



Par Ex Press

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2019



As we begin to prepare for Par Excellence Academy's thirteenth year of operation, we are so excited about what is to come!

We have many programs that will be continuing and others that will be added - all an effort to make this year our very best year yet!

One new element of our GAT culture will be a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system, which you can read about on page 3.

Learning to maintain positive behavior is key to classrooms geared toward cooperative learning. We believe this new program, called *RISE Up*, will help our cooperative learning approach in the classroom.

RISE embodies the key characteristics that we want to

model - both as Par Ex staff and as a community of learners.

This program will allow us to reward our students as they learn to demonstrate these characteristics consistently!

If you are a new family with us, look for more about GAT and our *R.I.S.E. Up* program in the new family orientation which will take place shortly after school begins..



We have had lots of wonderful summer activities, including Rocket Day and our Family Movie Night.

If you missed them, check out the 'Summer Moments' section on page 2.

As summer break winds down, you can trust that Par Ex Teachers and administrators are already preparing for an exciting year! See you soon!

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Announcing a family engagement contest called **Got Cha!** for all Par Ex families.



If you display the two Par Ex car decals (as shown) and our staff spots your vehicle, we will post a photo of your sticker and indicate the model/color of your car. Then, if you

you message us with the last 4 digits of your license plate, to prove the vehicle belongs to you, you win! (Don't worry, we won't post your license number; we'll only post the model and color of your vehicle.)

There will be lots of chances to win! Pick up your decals from the school office on the first day of school to play!

SUMMER MOMENTS...



What fantastic Rocket Day event we had, thanks to help from Owens Corning, OSU/Newark, Boeing and the Buckeye Space Launch Initiative! Students built rockets and learned about the Apollo 11 mission during Par Ex's Rocket Day on July 11th. Here, Zack Lohrman, a collegiate member of the Buckeye Space Initiative helps students on Team Blue roll up the parachute strip which will help them locate their rocket during its decent during the test launch.



Students launched their team rockets a final time at OSU/Newark's Rocket Launch. Here, PTO president Cindy Quinn is preparing to assemble the school's 7-foot-long rocket. We hoped to set a Guinness world record for most rockets launched simultaneously.



Our Kinder play dates have been a big hit with families who have registered their Kinders with us. It's been a great time for parents and children both to meet in advance of school. Our hope is that first-day jitters are minimized. We've had three so far, but you can still attend our last one on August 10th, from 10:30 to noon. The Mom-to-Mom clothing and used uniform sale will also be underway!



We had an amazing time at River Radio's Family Fun Fest, July 21 at the Canal Market District in downtown Newark. We spoke with many parents and children about what makes Par Ex unique. A special thanks to Mr. Estadt, Ms. Sampson and Ms. Frizzell for joining us! Here, Ms. James and Ms. Frizzell take a pic with contemporary Christian artist Austin French. So cool!

Par Ex PTO planning an exciting year of family activities

On Thursday, September 14th, at 6:00p.m., the Par Ex Parent Teachers Organization will meet for its first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year. The PTO will elect new officers and plan for an exciting year of events.

Our PTO is very involved in Par Ex's Lending Library, Rainbow Reading program and other school-wide events, like skating parties, and reading rewards family events.

We encourage all parents to attend this first meeting. Future meetings will take place during school-wide events, with the goal of the meetings lasting no longer than 20 minutes.

We are so thankful for the efforts and overall support that our PTO has provided to the school. Come be a part of it!



Getting Along Together by Rising Up!

Students will find a new Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system starting this year. Called *RISE Up*, *RISE* stands for **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **S**afety and **E**xcellence.

RISE Up! sets forth expectations and gives examples of behavior in each RISE category, in all school settings. Guidelines give examples of how students can show respect, integrity, safety and excellence in various school settings? These settings include the classroom, lunch room, playground, hallways, during arrival and dismissal times, and when using school technology.

By being intentional about catching and rewarding good behavior, all students will become motivated to conform to the expectations. "We have clearly defined the expected behaviors, so students will understand our expectations and will be rewarded for meeting them," explained Special Education Coordinator Lindsey Peterson.

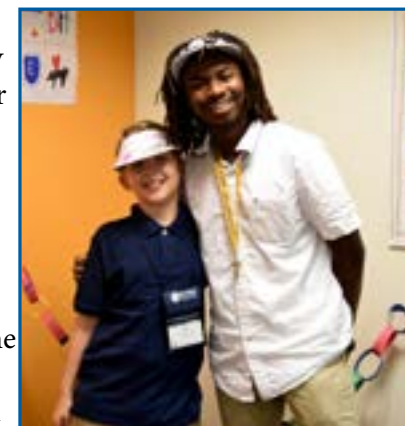
The program will be reviewed with students and families during orientation. It will also be included in the 2019-2020 student handbook.

Three Par Ex students took part in NYLF's Pathways to STEM camp

Three Par Ex fifth-graders were accepted into National Youth Leadership Forum's Pathways to STEM summer program. The students travelled to Bowling Green State University, July 21 through 26 for the program, which is designed to spark interest in STEM learnings and careers. Nevaeh Barnes, Nathan Freely and Gabe Orsborn were recommended to apply for the program due to their interest and performance in Math and Science classes.

Collegiate students, working through NYLF, served as the students' counselors and helped them navigate the many learning activities. Activities included dissecting a bovine heart, building an M-bot and having it traverse various bridge designs, taking part in a crime scene investigation, and building splints and slings for various injuries.

The camp was also designed to teach and reward leadership skills, such as self-management, time management, communication, collaboration and goal-setting.



Gabe Orsborn is congratulated by his camp counselor, Davon Sistron, for earning a Leadership Link.

UPCOMING EVENTS




AUGUST

- Aug. 3 Mom to Mom and Used Uniform Sale (9am)
- Aug. 10 Family Movie Night at Par Ex (8pm)
- Aug. 14 Final general information night (3pm - 6pm)
- Aug 15 Kindergarten Orientation (6pm)
- Aug 16 1st through 5th Grade Orientation (5pm)
6th Grade Orientation and Capstone Project Overview (6pm)
- Aug 21 Sneak-a-Peek Kinder Preview Day (6pm)
- Aug 22 Kindergarten - First Day!
- Aug 23 1st - 6th Grade - First Day!
- Aug 30 Final Friday: *Stem on the Square* (5pm-8pm)

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 14 First PTO Meeting (6pm)
- Sept. 27 Final Friday: *Taste of Harvest* (5pm-8pm)

DON'T FORGET:

All event information can be found on our  page. Sometimes changes happen, so check frequently for up-do-date information!



PARENT NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Be sure to check out our Par Ex Parent Post bulletin board. As you enter the front of the building, you'll find it directly on your left. Check it frequently for announcements important to parents.

Par Excellence Academy
 1350 Granville Road
 Newark, OH 43055




FREE!



Par Excellence Academy
OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, August 10
FUN STARTS @ 8 PM
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1350 Granville Road, Newark, OH
 This event is **FREE** and open to the **COMMUNITY!**

Par Buddies ready to help mentor new students!

Will your child be a new student with Par Ex for the 2019-2020 school year?



If so, he/she will soon meet a very important person who will help answer questions and assist your child in learning Par's unique GAT (Getting Along Together) culture.

We have selected 12 Par Buddies to serve as an important part of each new student's journey with us!

Here, Sebastian and Lizzy (2 of our 12 mentors) model the special shirt that will help your child quickly locate his/her Par Buddy when they need a little help.