

PSE Newsletter

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Park Springs Elementary
2022 - 2023

From the Desk of the Principal

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year. We want to thank all families, students, and staff for a wonderful school opening. We are proud of the collaboration that has taken place. We have a dynamic staff who are dedicated to developing strong relationships fostered through communication, grace, and respect. Please know that our teachers are here to work with you to address any concerns that you may have. We are thrilled to have our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Dekle continue to serve our students, staff, and community this school year. Safety is our top priority. It is our mission to ensure the physical, mental, and social-emotional safety of all students. We want to thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our school's mission. This is a true team effort, and we are here to support you.

Proud to be your Principal,
Ms. Hanson

Important Dates:

- 8/24- Open House for PK,1,3,5, Schuhmann, Paull, and Johnson 6:00pm
- 8/26- Kona Ice
- 8/27- FAU Football Spirit Night 7:00 pm
- 8/31- Open House for K,2,4 and Pinter 6:00pm
- 9/5- No School
- 9/6- SAC Meeting 2:00pm
- 9/8- Urban Air Spirit Night 4:00 pm
- 9/13- Interims Issued
- 9/19- 9/23- Book Fair
- 9/26- No School
- 10/4- SAC Meeting at 2:00pm
- 10/5- No School
- 10/11- Fall Student Pictures
- 10/20- Early Release 11:45am
- 10/21- Employee Planning- End of First Quarter

News from the Office

Drop Off Policy



Please be aware of our “item” drop off policy for the 2022-2023 school year. We will accept items up until 8:30 AM daily. Items may include lunches, water bottles, snacks, projects, homework, etc. This policy was established to minimize the disruptions to our academic day and ensure extra safety on campus. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dekle or Ms. Hanson.

Code of Conduct

At the start of each school year, all students need the Code of Conduct forms completed. Please fill out the Back to School Online forms and email the confirmation page to your child's teacher. You can access the forms at the website below.

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38091>

Free and Reduced Lunch

Please don't forget to apply/renew your application for free and reduced lunch today! Breakfast is still free for all students, but lunch is not free, unless you qualify. Parents will need to go to:

<http://www.myschoolapps.com/> to complete an application.

Volunteer Application

If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure you have registered on the following website. <https://www.browardschools.com/volunteer>

Register to Ride

If you are a bus rider, you must register at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/register2ride>

Safety Updates



Submit a tip easily via our anonymous FortifyFL app. Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc. You can download the app or visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/> for more information

Broward Schools has transitioned to the Plain Language Emergency protocol. This language will be used to conduct our monthly safety drills and in the event of an emergency.

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

-  **HOLD**
In your room or area.
Clear the halls.
-  **SECURE**
Get inside.
Lock outside doors.
-  **LOCKDOWN**
Locks, lights,
out of sight.
-  **EVACUATE**
To the announced
location.
-  **SHELTER**
Using the announced
hazard and strategy.

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SaferWatch is a web based and mobile app system that allows users to report an incident as they see it happening or submit a tip later. It also provides real time communication during the situations. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/> for more information.



PTO

Parent Teacher Organization

PSE PTO meetings 2022-2023:
All mtgs in PTO room/media
center at 12:30 pm. There will be
no virtual option this year.

9/14	12/7	3/1
10/12	1/11	4/5
11/2	2/1	5/10

The Park Springs PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) welcomes you to the new school year! Our team has been working hard to plan a fantastic year of events, and we can't wait to see you!

Join the PTO as a member with a \$10 donation to our annual fund. Membership means you're supporting your school! Want to volunteer? We would love to have you! Please complete the BCPS volunteer application at <http://www.browardschools.com/volunteer>. Volunteers are welcome for the Book Fairs, Ice Cream Day, PTO help, and much more! Text @psepto22 to 81010 to join the PTO Remind group for day to day volunteer opportunities.

No time to volunteer at school? Support the PTO in other ways! Attend a Spirit Night at a restaurant, attend evening events at Park Springs, or take home a small project to complete on your own time. Support the PTO, school clubs, and purchase spirit wear! Go to <http://www.parkspringspto.ecwid.com> for PTO spirit shirts, check out the new P.E. shirts, spirit merchandise, and support the t-shirt fundraiser for the Environmental Club featuring our school theme!

Contact us anytime at parkspringspto@yahoo.com. Follow our school on social media on Facebook @parkspringselempto and sign up for our weekly newsletter at myvlink.org/parkspringspto/.

