

# PSE Newsletter

## Volume 3



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Park Springs Elementary  
2022 - 2023

### From the Desk of the Principal

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday break and you feel rested. As we move into the new year, this is a wonderful time to set goals with our children. Take a moment to focus on their success and set small attainable goals. This is an excellent way to support growth as we work towards meeting our goals. Our Progress Monitoring for Assessment Period 2 is complete, and teachers will be sharing your child's progress with you. Please make sure that you have communicated about their progress thus far and work with the teacher to make any adjustments to ensure optimal growth. We are excited to share that The City of Coral Springs has selected the following classes as winners of the MLK Art & Literary Exhibit: The Kindergarten class, Mrs. Maughan's class, and Ms. Pugatch's class. A special thank you to Mrs. Soli who worked with our Kindergarten classes to submit a beautiful entry. Ms. Scott always takes the lead on this wonderful contest, and we are so proud of our winners. We want to thank all our families for their partnership to ensure that we all stay safe and healthy at PSE. This is a kind reminder that attendance matters every day, all day. Student success starts with attendance. As our teachers are working diligently to mitigate learning loss, it is especially vital that all students are present, daily. If your child is sick or unable to attend school, please do not forget to call the attendance line. We are planning our staff appreciation event in May, if you would like to donate raffles or gifts, please reach out to me at school. We make this week very special for the staff. Make sure to follow me @principalpse to see all the great things happening at school. We are looking forward to an amazing 2023 at Park Springs!

Proud to be your Principal,  
Ms. Hanson

### Important Dates:

- 1/18 Family Math PLC @2:00pm
- 1/18 PTO Night at Chipotle
- 1/23-1/27 Book Fair
- 2/1 PTO Meeting
- 2/3 Report Cards Issued, Kona Ice, and PAW Store
- 2/7 SAC Meeting @ 2:00pm
- 2/8 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School and Family Math PLC @ 2:00pm
- 2/9 Veteran's Day Assembly
- 2/14 Early Release and Interims Issued
- 2/14 Day of Service and Love
- 2/20 No School
- 3/1 PTO Meeting @ 12:30pm
- 3/2 Urban Air
- 3/7 Student Spring Pictures
- 3/7 SAC Meeting @ 2:00pm
- 3/8 Family Math PLC @ 2:00p,
- 3/13-3/15 Field Day
- 3/17 No School
- 3/20-3/24 Spring Break

