

# PANTHER PAWPRINTS

FEBRUARY 2020 EDITION

## Principal's Message

Dear Margate Friends and Family,

Our school year is already half over, and we approach the second semester with enthusiasm and excitement. We have a great deal to be proud of. Our school is fortunate to have the most incredible students, families, and the best teachers and staff. We thank all of our families who continue to support our school-wide initiatives and work diligently to be active partners in their child's educational success. Being present in the school is one way to show your support. This is accomplished through frequent conferences, involvement in our family nights, attendance at our SAC meetings and PTA events. We are a blessed school community to have such caring and committed parents. There is ample evidence that shows that parents who are involved in their children's education by participating in school related activities are rewarded with academically and socially successful children. The staff and teachers often speak of how our parents go above and beyond.

We ask for your continued support in our school-wide effort to increase literacy for all students. This means all of our proud panthers should be reading for at least 30 minutes each evening. Research shows that students who score in the top percent of standardized tests read for approximately 60 minutes each day. At Margate Elementary, we have reading support through our I-Ready. It is also vitally important that your children catch you reading. A great family activity is to put down the electronic devices and curl with a good book on the couch. The more we work in tandem, the greater success our students will achieve. Our goal is to create life-long learners who will be college and career ready.

Please help us spread the word about our amazing school to our future panthers. This month, we will be hosting two Kindergarten Round-Ups/Orientations on both February 21st and February 24th. During these round-up opportunities, we will take a tour throughout the school; discuss important Kindergarten readiness skills along with provide all necessary registration information. A separate flyer has been sent to all students and has been posted throughout social media.

This February 14th is a designated day of service and love in commemoration of the Stoneman Douglas tragedy. Our school will be engaging in service projects and acts of kindness and we look forward to helping making our community a brighter and more peaceful environment.

Finally, we thank everyone who is ensuring that your child arrives at school and on-time. Students who are routinely on time to school and attend each day, have the maximum opportunity for success. Excessive absences and tardies directly affect achievement. As a reminder, our school day begins at 7:50 a.m. and students are marked tardy if they are not present in their class by the 8:00 a.m. bell.

As always, we convey our personal gratitude for the numerous ways you help make Margate great! Together, we make our school a shining beacon of success!

**Mr. Schroeder and  
Ms. Flournoy**



**WE ARE ALL STARS**

Thomas J. Schroeder  
**Principal**

Vicki B. Flournoy  
**Assistant Principal**

Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent, successful, life-long learners by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the Florida State Standards.

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**School Website: <https://margateelem.browardschools.com>**

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## Calendar of Events

Monday, February 3, 2020: Fun Run Campaign Begins

Thursday, February 6, 2020: PTA Executive Board @6:00 p.m./SAF Meeting @7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 7, 2020: Parent Zone Meeting @10:00 a.m. at Pinewood Elementary School

Tuesday, February 11, 2020: Interim Reports Issued

Thursday, February 13, 2020: Fun Run Dance Party; PTA Sweet Tomatoes Night

Friday, February 14, 2020: A Day of Service and Love: Early Release Day-Students Released at Noon

Monday, February 17, 2020: No School, President's Day

Thursday, February 20, 2020: Big Daddy's Pizza Night; Kindergarten Round-Up @6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 21, 2020: February Birthday Party @1:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 22, 2020: Kindergarten Round-Up @10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2020: Spring Picture Day

Friday, February 28, 2020: Family Science Night/SAC Meeting @6:00 p.m.



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our STAR Visitor System.
- All visitors must have an I.D. in order to gain access to the school.
- All parents must have a Green Walk-Up Pick-Up Sign to pick-up their child by foot. A picture of the sign on your mobile device is acceptable as well.
- All parents must have a Blue Car Rider Sign to pickup their child by car.
- Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- All students should be in uniforms. Our uniform policy is listed in this newsletter and our website.
- Consistency with dismissal is critical. Please alert the teacher and office ASAP of any changes.
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their lunch, materials, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the front office will take such items from 8:00 to 8:30.
- Early student sign-outs will cease at 1:00 p.m.

## **FSA/End of the Year** **Important Assessment Dates**

### **First/Second Grade**

Primary Reading Test:  
May 5, 2020 and May 6, 2020

### **Third Grade**

ELA FSA: April 1, 2020 and April 2, 2020  
Math FSA: May 12, 2020 and May 13, 2020

### **Fourth Grade**

ELA Writing FSA: April 2, 2020  
ELA FSA: May 5, 2020 and May 6, 2020  
Math FSA: May 12, 2020 and May 13, 2020

### **Fifth Grade**

ELA Writing FSA: April 2, 2020  
ELA FSA: May 5, 2020 and May 6, 2020  
Math FSA: May 12, 2020 and May 13, 2020  
Science FCAT: May 19, 2020 and May 20, 2020



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## **SAC Meeting** **Dates for 19-20**

**If you would like to join our SAC committee, please contact our SAC Chairperson, Mrs. Shannon Mills at 754-322-6900 or through email at [shannon.mills@browardschools.com](mailto:shannon.mills@browardschools.com)**

Friday, February 28, 2020 @6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @2:20 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @2:20 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @2:20 p.m.

