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ASHWAUBENON TO HOLD JAGUAR QUAD EVENT

Ashwaubenon, WI – May 17, 2018 – On Friday, May 18th, the Peer Mentor Program of Parkview Middle School, along with the Goody Triathletes of Ashwaubenon High school, will be participating in the 2nd annual Jaguar Quad event. This event, consisting of running, biking, swimming, and kickball events, is a culmination of the students' hard work both inside and outside of the classroom. Events will kick off on Goelz field at 11:30a.m. and conclude at 2:15p.m. with a medal ceremony.

Parkview's Peer Mentor program was founded four years ago and strives to pair students with special needs with their non-disabled peers for academic and social support. This year alone, staff were able to match approximately 20 students with special needs with 100 peer mentors. Throughout the year, students came together for training on how to work with students with special needs, including various afterschool social gatherings. This program has helped to shift the culture of Parkview, making sure all students feel included in and outside of the classroom.

The special event pairs up each mentee with special needs with 2-3 mentors. All students will participate in the day's events. The Jaguar Quad is modeled after the Goody Triathlon, which area students recently competed in, includes a one mile run, swimming in the community pool, biking around the track at Goelz field, a pizza luncheon, a kickball event, and finally concluded with a medal ceremony for our mentees.

Physical Education teachers, Kerry Janquart and Kim Treml, along with Special Education teacher, Vanessa Talus, have spent a majority of the school year reaching out to sponsors and planning this event. Various staff members, community members, and parent volunteers will be graciously helping the day of the event.

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