

PSE Newsletter

Volume 2



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**Planting seeds
of kindness**
Park Springs Elementary
2022 - 2023

From the Desk of the Principal

Welcome to the Second Quarter. We are off to a great start at Park Springs. We want to thank you for your ongoing support. We want to thank our families for their help in the carline. We move efficiently when all cars move all the way up and move swiftly. I want to take a moment to remind our families that attendance counts, every day. As we transition back to our new normal, we are working diligently to close the achievement gap by meeting the needs of all of our students. Park Springs currently has 30% of students that have been flagged as having excessive absences. Therefore, attendance is the top priority in meeting students' needs. Please ensure that your child is at school and on time daily. Each instructional minute counts.

We are looking forward to celebrating our Veterans on November 10th. The Student Council is working hard to prepare an assembly to honor these heroes. Please RSVP. Thank you to all that have served.

Please take time to review your child's quarter one report card. It is a wonderful time to discuss goals for the second quarter. Please praise their success and give feedback on what they can do to improve. We all have room for growth and goal setting is a wonderful way for our children to soar. We appreciate your partnership.

Proud to be your Principal, Ms. Hanson

Important Dates:

- 11/7 PAW Store
- 11/8 Employee Planning Day
- 11/10 Veteran's Day Assembly
- 11/10 Chill-N-Fundraiser
- 11/11 No School
- 11/15 Picture Day
- 11/21-11/25 Thanksgiving Break- No School
- 11/19 Interims Issued
- 11/30 PTO Night at Tijuana Flats
- 12/5-12/9 Inclusive Schools Week
- 12/13 Makeup Picture Day
- 12/15 Winterfest
- 12/26- 1/6 Winter Break- No School
- 1/12 Early Release (2nd Quarter Ends)
- 1/13 Employee Planning Day
- 1/16 No School
- 1/18 PTO Night at Chipotle

News from the Office



The cafeteria is going to be selling water bottles during lunch. This will start on Monday, November 7th. The cost is .50 cents a bottle.

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.

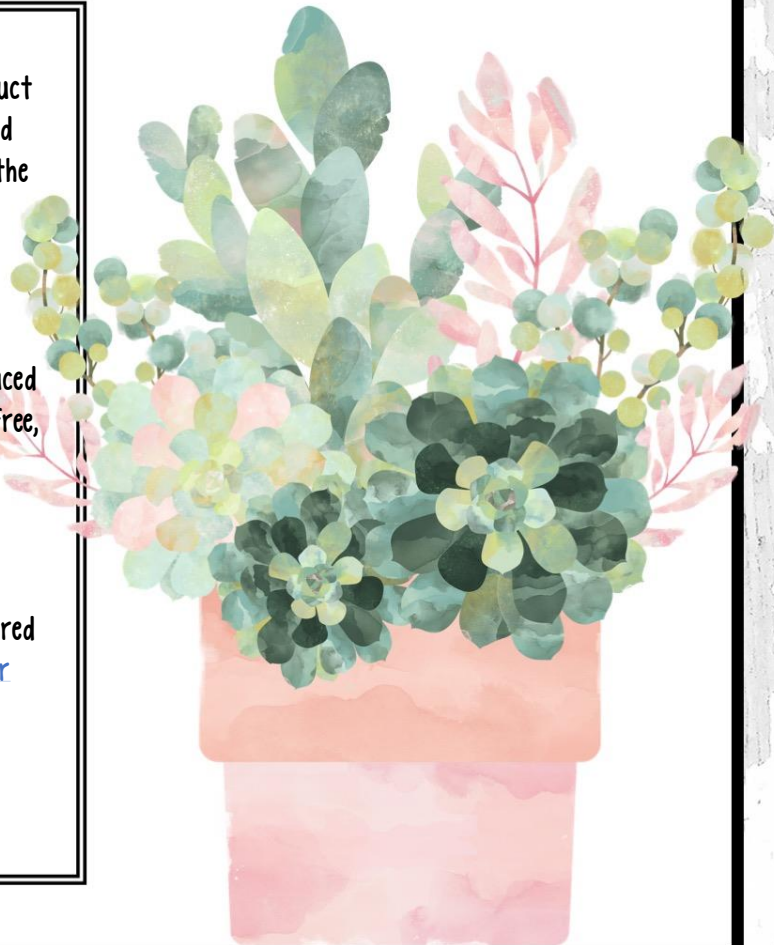
Volunteer Application

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.

