



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### March

**5/2:** SAC/SAF  
Meeting, 7:30 AM

**5/2:** Interim Reports  
Live in Virtual  
Counselor

**5/5:** Bingo for Books  
6 PM-8:30 PM

**5/8-5/12** Teacher  
Appreciation Week

**5/23** Student of the  
Month Ceremony 7  
PM

**5/22-5/26** Spring Book  
Fair

**5/25:** Exhibition/Multi  
Cultural Night  
Spaghetti Dinner  
6:30 PM-8:30 PM

**5/29:** Memorial Day—  
No School

### State Testing

All students in Grades  
K-5 will take State As-  
sessments.

**May 1-2:** Grades K-2  
FAST Reading Test

**May 3-4:** Grades 3-5  
FAST Reading Test

**May 5:** K FAST Math  
Test

**May 9-10:** Grade 5  
Science Test

**May 15-16:** Grades 1  
& 2 FAST Math Test

**May 17-18:** Grades 3-  
5 FAST Math Test

## Administrator's Corner

We have made it to the last full month of school and this is a very busy time of year with a lot of activities and a lot of end of the year assessing. The students and staff continue to push through despite the many obstacles we face on a daily basis. Thank you all for your continued support as we navigate through providing your child the best possible education.

This month we will be having our rescheduled PTA Bingo for Books, celebrating our mothers, celebrating our wonderful teachers, Scholastic Book fair and celebrating all of the wonderful work your children have done throughout the year. **Books for Bingo** had to be rescheduled due to the flooding back in April. It will be held on **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the café. This is a free event for all families. Please make sure to RSVP. **Teacher appreciation week is May 8-12<sup>th</sup>**. Our teachers truly are dedicated, hard working individuals who put everything into ensuring your children are receiving a great education. Please make sure that throughout the week you let your children's teacher know how much you appreciate them and all they do. There are many ways to say thanks. PTA usually sends out suggested ideas. ALSO---if you would like to donate gift cards to have raffled off that week, please send to the front office. Our **School Wide Expedition**, where we offer a free spaghetti dinner and celebrate and showcase your children's work will be held on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30**. Spaghetti dinner will be from 6-7 pm. The classrooms will open at 6:30 for parents and students to tour and see all of the amazing work they have accomplished this year. On this same night, PTA will have their Spring Book Fair opened to purchase some books for summer reading. This is a night you want to pencil in for your children. Make sure to come out and be a part of the special night.

WOW---this week we had our Kindergarten roundup and what an amazing turnout of families. We are always so excited to bring in our newest class of Panthers, but this has been one of the largest turnouts in many years. Please remember if you have an incoming Kindergartener and did not attend, you can request a tour of the school by calling and setting up a time. Most importantly, please get the registration paperwork in as soon as you can.

Beginning next week, we will start our FAST testing. This is the school wide progress monitoring assessment that will be used for promotion as well as State accountability grades. Beginning on Monday, we will be assessing our K-2 in English Language Arts. One Wednesday, we will be assessing our students in grades 3-5 on ELA. On Friday, K will be completing the math portion. The following week we will be assessing our 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the area of Science. The week of May 15<sup>th</sup>, grade 1-2 will be doing Math assessing and on May 22<sup>nd</sup> our 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will complete the math portion. As you can see, it is a very busy month. Please make sure your children are here daily to ensure they are able to complete these assessments on time with their classes. All students will be completing these assessments prior to the end of the year even if it is a make-up date. Your children have been working hard and we want to give them every opportunity to do their best on these assessments.

Thank you all so much for all that you have done for our school throughout this year. Just a few more weeks until we kick off the last month of school. We will send out a short newsletter for June about what's happening for 2023-24. Have a wonderful month of May! Happy Mother's Day to the amazing moms we have here at Parkside.

Laneia Hall, Principal



We are now into our final stretch of kindergarten! And we have SO many fun things to look forward to in these last few weeks. In Math, we will be working with 2 & 3 dimensional shapes and are moving on to measurement, classifying and sorting data. In science, we are still learning about the life cycles & weather and loving it! We are also hard at work finishing activities for our **school wide exhibition coming up on May 25th at 6:30 p.m.** We will also be having a **kindergarten awards ceremony on June 5th at 8:30 am.** Save these dates! More information to come. Also, pay close attention to other fun activities the last few weeks of school.