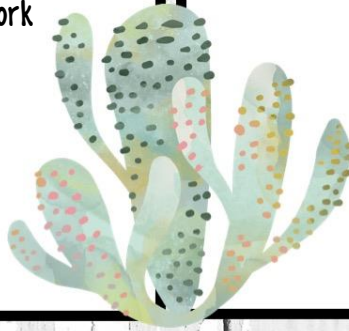
Shop online at parkspringspto.ecwid.com. All orders will be delivered to your student's classroom teacher. We will be at both Open House dates to sell merchandise in person!



Guidance

Meet Mrs. Tufo

Hi everyone! I am so happy to be back at Park Springs for the 22-23 school year. This is my 13th year as a PSE Panther and my 20th year in Broward Schools. I was happy to represent our school as the Broward County Elementary School Counselor of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year. PSE is the best school! I have two boys, one who is a PSE graduate and entered high school this year, and one that will be finishing his elementary career this year with us. I could not be prouder to have had both of my children attend such a wonderful school. Our family is happy to be a part of the PSE Family. I am looking forward to another amazing year to work with students, families, and staff, as well as working with Ms. Rasa, my co-counselor, who I am thrilled to work with again this year.



Meet Ms. Rasa

Hello PSE family! I am so excited to be apart of the Park Springs staff for my 2nd year. Throughout my 11 year career, I can truly say that PSE is the best school I have had the pleasure of serving. From our awesome administrators, to amazing teachers, hardworking staff, supportive families, and outstanding students, this is the place to be! Working with Mrs. Tufo has truly been the highlight of my career. I admire her dedication; we make a great team! We love working with our PSE students and families through small groups, classroom guidance, and individually. Helping students and families is our passion. I know this year is going to be a great one. If there is anything that we can help you with, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Ways to calm my worry



Guidance Services and Upcoming Events

Our Services: As part of the school counseling program, we offer many services that include checking in with students, running small guidance groups on a variety of topics, visiting classrooms to teach lessons in the areas of academic, social, safety, college and career readiness, as well as collaborating with families and staff. We are visible all around our campus at morning arrival and dismissal, in the cafeteria, in the hallways, and on our morning news. We are familiar faces so that our students and families know who we are and can come to us whenever they need. If you need assistance with any of our services or have questions, please contact the office or you can email us any time. **Upcoming Activities:** We have some exciting activities coming up in the first quarter. Please be on the lookout for information on Start with Hello and Peace Week, College and Career Day, Red Ribbon Week, and Anti-Bullying week, as we move through the quarter. We will also be getting special visits from some special guests this year- Auntie Bully and Positive Polly. We are sure your children will tell you all about it!



Exceptional Student Education

Autism Spectrum Disorder Special Programs

Hi, I am Ms. Jackson the new Autism Coach. I have met some of you already and it has been a wonderful experience. Here's to a wonderful and successful 2022/2023 school year at Park Springs Elementary filled with kindness.



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ESE Team

Hello Families and Welcome to the 2022-2023 School Year. We are looking forward to another great year working together to support your children. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Park Springs ESE Team.

Debbie Trejo – ESE Specialist

Talia Jackson- Autism Coach

Amy Dove – ESE Support Facilitator

Sandra Oliver – ESE Support Facilitator

Alexandra Fernandez – Speech Language Pathologist

Julie Forero – Speech Language Pathologist

The team is looking forward to assisting students with their needs this school year. We have been working collaboratively together and with your child's teacher to ensure all students achieve their fullest potential. We also look forward to collaborating with families to provide support and guidance towards common goals for success.

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Pre-K

Our Pre-K classes are starting the first quarter learning the rules and routines. We are working on communication, independent functioning skills, social skills and lots of academics using our "DIG" program with many fine motor activities. During calendar time, we are learning the days of the week, months of the year and counting each day. Our first focus is "My School" and "All About Me," where we learn about our school, our friends, our families and about ourselves!

Pre-K (cont.)

In "Our School," we are also practicing all of our safety procedures. This month, Pre-K participated in all of our school's safety drills. The Pre-K students are doing an amazing job learning what is expected of them for each of the codes. Some of our Pre-K classrooms also participate in specials daily. The specials classes include Art, Music, P.E., Media, and Spanish. Our kiddos are having such a fun time engaging in the exciting hands-on activities each special has to offer!

