go to <https://access.heropowered.com>
- 2) Select the parent or student button
- 3) Click "Create An Account"
- 4) Enter name, your email address, choose a password, click "Create user"
- 5) Click "Add Student"
- 6) Choose "No" to add your student using their ID Number, Date of Birth, and Last Name.

Download the Hero App

Once you register online, you may download the HERO app from the app store or Google Play stores to keep track of HERO behavior history and Hero point balances.

HELPFUL LINKS:

For registration step-by-step instructions, go to:
<http://www.herok12.com/resources/Hero-QSG-PSE-Parents.pdf>

Hero Parent + Student Engagement Tools
<http://www.herok12.com/parent-student-engagement>



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Please be aware of the Kennewick School District's Non-Discrimination Policy: The Kennewick School District provides equal access to all programs and services without discrimination based on sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, honourably discharged veterans or military status, sexual orientation, including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or use of trained dog, guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provide equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination.

Civil Rights and Equity: Douglas Christensen – (509) 222-5010 (doug.christensend@ksd.org)

Section 504, Title IX: Jack Anderson – (509) 222-5004 (jack.anderson@ksd.org)

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Finally, the **Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** of 1974 permits the Kennewick School District to release certain information known as “directory information” to certain people or institutions, unless parents request in writing that such information not be released. In many cases, requests for this type of information come from news media or the armed forces for recruiting purposes. Directory information may include: 1) students name, address, and telephone number 2) date and place of birth 3) participation in officially recognized activities and sports 4) weight and height of athletic team members 5) dates of attendance 6) photographs or other similar information. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications. Again, if you would prefer that your child’s directory information not be released, please send a request in writing or stop by the office to make that request.

I look forward to this new and exciting year. It is great to be a Park Cub!

Sincerely,

Ms. Espe-Amaya, Principal
Park Middle School