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

Find us on social media @parkspringsto or @psepanther to learn more about Park Springs Elementary and join the PTO as a volunteer!

It's been an eventful fall at Park Springs! We have enjoyed meeting so many new friends and their families at our back-to-school events! It was a great night for friends & football when we cheered on the Florida Atlantic Owls in August! Park Springs families came out for family nights at Urban Air & met us at the park for Kona Ice! Thank you for supporting all of the Park Springs fundraising efforts! Fundraising dollars support our school, and we are thrilled to have installed window film and new door mats around the campus. The best place to learn about new campus initiatives and happenings is at our monthly School Advisory Forum and PTO Meetings! Check out the website for dates: parksprings.browardshools.com.

Environmental Club and their families spent a Saturday at the beach to volunteer for International Coastal Clean Up Day. It was a fantastic way to lend a hand together with friends to help keep our beaches clean.

Park Springs celebrated the fall season with the return of Halloween Bingo and it was a spooktacular evening! Thank you to so many staff members who supported our event!



Pre-K and Kindergarten

Pre-K

Pre-K was very excited to have a recent Fire Truck Visit from the City of Coral Springs Fire Department! Our Pre-K and Special Program classes had a "sensory friendly experience."

We enjoyed our Read for Record Day, with guest readers reading the book, "Nigel and the Moon." We will have a Pre-K artwork project featuring a bulletin board of a moon and all of the stars will have what the kids dream to be when they grow up!

We look forward to our Cookie with Cops & Toy Drive for all the Pre-K classes in December. More information to come!

Our Pre-K staff is completing trainings in TEACCH, structured teaching strategies and in positive behavior supports. As always, we tie all of these aspects into our curriculums to maximize the growth in our little unique special learners

Autism Spectrum Disorder Special Programs

Hi Park Springs family, I want to keep you up to date on the things that are going on at Park Springs. We recently had a "Touch a Fire Truck" event for our Pre-K and ASD Special Program. Our Panther Pals program will be starting soon, applications already went out. We will be participating in the Special Olympics again in May 2023. As always reach out to me with any questions or concerns at

Talia.Jackson@browardschools.com

Kindergarten

Our kindergartners are settling into their classroom routines and becoming independent learners. They are gaining a feeling of self-worth and confidence as they feel part of their kindergarten learning community. In the coming months, a great deal of time will be spent on phonemic awareness as we begin to develop young readers. Math will be moving forward with addition and subtraction of numbers through 10. Our Social Sciences include learning about American History, the importance of celebrations, national holidays, and Civics and Government with the purpose of understanding the necessity of rules and laws in our community. The children will also be using the practice of science as they learn all about matter and its properties. This second quarter of kindergarten always has a huge learning growth spurt for our youngest learners. We are excited to watch them bloom!

Our kindergarten teachers would like to wish all our families a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!

First and Second Grade

First Grade

As we begin our second quarter of first grade, we are very proud of the students and how they are adjusting to the routines of first grade. In English Language Arts (ELA), we will continue to learn new phonics rules, high frequency words, and vocabulary words to help improve reading accuracy and fluency. We will also focus on reading comprehension skills. Please continue reading daily at home. In math, we are continuing to focus on addition and subtraction concepts. The children are learning different strategies to help them become fluent with the basic facts. Independent practice at home will help. In science, we will be making observations that plants and animals closely resemble their parents. We will also recognize that all plants and animals, including humans, need the basic necessities of air, water, food, and space. In social studies, we will continue learning about responsible citizenship in the school community. We will learn about our nation's celebrations, national holidays, and symbols. We will also continue to help our students practice mindfulness – being focused in the moment, and being aware of their thoughts, feelings, and actions. We are looking forward to a busy and productive second quarter