Kindergarten

A warm welcome to all our kindergarten families. Hoping your summer was filled with fun and relaxing times. Hoping you all are ready to soar into our kindergarten learning journey. Kindergarten is a time for children to expand on their love of learning, their general knowledge, their ability to get along with others, and their ability to be part of a community. While kindergarten is the formal beginning of their education, it is important that "children still get to be children". Our daily activities are carefully planned to encourage independence, self-confidence, and academic growth. This is done through large group, small group, and one on one participation. The kindergarten educational program is carefully designed to meet all that within a nurturing, playful and safe environment. Some of the exciting things your kindergartner will be learning and working on this first quarter of school are letters and sounds and how to use them to blend into words, sight word recognition and rhyming. Through a variety of literature, many concepts of print will be taught and practiced. The use of manipulatives in math will be used to explore our numbers 0-9. Science jumps right in with plants and animals and social studies with how to be a good citizen. Handwriting plays a very important role during this first quarter as the children need to learn and practice proper letter and number formation.

First and Second Grade

First Grade

Welcome First Grade Families! We are excited to begin a new school year and we are happy you are here! We have been spending time getting to know each other and learning the rules and routines necessary to help build a classroom community of learners.

For the first few weeks our ELA (English Language Arts) focuses on foundational skills and routines that foster independent thinking and reading. Our ELA time will include establishing routines, phonological awareness, shared reading, phonics, shared writing, and independent reading.

This month in math, we will be diving into our new math series. Our first topic is adding and subtracting within 10. We will use pictures and manipulatives to add and subtract as we build fluency.

In Social Studies, we are learning about responsible citizenship, rules, and laws. Each day we have a morning meeting that includes Social and Emotional learning activities and mindfulness.

In Science, we will be learning how to think like a scientist as we make observations about living things.

We look forward to "blooming and growing" together this year!



Second Grade

We are learning with kindness this year in 2nd grade and so excited to be able to teach this new group of students. This will be a wonderful year of social, emotional, and academic growth for these boys and girls.

In reading, we will be focusing on helping the students really understand what they are reading and to ask/answer questions about the text. We also will work on building rigor and stamina in our young readers. Our spelling words each week focus on a phonics rule, and it is important that the children (and you) understand what the rule is so that it cannot only be applied to the spelling words but also to numerous other words. The students will be working on basic facts and relationships, number sense (place value) and concepts, and numbers to 1,000 in the first quarter.

In science, we are learning about the scientific method and the steps to perform an experiment. We will be learning all about plants & animals. In social studies, the concept this quarter is geography.

As always, please contact your child's teacher, if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to making this year in 2nd grade the best possible!

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Third-Fifth Grade

Third Grade

We are so excited to welcome our third graders back to school! In the first quarter, we work on building stamina, responsibility and independence. We also work on developing problem solving skills.

In math, we are focusing on the concept of multiplication. Students will begin Speedy Math Tests to practice multiplication fluency this quarter. A great resource to practice fluency with addition, subtraction and multiplication facts is speedymath.com. In Reading we are learning to ask and answer questions with text evidence for both fiction and non-fiction. We also will learn to identify the central idea of informational text and compare and contrast non-fiction. Third graders should be reading books on their level in a variety of genres. In Social Studies, we will learn about the constitution and in Science we will learn about the Scientific Method, Animal Classifications, and Adaptations. We look forward to seeing our students develop great work habits and grow throughout the year.

Fourth Grade

Welcome to 4th grade! We are so glad that you are here with us! While transitioning over to the new "BEST Standards" we will also be implementing a new reading and math series. In addition, we will no longer take the FSA assessment. This will be replaced by the FAST assessment that will be given 3 times during the year on the computer. More information will be coming home soon! As a team we use classkick so that when children are absent they always know what assignments to complete and can do these assignments from home. Make sure your child knows their classkick log in and password so they can stay informed of necessary work. Open House is on August 31st at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us!

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade is blooming with excitement for incoming '22-'23 class! Fifth grade Panthers are sure to have a memorable and amazing last year at PSE alongside they're amazing teachers! Parents we look forward to seeing you all for the upcoming Open House on 8/24! Please feel free to communicate with your child's teacher whenever you have a question or concern! We are here to make learning fun and accessible for all our students! Be sure to fill out code of conduct forms online and send back health/student contact forms in a timely manner. Please inform the front office and your child's teacher of any dismissal changes. Review rainy day dismissal with your child so they are aware of the school's and your expectation. On a final note, please review dress code with your child, we follow Broward County Schools dress code policies!