We are sad to hear the news about Swim Central cancelling swimming this year due to shortage of staff at Mullins Park. All of your children have grown up so much in front of our eyes! It is truly amazing to see so much growth in 1 year. The year has flown by with so much fun all packed in! We are so proud of each and every one of these children. Thank you for sharing them with us!



Is it May, already? It's hard to believe, but the school year is nearing the end!! In math, we learned to count and sort coins by value. When the children go to the store, see if they can count the dollar bills and coins to match the value of the items!! We will continue with 2D, 3D shapes, and fractions! Fractions can be practiced anytime at home with food items! Discuss with your children!! In Science, we are going to study about the earth's resources and how they change either fast or slow. We will also be learning about matter and how to classify it. An object can be a solid, liquid, or gas.

Ask your child to explain the differences and how matter can change. First graders will stay on the right "direction", as we begin learning about maps and how useful they are in our everyday lives. You will be able to ask your child to tell you about a compass rose, or maybe how a map key is used. They will enjoy discovering maps and learning where other places are located in comparison to where we live. Lastly, we hope you'll continue to encourage your child to read nightly! The more they practice, the more fluent they will become! Please be on the lookout in their blue folders for important dates coming up!!



Summer is fast approaching and we are finishing up our curriculum and beginning end of year testing. Second grade will be taking the **STAR reading test on May 1st and 2nd. STAR math will take place on May 15th and 16th.** Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, and arrives to school on time these days. All students will need headphones for these assessments so please make sure to check with your child to see if they need headphones in class. Parkside's Exhibition/Multi-Cultural Night will take place on May 25th. Second grade will be representing Australia that night. The students will be learning all about Australia and its culture during the month. Come out on May 25th to see all the hard work the students have put in this year. On May 26th, second grade will be having our end of year party at Mullins Park. Be on the look out for more information leading up to that day.



WHAT the WHAT!!? It's May? Seriously! It's no wonder some of these 3rd graders have grown so much, both physically and academically! Time is ticking! (which we are covering in math, incidentally, and students are about to be tested! Not just literally, but experientially. This is the point at which we see if they have achieved success at the skills they have been learning to solve problems, apply knowledge, and think outside the box, not only for themselves, but for the world at large. **F.A.S.T. testing for ELA will be May 2-3**, and the **Math** component will be administered **May 22.**

Please do everything in your power to have your child at school, on time, and having eaten a healthy breakfast on these days, especially. Of course, like any other night, make sure they are well rested too. Additionally, students will be finishing up properties of measurement in Math, including metrics and traditional units in mass, volume, length, and time. We will be starting our last Benchmark Unit 9 as well in which students will embark on literature on Time and Money, while enhancing their learning in complex sentences, authors' purpose, summarizing plot and theme, recognizing fragments and run-ons, inflection/intonation, and curative writing. In Social Studies, we will continue to explore North America as we dive further into our class projects for exhibition night coming May 25th. Scientifically speaking, as we finish up the states of water, we will reach for the stars, the Sun, our planet and space. To Infinity and Beyond!



We are nearing the end of the school year! It is so hard to believe. Our fourth graders will soon be the leaders of our school! In reading, fourth grade has been focused on revisiting concepts in order to prepare for the FAST and other alternative assessments. In addition, we are learning about poetry, specifically the structural elements of poetry. In language arts, we are continuing to learn about root words and how we can use root words to help us dissect the meanings of unknown words. In math, we are learning about geometry. In science, we are learning about different types of energy. This past month, fourth took a visit to the Museum of Discovery and Science. It was a very fun and educational trip! We are looking forward to what May has in-

store.



We are in the home stretch and 5th grade is so excited! We have been working so hard. In reading, we are working on non-fiction texts about the American Revolution. Our areas of focus are claim, reason, evidence, and central idea with supporting details. In math, we are finishing up line plots and graphs and are moving into numerical expressions and customary and metric conversions. In science, we are working hard in properties of matter and moving into Earth Space Science. In social studies, we are learning about the colonization of the first 13 colonies. We are looking forward to our end of year celebrations!