Second Grade

Dear Parents and Guardians –

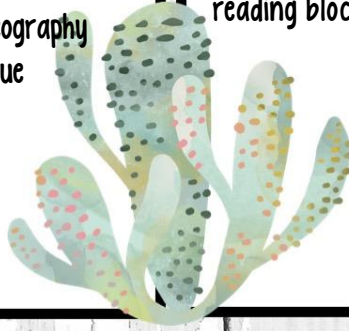
It has been a great first quarter in 2nd grade and we are off and running. We are excited about all the new skills that our students will be learning in the second quarter. In math, students will be learning double-digit addition and subtraction, without regrouping and then with regrouping. Students will be asked to read with more rigor and continue to strengthen their comprehension skills. In science, we are going to be learning about severe weather and in social studies we will learn about Native Americans and Colonial Americans. Also, we will be going on a field trip to the Stranahan House in November. We look forward to these exciting challenges and seeing our students' growth. As always, if you have concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher.

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Third-Fifth Grade

Third Grade

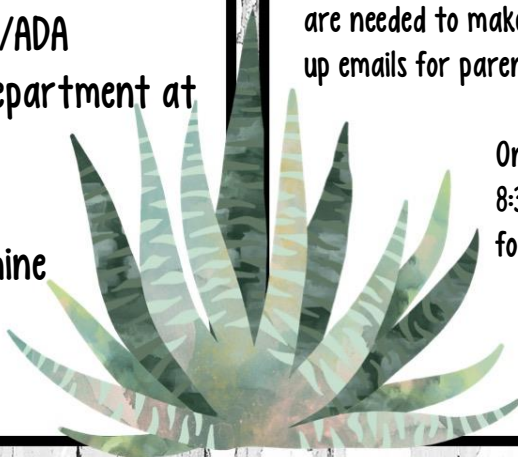
We are proud of the transition the students have made to third grade and are excited to continue our learning in the second quarter. We are very excited for our field trip to the Palm Beach Zoo this quarter on November 18. We continue to teach Informational and Literature Standards in Reading. It is important for students to read both Fiction and Non-Fiction when reading for pleasure. Students should be annotating the text when reading and should always prove answers with text evidence. This quarter in math, third graders will learn Geometry, Place Value and Addition and Subtraction of multi-digit numbers. In Social Studies, students will learn Geography and Government. In Science, students will continue learning about Plants and Animals. Please continue to have your child read and study their multiplication facts daily. We are looking forward to a great 2nd quarter!



Fourth Grade

Wow! Second quarter already! We are deep into learning so many new topics. In reading, we are focusing on Character traits, Plot, Summary, and Theme. In math, we are learning multiplication and division. In Science we are focusing on Invasive Species with code.org. This is a new piloted computer science program that we are so excited to participate in. In Social Studies, we are focusing on Government through our reading block. Please make sure your child completes their nightly math homework and that you check all communication from your child's teacher.

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

First quarter report cards will go out on November 10th, be on the lookout! Please be sure to check student planners daily for important information on assignments, homework and school happenings. Feel free to contact your child's teacher for any questions or concerns regarding your child's class.

December 5th is our BizTown field trip! Students will run their own businesses and learn about financial literacy in a fun and meaningful atmosphere! Many volunteers are needed to make this trip happen for students! Teachers will be sending out sign up emails for parents to sign up and help!

On December 22nd we will have our winter party breakfast from 8:30-10:30, more info forthcoming! Fifth grade teachers thank you for supporting your child's behavior and academic success!

Specials Team

PE

The PE Department is excited to announce that our students will be participating in the world's largest cupstacking event... the 2022 WSSA STACK UP event on November 15, 16 and 17. We are also going to begin a unit involving "under hand" motion. With a generous contribution from the PSE PTO, we will be utilizing a "corn hole" type activity. Towards the end of the second quarter, we will be starting a unit of playing "floorball". This is a hockey based game that the Florida Panthers promote.

If you ever have any questions regarding the PSE PE program, please don't hesitate to contact Coach Sheib.



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Music

Students in Kindergarten and 1st grade shall be exploring music from various cultures throughout the holiday season through both singing and dancing mixed with the use of some percussion. Second graders shall also be singing and dancing to a variety of music from across different cultures along with learning about simple rhythmic notation including quarter notes and rests and paired-eighth notes.