Specials Team

Art

Welcome to the art room! I am so excited to welcome new artists and familiar faces back into our art studio. This year we will learn that art is a safe space to create and grow; we will learn about artists, experiment with materials and techniques, and have a lot of fun. Artists will practice trying new things and learn that an artist lies in all of us. Most of our completed artwork will either be displayed in the halls or kept in the art room so the artists can keep a year-long portfolio; so, don't panic if you don't see a lot of art coming home in your artists' backpack. I am keeping it safe here and will send it home in May. The art room is a fun and messy place, so we are always graciously accepting donations of wipes. If I can answer any questions for you my email address is

katherine.soli@browardschools.com

It will be a great year!

PE

I am so excited for the start of the school year and for PE instruction to begin. In the first quarter, students will participate in water safety lessons, flexibility exercises and cardiovascular exercise. When the weather cools down to an appropriate temperature in line with the district heat index, we will begin our basketball unit that involves dribbling, passing and shooting the ball. Students will surely have fun through physical activity throughout the first quarter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Coach Sheib

Music

The music program at Park Springs provides an age appropriate, socially accepting environment that allows students the opportunity to experience, learn and grow. Our varied program meets the needs of students on many levels: social-emotional, physical, creative, quantitative, and early literacy while adhering to the guidelines set forth in the Sunshine State Standards for Music Education.

Throughout our music classes, students shall be able to dance, sing, play instruments, learn about different styles of music and different cultures, instrument families, composers and so much more.

Grades in music class are compiled from these areas of growth as assessed by the teacher:

- >Academic progress – mastery of curriculum being taught
- >Participation/Effort
- >Behavior/Citizenship

I am excited to resume working with the PSE Chorus for 4th and 5th graders this Fall. Please look for information that will be sent home with any students interested in participating in this fun and rewarding musical ensemble!

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our music program, please feel free to contact me at:
David.Levitan@BrowardSchools.com

Media

This 1st quarter is a busy one in the media center.

Students in all grades are learning and reviewing the book care rules and procedures in preparation to borrow books from the PSE Media Center in October.

Students will learn what to do with books when they are not reading them, how to use a bookmark, how to find a good fit book, and how to keep the media center neat and organized when searching for books. They will also learn and review to keep books away from food, drinks, pets, little siblings, art supplies and protect from all weather.

K-2 Students will also practice choosing books and how to use a shelf marker. Students will learn library skills such as sections of the library, how books are categorized and where they can be found in the library as well as how books are labeled for easy finding.

Students in grade 3 will be learning library skills such as the parts of the library ie: fiction, nonfiction, biography, and the sections within the Dewey Decimal system such as planets, Native American's, dinosaurs, sports and more. Students will be learning how to independently find books they would like to borrow.

Students in grade 4/5 will continue to learn library skills such as using magazines, articles, reading index, table of contents and practice searching for specific books in the media center via library games.

Note: All students who owe a book to the media center or another BCPS school need to clear their account to be able to check out a book. You can replace the book with another copy of the exact title or pay the obligation. All obligations can be paid in cash: exact amount to Mrs. Jimenez or can be paid online at: estore.browardschools.com click on the obligations tab, login or create an account for your student. You will need their student id number.

Book Fair will be coming back to PSE in just a few short weeks. We will have an on-campus fair for all students from September 19th to 23rd. All students will be able to shop during their scheduled Media specials time that week. To maintain safety cash will not be accepted at the fair. We will be using E-Wallet only. More book fair information will be coming very soon!

Reading Across Broward is a BCPS program that promotes and encourages reading in all our students. Park Springs participates in the program every year and all students who participate receive a certificate from BCPS in a special assembly at PSE. Be sure to get your form and start documenting all your books!

Parents looking to volunteer for book fair, please contact Mrs. Jimenez at: leandra.jimenez@browardschools.com

Mrs. Jimenez will also be needing help making library cards for all students so they may check out books. Library cards can only be done on campus. If you are able to help please contact Mrs. Jimenez.

All volunteers must be registered and cleared by BCPS.

Spanish/ Technology

Spanish

Hola Amigos!

I am so excited about our 2022-2023 school year. We are planting seeds of kindness in our Spanish class. We will be learning many Spanish words and we will learn about Mexico and Honduras during the first few weeks of school. Students will be using Spanish textbooks and they will have assignments in their Spanish workbooks.

I look forward to seeing your child blossom in my class as they venture into a new language and experience cultural differences from the Latin and Hispanic countries all around us.



Technology

Hello PSE Family!