# 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.

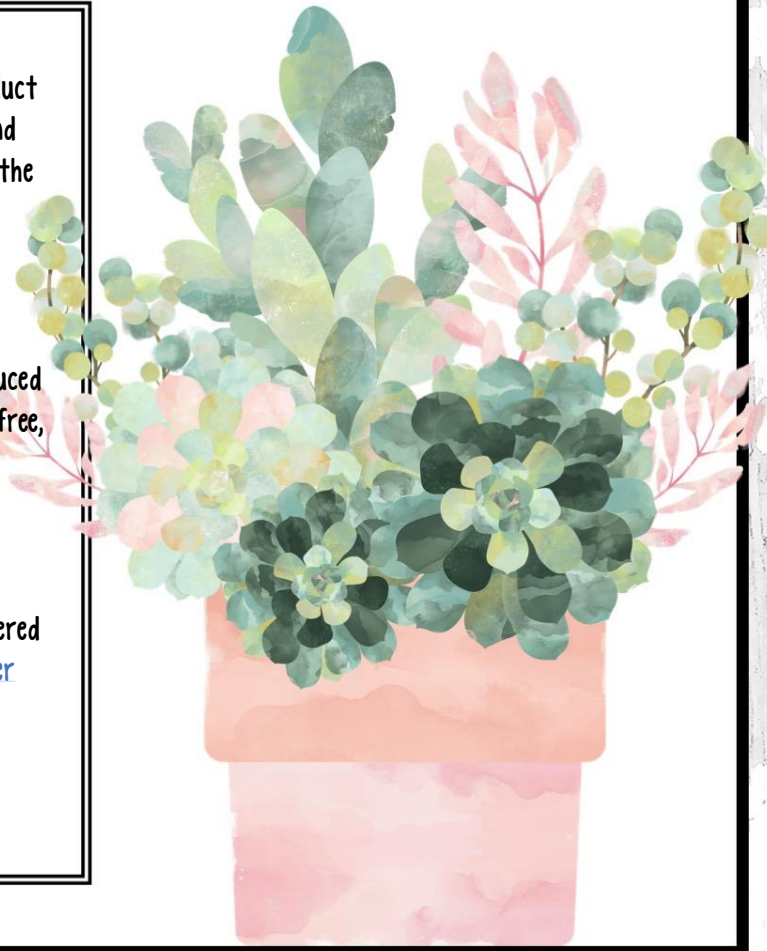
### Volunteer Application

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.

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

Happy New Year from the Park Springs PTO! Thank you for supporting the PSE PTO by donating your time, attending family nights, and purchasing spirit wear! Order online anytime at [parkspringspto.ecwid.com](http://parkspringspto.ecwid.com).

Spring events will include dinner at Chipotle, a family night at Urban Air and a visit to a Florida Panthers hockey game! Kona Ice joins PSE at the park for spring Report Card Days.

Find a spot to showcase your business on the fence among our amazing banner sponsors! We are grateful for the support of these businesses! Sponsorship details are available on our website.

Join us for PTO meetings at PSE the first week of the month at 12:30 pm. Can't attend? Send comments and questions to our email [parkspringspto@yahoo.com](mailto:parkspringspto@yahoo.com).

Event dates and volunteer opportunities are shared on Facebook @parkspringselempto and Instagram @parkspringspto. Our website details upcoming volunteer opportunities at [myvlink.org/parkspringspto/](http://myvlink.org/parkspringspto/).



# Pre-K and Kindergarten

## Pre-K

Our Pre-K students participated in the "Cookies with Cops Toy Drive" event where the Coral Springs Police Department donated stuffed animals to every preschooler, and gave our donated toys to families in need. The Pre-K classrooms are continuing to focus on phonemic awareness, social emotional skills, number concepts, as well as the implementation of TEACCH strategies. Our Pre-K family continues to grow with new students, and we welcome each and every one of our new kiddos with open arms! As the Pre-K classes return from Winter break and move into the third quarter, we keep the focus on IEP goals to help all of our students GROW.

## Autism Spectrum Disorder Special Programs

Hi PSE family, Panther Pals officially started on 11/28/2022; we will also be rolling out a Panther Pals Pre-K on 1/17/2023. We will continue to have Special Olympics at PSE. Ours will be in May 2023. Follow me on Twitter @ASDCOACHatPSE for the latest news concerning ESE and Autism at our school. As always feel free to reach out at [Talia.Jackson@browardschools.com](mailto:Talia.Jackson@browardschools.com) for any questions or concerns.

## Kindergarten

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! Kindergarten is excited to begin the second half of their year. The third quarter is a time where students begin to really blossom. We continue to celebrate the successes of being an excellent learner. Our reading skills are of utmost importance as we become independent readers. In math, all students will continue to learn and practice addition and subtraction. The next few months provide lots of historical knowledge with past heroes, presidents, US symbols. In writing, it is fascinating to see our little authors turn into better writers. They continue to use proper punctuation, capital letters and "sound-writing" spelling. We will be celebrating the 100th day of school the first week of February. They will be 100 days smarter and will enjoy a wonderful day with special activities. Kindergarten is an awesome place to be!