All students in grades 3-5 are playing ukuleles during music class at least through the end of December (possibly longer). This is an exciting and challenging endeavor. One thing that can help make playing these instruments easier is to maintain an appropriate length of fingernails. The fingernails on the left hand should be kept trimmed to no more than the tip of the finger in order to facilitate the fretting of notes. At the same time, it is VERY IMPORTANT that the fingernails on the right hand be allowed to grow to at least the tip of the fingers. The right hand is used for strumming the strings of the instrument. Many of our students either chew their nails or have them trimmed far beyond the tip of the fingers. This can cause strumming the strings to be very uncomfortable. Please support your student by helping them to remember to keep their fingernails at an appropriate length so that they can enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

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

Thank you

Specials Team

Spanish

I can't believe it is the second quarter already! We have been busy in our Spanish classes learning how to greet our friends and how to introduce ourselves. Students in Kindergarten, First and Second grade have learned how to name our family members. Kindergarten has learned words that start with the vowels "a" and "e" and how to use singular and plural words. First and Second grade are learning the correct punctuation and basic grammar used for sentences in Spanish. Our second graders are able to read basic sentences in Spanish as they practice the sentences with each other. This past quarter, we enjoyed learning about countries around the world where Spanish is spoken. First and Second grade have learned about the music, food, traditions and culture of Mexico while Kindergarten has been learning about Honduras. So much more to come in the second quarter. Ask your child what they have learned. Remember specials teachers see each class only once a week so we cover the information from the book in small chunks. One week I teach the lesson and the following week they complete three pages from their Spanish workbook.

Technology

We have been busy in Technology class. All third-fifth graders have been working on their keyboarding skills. Students have been improving their words per minute and accuracy as they work through lessons on typing.com. Third grade students have completed Computer Basics lessons (parts of a computer, what makes a computer run, using a mouse and computer lab rules). Fourth and fifth have been learning about internet safety (surfing safety, cyber safety, online behavior, email rules and manners and internet search tips).

In tech class, students have been learning how to code. We have been working on skill building lessons as they learn how to do sequential algorithms when programming mazes, puzzles, and debugging programs. Fourth and fifth graders worked on a Science Search Challenge. They learned facts and information about various scientific questions about earth, animals and the human body. I am looking forward to teaching our 3rd-5th graders about the growth of plants as our next Science lesson. They will learn how to create a PowerPoint project and present it to the class.

Art

Greetings from the Art Room!

Quarter 1 was busy and fun, as we explored mediums and processes across all grades. Our school wide Dot Day mural is finally hung and complete, we are so grateful to the volunteers that helped assemble it! The mural is inspired by our school wide theme "Planting Seeds of Kindness," and each student painted a dot that is now a flower in our garden! Kindergarten used red, 1st grade orange, 2nd grade yellow, 3rd grade green, 4th grade blue, 5th grade purple, and even PRE-K participated with pink. Below is a picture of how it looks!

As we move into the 2nd quarter, I always find this season flies by with various breaks and celebrations. Classes will focus on creating art as an act of kindness and how to use art to be an activist. As a reminder, most art will not come home as we are assembling yearlong art portfolios, but your artist may have a favorite project or process they may want to share with you, so I encourage you to chat with them about their time in the art studio.

The art room is currently in need of baby wipes and microfiber cloths to help clean up our messes if you have any available to donate, we would be most appreciative ♡



Media

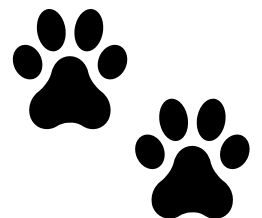
Media Center has been a rock 'n busy place! We had our fall book fair, and all of our students had a great time shopping for books! Thanks to our families and staff who shopped and supported our fair, we went above and beyond our goal. We sold over \$19,000 in books. Thank you to all the awesome volunteers who came out to help our little shoppers make good fit choices, setting up, taking down the fair, keeping the fair organized and well stocked. You made it all possible. Save the date: Winter Wonderland Fair is the week of January 23rd.

Grades 2-5 have started to borrow media books. Grades K and I will be starting soon. Please remind your child about proper book care, to always keep their library books in their backpack and to return their books to the media center when due.

As we move through Q2, primary students will be learning the parts of a book, how books are organized on the shelves and some science. Grade 3 students will be learning the different genres of books while Grades 4 and 5 will be doing a science unit on Space. All grades will be doing makerspace this quarter.

