



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Parkway's Woodland Trailblazing Day

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am – 4:00pm**

Please bring your family and join volunteers from the Greenwich Junior League, the Boy Scouts, the Parkway PTA and others for a fun family work day as we blaze our new trail at Parkway!

- \*Come for the entire day or just a few hours
- \*Wear sunscreen and bug repellent
- \*Bring work gloves, shovels & wheelbarrows
- \*All are welcome

For questions and additional information, please contact Liz Tommasino ([litztommasino@live.com](mailto:litztommasino@live.com)) or Penelope Kassaris ([pkassaris@verizon.net](mailto:pkassaris@verizon.net).)

# PARKWAY'S WOODLAND TRAIL

- The development of Parkway Elementary's "**Woodland Trail**" is part of our school's effort to provide an outdoor healthy, productive learning environment for our students.
- **Per CT Green LEAF Schools:** "Schools with strong environmental literacy education build critical thinking skills by designing curriculum that provides interesting and relevant contexts for learning core concepts and skills in state standards and assessments."
- **The Woodland Trail** will provide that outdoor curriculum where students can discover, learn, touch, understand and appreciate what nature and the environment has to teach them.
- **Per CT Green LEAF Schools:** "Environmental education contributes to overall academic achievement and higher performance on standardized tests when it is strategically integrated into the curriculum."
- **The Woodland Trail** will easily be integrated into Parkway's classroom curriculum, and not just for science. Students are stimulated and more interested in learning when the curriculum is "hands on".
- **Per CT Green LEAF Schools:** "Going green offers many health benefits for students and staff, including improved nutrition and physical health. A focus on healthy eating, physical activity and healthy environments pays off in decreased obesity, asthma and other illnesses while increasing attendance."
- The future of **the Woodland Trail** will include a "fitness course". Students will be able to utilize the trail during gym class to run, jump, balance, pull, push, stretch and more.

If you are interested in more information about our Woodland Trail or any of the work the Parkway PTA Student Habitat committee is doing, or to VOLUNTEER, please contact Liz Tommasino or Penelope Kassaris. Contact information on the front page.

For information on the Connecticut Green LEAF School program: [www.ctgreenschools.org/ctgreenleaf.htm](http://www.ctgreenschools.org/ctgreenleaf.htm)