# First and Second Grade

## First Grade

It's hard to believe it is already the third quarter of the school year. We hope all our families had a wonderful Winter Break and a very Happy New Year! In language arts, we will continue to focus on phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and reading comprehension, as well as grammar and writing narrative, opinion, and informative essays. Please continue to have your child read with you for 20 minutes a day beyond the school day. In math, we learned how to collect, represent, and interpret data. We also learned how to extend the counting sequence past 100. The children will be learning how to model numbers to 120, and comparing numbers, as well as two-digit addition and subtraction. In science, we will investigate how magnifiers make things appear bigger and help people see things they could not see without them. We will also recognize that water, rocks, soil, and living organisms are found on Earth's surface and that some things in the world around us happen fast and some happen slowly. In social studies, we will compare life now with life in the past. We are looking forward to a wonderful third quarter. As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

## Student Advisory Council

School Advisory Council (SAC) is always looking for new committee members to join our School Advisory Council or attend meetings as a guest. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Amy Dove, School Advisory Council Chair at [amy.dove@browardschools.com](mailto:amy.dove@browardschools.com)

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## Second Grade

We hope that all our families had a wonderful Holiday break and enjoyed time with family and friends. Wishing all our Second Graders and their families a very Happy New Year.

As we embark on 2023, we will be continuing to have our second graders read even more complex text with rigor. We are working on really comprehending these texts. As your children read at home, ask them questions that require thinking in addition to questions that can be found right in the text. In Math, we will be understanding fractions, working with time & money, place value to 1,000 and adding & subtracting with numbers to 1,000. In Social Studies, we will be studying American History. In Science, we will be working on Force and Motion concepts. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teachers.

# Third-Fifth Grade

## Third Grade

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the year. We are very proud of the academic and social growth our students have made so far. We continue to encourage students to read a variety of genres independently at home. In addition, students should be annotating passages when reading to ensure they are comprehending what is read. This quarter we will be learning about Light, Heat and Energy as well as Matter in Science. In Social Studies, we will be learning about the United States Regions and Cultures of Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean and the U.S. In math this quarter, students will be doing addition, subtraction and fractions. Please make sure your child is practicing their multiplication facts DAILY. As we move forward with fractions and eventually measurement, knowing the multiplication facts with fluency will be very beneficial. We look forward to another great quarter of learning and growing!

## Fourth Grade

Third quarter already! 4<sup>th</sup> grade hopes everyone has enjoyed the holiday season and is ready to proceed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year. We are diving into fractions for math and will have an upcoming cumulative assessment on units 1-7. We will be continuing with Expository Writing and introducing Opinion writing more into the curriculum. We have some exciting Science and Social Studies units coming up too! Please remember to check all communication from your child's teacher and check to see what homework your child needs to complete each night. Thank you for all you do!

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

5<sup>th</sup> grade is "growing and blossoming" as we move along with our academic learning! Students will continue to work on BEST standards curriculum for reading and math, and NGSSS standards for science. It is good practice to have your child complete math homework daily as well as read every night to build their knowledge. Your child's teacher may be able to offer extra practice pages if you'd like additional math and reading support for your child at home. December/January we will be learning about tolerance through various social studies activities! As always, thank you for your continued support as we prepare your child for middle school and beyond!

# Specials Team

## PE

We are very excited to continue our great relationship with the American Heart Association. Our students will be participating in the Kid's Heart Challenge February 6-10, 2023. Be on the lookout for the fundraising forms the first few weeks that we return from Winter break. Also, we are extremely excited about this year's PSE Field Days. These are scheduled for the week of March 13-17, 2023. If you would like to volunteer for this great event, please make sure that you are cleared to do so. Any questions, please call the front office. We look forward to these great events at PSE.



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, Equal Educational Opportunities /ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.



## Music



As students return from the winter break, Kindergarteners and First Graders shall be learning about the four instrument families as well as continuing to experience opportunities to sing and dance. Second graders shall begin the quarter by reviewing rhythmic notation and then interpreting simple rhythms using hand percussion instruments.

In the intermediate grades (3rd – 5th), the students will continue their study of ukulele chords as they begin adding strumming patterns to their skillset and experience playing a variety of songs.