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.

Quarter 1 Paw Store is coming up soon. Our students will be able to spend their earned paw bucks for quarter one and they are now already earning their paw bucks for quarter 2. Parents, please help your child to label the backs and remind them to keep them in a safe place. Paw bucks are to be saved all quarter long to be able to shop at the store once the quarter ends. The store will be 11/7. Students who buy a pass like pajama day, no uniform day, hat day or stuffy day are to use them on PAW Day which is Wednesday, November 16th.

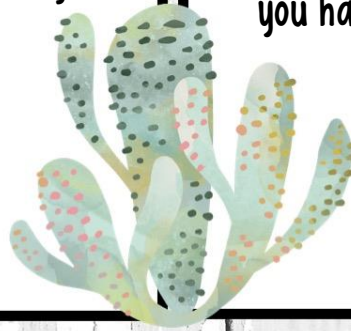


Club News

Environmental

Environmental Club is already off to a bright start! Last quarter, members participated in the International Coastal Waterways Clean Up for the 3rd year in a row! Our organization alone, picked up approximately 20 pounds of waste! As part of our effort this year members are also focusing on educating our students and staff about environmental issues and impacts. At Halloween Bingo students distributed sea turtle facts to those who supported their sea turtle sticker fundraiser. In the second quarter, members will continue our campus beautification efforts with school clean ups and campus gardening. We're very excited to get our Tower Garden up and running for all to enjoy!

If you are interested in helping the PSE Environmental Club with our upcoming efforts, please reach out to Ms. Mia Hansen or Ms. Kelli Yselonia.



Student Council

Student Council will be hosting a Veteran's Day gratitude assembly on November 10th at 8:30 in the cafeteria. This assembly welcomes Veteran's from our local community to enjoy some music, treats, and gratitude from the PSE family. If you have any special Veteran's in your life, please extend a warm invitation to them. See flyer below.

Dark Springs Elementary invites you to our

VETERANS DAY

Gratitude Assembly

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We invite all local veterans to be honored by our Student Council. Your special PSE student may join you during the ceremony.

NOVEMBER 10 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Please *RSVP* using the QR code



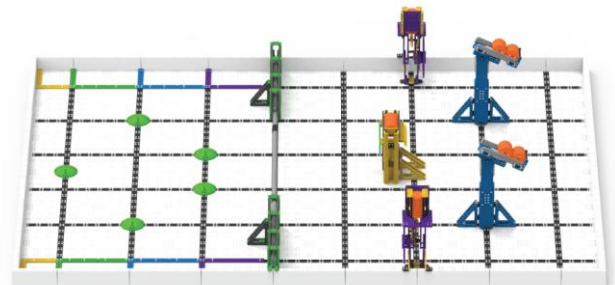
Robotics

Robotics team has hit the ground running and begun working on the 22-23 competition season. Students are entering the coding and building phase of the season. The game for this season is called slap shot.

VEX IQ Competition Slapshot is played on a 6' x 8' rectangular field configured as seen below. Two robots compete in the Teamwork Challenge as an alliance in 60-second-long teamwork matches, working collaboratively to score points.

Teams also compete in the Robot Skills Challenge where one robot takes the field to score as many points as possible. These matches consist of Driving Skills

Matches, which will be entirely driver controlled, and Programming Skills Matches, which will be autonomous with limited human interaction.



Club News Continued



Debate

It's October and the Debate Team is in full swing! Thank you to all the Debate Parents who donated snacks for our Halloween Bingo Night, it was a success! The Team has been working very hard and we will be heading to Taravella High School on December 1st to compete in the North Area Elementary Debate Tournament. I'm so proud of all the students for continuously showing up for early morning meetings and practicing from start to finish! I know they will have an amazing time and do an amazing job!

Safety Patrol

PSE Safety Patrol is in full swing. We have just completed our first fundraiser of the year with Halloween Bingo night and it was a success. We have currently reassigned students to new locations within the school. As always, their main responsibility is to help keep other students safe. This involves reminding students of the importance of walking throughout the campus as well as escorting students to their classrooms. Safety Patrollers are proud to wear their yellow belts and help anyone throughout our school. So if you're ever in need of assistance, look for one of our safety patrollers.