## May Counselor's Corner

SCHOOL COUNSELOR<sup>CT</sup>

Things are wrapping up for this 2022/2023 school year! **Standardized Testing begins the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May 2023 and continues through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June 2023.** For any questions/concerns on what tests your child(ren) will be taking, please reach out to your child(ren)'s assigned teacher. Parents/guardians should all be aware of their child(ren)'s academic progress and are encouraged to collaborate with teachers-- as necessary—for academic support resources/ideas to utilize this summer. Parkside is wishing all students and their families a wonderful summer! Remember that Florida is almost an island as 'The Sunshine State' is surrounded by water on 3 sides! Thus, one of the best ways to be proactive with water safety is knowing how to swim OR learning how to swim (i.e. with proper swim instruction). There are many reputable places locally in which one can learn how to swim; below are a few links to check out:

<https://www.coralsprings.gov/Parks-Directory/Aquatic-Complex>

<https://www.swimminglesson.us/>

<https://www.coralspringsswimlessons.com/index.html>

Sincerely, Tracy Cerra, School Counselor



## Parkside PTA Update

## PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY



Hello May! We hope this month is filled with laughter and love for all of our Parkside families, students and staff. This month PTA will be having another giveback for families. Come and join us for **Bingo for Books on May 5th**. Doors will open at 6:00pm and Bingo will start at 6:30pm till 8:30pm. We will be providing each attendee with a meal ticket for a slice of pizza and drink. Each round of Bingo will allow for multiple winners who will be able to select a book of their choice. Look out for flyers that went home, so that your family may RSVP. Please return flyers to your child's teacher. We hope to see you all there! We also will be hosting our **Spring Book Fair from 5/22 - 5/26**, where students can come shop for summer reading. We will be having a Family Book Fair Night during Exhibition night at school on 5/25. Friendly reminder that **Teacher Appreciation week is 5/8 - 5/12**, remember to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate all they do for our students! PTA is sending home a flyer with some ideas that you could do for that week.

Are you a member of the PTA!? Follow the link to join and also purchase other items from our store!

<https://parkside-elementary-pta.square.site/?fbclid=IwAR24mx29XPLuS3GNiSZFwBeVV-Gy1Z96AOdMTNEmmLW7zU5APPdMSpqo2c>

Sincerely, Parkside PTA



### School Advisory Update

**School Advisory Council (SAC):** SAC is a committee of parents, community members, and teachers who meet to discuss and monitor our School Improvement Plan. The focus of SAC is primarily student achievement but many issues are discussed that affect the school. SAC has an official elected membership but all are welcome to attend each meeting.



**School Advisory Forum (SAF):** SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF has no official membership and our SAF meetings are held back to back with our SAC meetings. **This month we will be discussing and reviewing the Title I Compact. We need as many parents as possible to review the Parent Compact! Please join us so that you can provide input into how these funds are used.**

**How can parents get involved and participate in the SAC/SAF committee?** During our meeting on **Tuesday May 2nd at 7:30 AM**, we would like to honor all of our wonderful volunteers. Please join us for our last meeting of the year so that we can express our gratitude and appreciation to all of you for all you do us all year long.

**Why is it important for parents to be active participants?** The SAC committee provides a place where parents can voice their opinions and suggestions. They have an active role in making decisions that will best serve the students. SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate. We look forward to seeing you there!



### 2023/24 "Register 2 Ride Transportation Process

Starting March 13th, 2023, current and newly eligible bus riders can register for the 2023/24 school year. Students **MUST** be registered by **June 30, 2023**, to guarantee a bus seat on the first day of school. You must answer the question: "Are you going to ride the school bus for the 2023/24 school year?" on [tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride](https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride)

### Panther Aftercare News

We are almost there. We still need parents to complete our school-wide survey and we need your help. Please take a few minutes to go on our school website and complete this for us. We would appreciate it! The survey closes on Friday April 28th. We are still encouraging you to review the schoolwide goals with your child/ren. We want all students to have a positive experience during the school day and for that to continue during the afterschool hours.

1. Always Do Your Best
2. Cooperate with Others
3. Manage Yourself
4. Respect the rights and property of others
5. Resolve Conflicts (Be A Problem Solver)

**The final payment for this year is due on May 17th**. Please make sure that your payment is in by midnight On May 17th. **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 1, 2023. EVERYONE MUST RE-REGISTER. YOUR REGISTRATION DOES NOT TRANSFER OVER. ON JUNE 9 TH EVERYONE IS OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWN. PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR. AGAIN, YOU MUST REGISTER ALL OVER AGAIN EACH YEAR THAT YOU ARE IN THE AFTERCARE PROGRAM. AS OF NOW THE REGISTRATION REMAINS \$30.00 AND THE FEES ARE THE SAME.**

Thanks for a great year and have a terrific summer vacation.

**Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor**



## Exploring To the STARS!

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