Also, 5th graders shall begin learning a song for their end of year, “moving-up” ceremony. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Levitan at [David.Levitan@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:David.Levitan@BrowardSchools.com)



# Specials Team

## Spanish

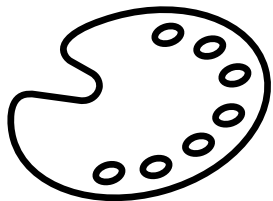
Can you believe we are approaching the second part of the school year? So much learned...so much more to come! Our Kindergarten students have been learning about the country of Peru (traditions, clothes, food, music). They have been naming the items of clothes in Spanish as well as the colors. They will learn how to name the rooms in a house and food items. First grade is focused on the country of Nicaragua and Second grade Bolivia. The students can identify the different rooms in the house. They will learn how there are different stores in our community and what to buy in those stores. Second grade will learn the titles of the different community workers. I will continue to review the basic conversational skills, the colors, days of the week, months of the year and basic words in Spanish throughout the year.

## Technology



Science Rocks in Tech Class! We are learning all about plants (all types). 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be creating a Power Point presentation on a flower, tree, shrub, vegetable/fruit plant of their choice. They will create a ten-slide presentation explaining all they learned, ten interesting facts about their plant, the process of photosynthesis and they will use all the tools in power point. Third grade will search and watch plant videos on our canvas course, and we will hold class lessons on the topics of plant growth, photosynthesis, and types of plants. In addition, students in 3rd grade will begin to use Word Processing in the third quarter.

## Art



Happy New Year from the art room. We had a busy and fun quarter 2; and we made a lot of art! Our younger artists learned that simple shapes are the foundation for most art and we created different types of animal paintings. Ask your artist what animal they made. In grades 4 and 5 we dove into the authentic artist experience and spent time researching and practicing our subject before finally creating a winter tree silhouette. Ask your artist to show you a "Y-tree."

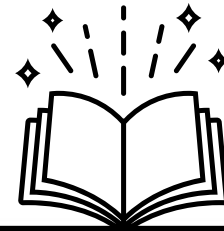
As we move into quarter 3, artists across all grades will focus on creating landscapes and various flowers using a multitude of techniques.

Thank you to the donor who provided the art room with microfiber cloths and wipes; they are helping our cleanup process so much. Donations of wipes and dish soap are always welcome as they help us keep our studio space clean. Many thanks for your continued support; I love your artists so much!

# Media

Students in kindergarten will be learning the parts of a book inside and out as well as the differences between fiction and nonfiction books. First grade will continue to work on stories and participating in an activity for each one. Second grade students will continue to work on the inside parts of a book as well as work on story elements for telling/summarizing books. Students in grades 3 will continue the unit on note taking and distinguishing between the different genres. Students in grades 4/5 will do a science unit on constellations and then move on to the phases of the moon.

The Park Springs Winter Book Fair will be here the week of January 23rd. Our media center will be transformed into a "Winter Wonderland" of books for our students to purchase and help support our school. Schedule for students and volunteer sign up information is on the PSE website. We will need lots of volunteers to help make our fair successful.



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](http://estore.browardschools.com) click on the obligations tab, login or create an account for your student. You will need their student id number.

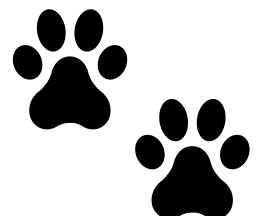
Also, note for students who still have misplaced media books to pay for the book online or replace with exact copy. Grade 5 students, it is very important for you to have cleared your accounts before leaving Park Springs and going on to middle school.

**Reminder:** Reading Across Broward Forms went home earlier in year. The forms can also be found on the PSE website. If you are participating in the program this year, forms will be due: April 6th.

**NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

If you have any questions about a book please do not hesitate to contact me at:

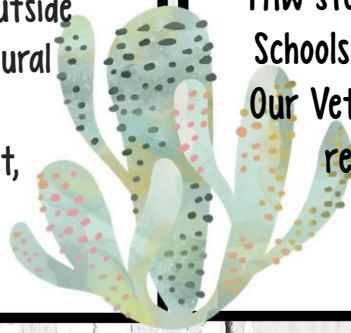
[leandra.jimenez@browardschools.com](mailto:leandra.jimenez@browardschools.com)



# Club News

## Environmental

Environmental Club continues to grow with new projects! Park Springs Environmental Club is participating in the 11th Annual Miami Heat How Low Challenge. This project is focused on helping educate students about the importance of conserving energy, water, and paper. Students have begun an energy campaign by leaving positive notes on classroom doors. These notes cheer on students and staff for remembering to turn off their lights in order to save electricity. Some classes have even begun working outside and even opening their blinds to use natural lighting. If you are interested in getting involved in an Environmental Club project, please reach out to Ms. Mia Hansen or Ms. Kelli Yselonia.

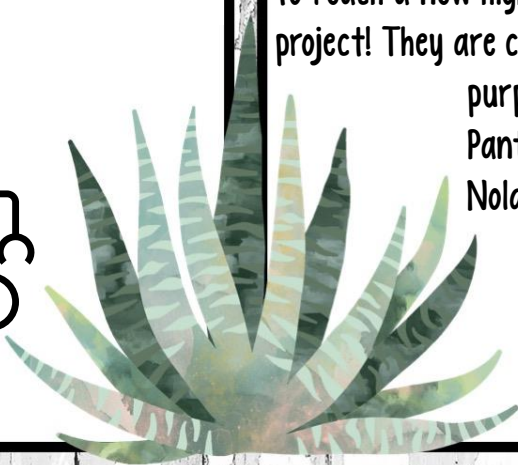
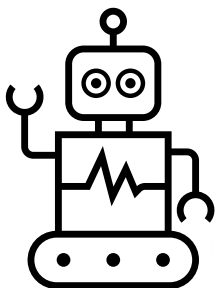


## Student Council

Park Springs's Student Council wishes you a Happy New Year. Council representatives have been hard at work learning leadership qualities and the importance of serving a community. They are collectively working on adding a new item to the PAW store and planning to implement a "Clean Schools start with Me" campaign in January. Our Veteran's Day assembly has been officially rescheduled to February 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30; "PSE Loves our Veterans." Formal invite to come soon.

## Robotics

The Panther Bots are up and rolling! We have officially moved into our own workspace where students can maximize building and coding time. The team is working on a variety of projects to best prepare themselves for this season. Builders have been at work, tinkering with our competition field and this year's robot, Slapshot. Our coders are mapping out their strategy to reach a new high score. Our S.T.E.M. team has begun a new online VEX project! They are currently deconstructing old technology to research the purpose of each part. If you are interested in sponsoring the Panther Bots, please reach out to Ms. Mia Hansen or Mr. Nolan Vander Haagen.



# Club News Continued



## Safety Patrol

Safety Patrol is on the prowl making sure PSE students are staying safe and following school rules. Patrollers have shifted to new posts recently. We also had a successful fundraiser during Halloween Bingo Night. If any student exhibits leadership qualities and wants to be on the Safety Patrol team, please remind them that applications will be made available around May for the 23-24 school year.

## Debate

Congratulations to two members of our Debate Team, Victoria Zelenin and Arianna Sandoval who received a medal in the December Competition! Our school competed against 556 other students that day! Our team is gearing up for the next competition which will be on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. If any of our parents would like to be judges at the competition, please email me and I will send you the information and the training video. We are always looking for extra judges! We have stepped up our meeting to Wednesdays and Thursdays so that we can continue to practice as much as possible. Additionally, parents are welcome to come to the events, but they are only allowed in the cafeteria to wait to see your child in between rounds. We also have an awards ceremony at the end of the competition that you are welcome to attend as well.