I look forward to a great 2022-2023 school year in Technology class. Our students learn how to develop their keyboarding skills by practicing on a program called typing.com. Students are encouraged to practice at home if they are able.

Students will also learn how to code in Technology class as well as create PowerPoint presentations and use search skills to provide answers to scientific questions. I am excited that we will be able to continue to work on our math, reading and spelling skills through the program plus.arcademics.com.

Let's Plant Seeds Of Kindness in Tech Class.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School

Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director,

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Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or

Teletype Machine (TTY)

754-321-2158.

Club News

Environmental

Environmental Club is budding with excitement to kick off the 2022-2023 school year! This year the Environmental Club will meet twice a month. Each month will have one meeting and one optional project day for members to attend. Projects will include but will not be limited to campus and beach clean ups, gardening, recycling and energy conservation projects. Applications for students interested in becoming a part of the Environmental Club will be open from August 18 - August 31. Paper applications will be available outside of Ms. Mia Hansen's classroom, room 404. Completed applications must be submitted before 2:00pm on August 31.



Student Council

Attention 4th and 5th graders interested in Student Council

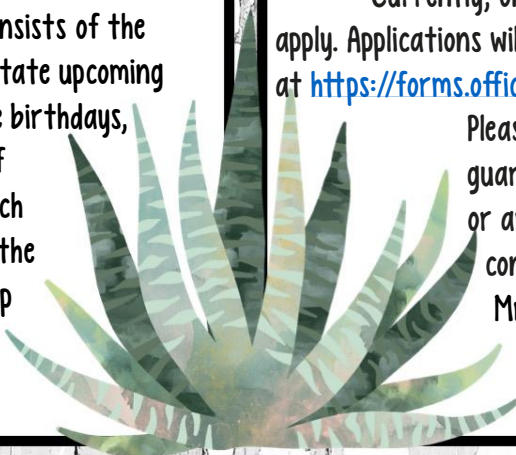
Hello Future Leaders!

The Student Council will host an informational meeting on September 6 at 7:00 am. Location is TBD. This meeting is open to all 4th and 5th grade students who are interested in learning about student council. Please join Mrs. Soli at this meeting to learn how to be involved in being a student leader at PSE.

EWPSE

EWPSE is a club for grade 5 students who have chosen to create and report the news to all of PSE digitally daily. News is viewed each day in the class and is available on canvas dashboard to view if you are absent.

The daily news consists of the pledge, weather, state upcoming events, announce birthdays, do the moment of silence and so much more. We create the news with the help of Mrs. Jimenez and our parents.



Robotics

The PSE Robotics Team, known as the Panther Bots, is an introduction to robotic engineering. Robotic Engineers are responsible for designing, testing, and building robots. Students on the robotics Team work together to design and program their robots to later compete alongside other teams in a game-based challenge. Classroom STEM concepts are put to the test as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications, and more.

Currently, only students in 4th and 5th grade students are eligible to apply. Applications will be live from August 16 - August 31 ONLINE at <https://forms.office.com/r/EmPa5wAuBV> *Applications will close promptly 3 pm.*

Please note, submission of an application does not automatically guarantee a spot on the PSE Robotics Team. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a sponsor of the Panther Bots, please contact Ms. Mia Hansen, mia.hansen@browardschools.com or Mr. Nolan Vander Haagen nolan.vanderhaagen@browardschools.com

Club News Continued



Debate

Are you good at public speaking? Do you like to act out scenes from movies and books? If so, then you need to join the Debate Team at PSE! Ms. Milano meets with the Debate Team every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am. We learn how to participate in different debates such as Original Oratory, Impromptu, and Duo. In addition, we have four events during the year where we meet other elementary schools in the district and compete for medals. This is an excellent opportunity for you to work on researching and speaking skills. Don't miss out on an opportunity to join the Debate Team. The first meeting will be next Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00 AM in Ms. Milano's room (409). I look forward to seeing you there!

Safety Patrol

The Safety Patrol is up and not running but steadily and safely moving at PSE! These students are a select group of Fourth and Fifth Graders that are committed to providing a safe school environment for all students at Park Springs Elementary. Here at Park Springs, safety is our primary concern for all students, thus it is important and expected that Patrols take their job very seriously as the position comes with great responsibility. Being selected to serve as a Patrol is a great honor and privilege. A Safety Patrol member should be responsible, respectful, cooperative, and helpful.

Duties include:

- Hallway monitoring
- Helping students get to class or designated areas without running
- Assisting students/staff that need help carrying items into the building
- Working cooperatively with adults in assigned areas