# Family Science Night and Showcase Evening



Please Join Us for our Family Science Night and Academic Showcase on Friday, February 28, 2020

Our Evening will begin with a SAC Presentation/Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

We will have the Museum of Science and Discovery Hands on Activities, Science Fair Projects, Refreshments and Prizes!



## Spring Pictures



Our Spring Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, February 25, 2020! More Information Will be Coming Home Soon!



**Margate Elementary**  
"Excellence Through Caring"  
Calling All Future Panthers!!

Join Us at One of Our Kindergarten Round-Ups on

Thursday, February 20th @6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 22nd @10:00 a.m.

Join us to learn about our wonderful programs here at Margate Elementary. We have an exciting Dual-Language Program, Enrichment Experience and Specialized Intervention Program. We will take a tour and discuss what to expect next year. You will also be able to register your child. Please visit our website at [margateelem.browardschools.com](http://margateelem.browardschools.com) or contact our welcome center at 754-322-6900 for additional information. Check us out on Facebook and Twitter@MargateElem!



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Please Support PTA! Membership is \$6.	All Visitors are to Report to the Front Office	Volunteers Can Register at <a href="http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com">www.getinvolvedineducation.com</a>	Ice Cream is Sold in the Cafeteria on Wednesday \$ .65
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Sweet Tomatoes Family Night on Thursday, February 13th. Help Support Our School with a Healthy Evening Out!

Day of Service and Love  
2/14  
#2getherInServiceandLove



## Margate Elementary Remix Event IS COMING

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents, We are so excited to announce that our school will be participating in the Apex Remix event this year as our major Fall fundraiser! The Apex program will be with our students from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to February 14<sup>th</sup> as we raise much needed funds to help our school. Please look in your child's folder and for e-mails that will be sent to you as the event gets nearer.

Apex Remix is an interactive leadership program that helps schools all over the country raise money, while promoting leadership, good character and fitness. This year's theme is Apex GAME ON! Students will join the Apex Team on an exciting journey as they learn the habits needed to be a game changing leader.

- ➔ Go-Getter
- ➔ Appreciate
- ➔ Move Forward
- ➔ Explore
- ➔ Others First
- ➔ Now What?



During the Apex Remix program, students are challenged to get pledges for the fitness moves they will complete on the Remix Event day to help our school. Students will engage in 30 minutes of fitness/glow party and will complete an average of 26-36 fit moves. The maximum number of fit moves is 36. Through Apex's top-notch online pledging system, sponsors can pledge \$1/fit move, \$2/fit move, \$5/fit move, or any other amount for students and can pledge from anywhere in the world! Thank you again for your continued support of Margate! We are excited to begin this journey with you! Principal Schroeder and the PTA Board

**ALL STUDENTS INCLUDED**  
All students will receive Apex wrist bands, an Apex fit counter, and team awards. All students will experience Apex Leadership's world class character program and have access to additional character lesson videos on the free Apex Leadership App!

**FITNESS, CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**  
This year, Apex's character and leadership program is GAME ON! It focuses on how students can become game changing leaders by learning the important habits it takes. The interactive lessons discuss the components of these habits and why they are important!

**WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP**  
Connect your child to potential sponsors and help acquire pledges for the number of fit moves they will complete on event day. Family and friends anywhere in the world can support our school. All students will also receive their own pledge kit with an individual access code that allows you to enter pledges online.

**SAVE THE DATE: February 13**  
Come to the Apex Remix event and don't forget to invite others to attend our fun-filled community fitness party! Help volunteer! We need a few parents to help cheer on students, pass out water, and mark participation. Please contact your PTA in advance to help!

### Title One Survey

We need your input and feedback. Our Annual Margate Elementary 2019-2020 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Survey will begin on February 10th and operate through March 6th. This survey is designed to help our school find out how well we are working with you. Below is the website to take the survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1h1PjYDYUzTO1S1UR9zHRtLjsDUmcWkC5TvM\\_iBkNecA/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1h1PjYDYUzTO1S1UR9zHRtLjsDUmcWkC5TvM_iBkNecA/edit)

### Big Daddy's Pizza Night

Please help support our school with Big Daddy's Pizza Night Thursday, February 20th! Our school receives 20% of the funds raised by ordering delicious food!