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Calendar of Events

September

- 9/4: No School—Labor Day
- 9/6: SAC/SAF Meeting, 6 PM
- 9/5: 1st Grade STAR Reading Testing
- 9/6: PK-2 Open House, 6:30 PM
- 9/6: 1st Grade STAR Math Testing
- 9/11– 9/22 PTA Fall Popcorn Fundraiser
- 9/12 3-5 FAST Math Testing
- 9/13 3-5 FAST Reading Testing
- 9/13: Fall Pictures
- 9/13: 3-5 Open House, 6:30 PM
- 9/25: No School—Yom

Administrator's Corner

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at Parkside. We are so excited to kick off this year where we are “Traveling through Moments of Time.” This year is going to be filled with lots of enriching and engaging academic activities as well as working to develop life-skills and wellness. It is going to be a great year and we couldn’t be happier to have each and every one of you and your children as a part of it all.

These first few weeks have been a really smooth start to the school year. We appreciate all of you all for helping to make this happen. In the beginning of the year there are a lot of reminders, policies, procedures, and forms we need to get in place so we can ensure the entire school year continues to run smoothly. If you have not already, please take some time over the weekend to check your child’s back for that first day folder and fill out all of those forms completely. These forms are very important for us to have in case of an emergency as well as tells us all about your children. We must have one from each child, so we will continue to send additional ones and call you personally until we receive one for all students. Please help us get all of these back by next week. We appreciate your help with this.

Parkside is a uniform school and we do expect all of our students to wear uniforms or Parkside shirts. We will have several times throughout the school year where students have the options to wear different clothing for spirit week, Fridays and other special events. If you are in need of assistance with uniforms, please reach out to our front office. We can provide you with some help or gently used uniforms.

We have a wonderful PTA, Parent Teacher Association, here at Parkside. This group of individuals working tirelessly throughout the year volunteering their time to ensure you and your children have many exciting events during the year as well as purchase many items for our school. You may not have time to volunteer, but you joining our PTA helps out our school. The cost of membership is minimal and it does not commit you to anything. If you do want to get involved more, please reach out to this amazing group. They would love your help. Don’t forget we have a few more days of the Pepperoni Grill Fundraiser. Get your orders in and mention Parkside before September 3rd.

Open Houses are right around the corner and we want to make sure you get these on your calendars as it is one of the most important days out of the year. On **Wednesday, September 6th** we will have our **Pre-K-2nd grade and ASD** open house and on **Wednesday, September 13th** we will have our **3rd-5th grade** open house. Both nights begin at **6:30** and this is a parent only event. During your open house, your teachers will be sharing with you all about the curriculum, assessments, classroom/grade level expectations and so much more. You also will learn about Title I and how it helps our school. Please mark your calendars now. We’d love to get 100% parent participation.

As we get this year started, I wanted you all to know that I believe parents, teachers and school staff must work together in order for your children to have a successful school experience. Please know I am a very involved principal, and I am always here should you have any questions or concerns. Together working collaboratively, we will make this the best year yet! Looking forward to a great year.

Laneia Hall, Principal

Important Safety Concern

We must remind all parents that students **MUST** exit cars in the car loop on the right (curb) side. It is extremely dangerous for students to exit on the left side as there are moving cars in the passing lane. If this is not possible, we ask that parents please park their car and walk their child(ren) across to the sidewalk in front of the school using the crosswalk. Students should not be dropped off in the parking lot and be expected to walk across to the sidewalk by themselves. Parents should park their car and walk their child across, or use the car loop.

We thank everyone for their cooperation and assistance.



Welcome to Kindergarten! We encourage you to be apart of your child's academic success here at Parkside. We will be working with your child on recognizing letters and sounds. We will also be practicing reading sight words. Please practice having them writing their first and last name. We are starting chapter 1 in math which is numbers 0 to 5. Math homework pages will be sent home along with homework journals soon. The homework is due back to school every Friday. Please be sure to check your child's blue Parkside folder and return to school daily. Reminder that Open House will be September 6th at 6:30pm for the parents only. We look forward to a great year!



First Grade is off to a terrific start! As you know, the first few weeks of school are very busy. Thank you so much for helping your children through this venture. Your child has been learning and slowly adapting to the new routines and procedures in first grade. It is amazing to see the progress that has taken place in such a short time. Keep up the awesome work, families! We have also been spending time getting to know each other and making our classrooms feel like home. We look forward to a fantastic year! Reminders: ***First Grade Open House is this coming Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30pm.** We look forward to meeting all of you and having an opportunity to tell you all about your child's year in first grade. *Please make sure you complete and return ALL the beginning of the year forms as soon as possible. Your child's teacher will let you know where to find/get all the forms needed. *Please continue to check Bloomz daily for any announcements or reminders from your teacher. Bloomz is a great way for us to keep in touch, but please be aware it is difficult to always answer back right away. Your patience is appreciated. 😊



It has been a great start to the new school year in Second Grade! We have been spending some time getting to know each other and establishing routines. Please plan to attend **Open House on September 6th at 6:30 PM.** This is a night for parents and guardians to learn more about class routines, expectations, and ask questions about the class. In the next few weeks, we will be getting some valuable information through beginning of the year assessments. This information will help make us make instructional decisions. We will begin parent conferences in October to discuss your individual child. Please make sure you are getting communication from your child's teacher through their classroom app or email. Communication between school and home is extremely important.

In Reading, the students are establishing routines to get them ready for independent work so we can begin small group instruction. We are also reviewing short and long vowels, blends, and inflectional endings. In Math, we have begun Topic 1: Add and Subtract with Facts to 20. There are online resources for families to support math instruction: <https://bit.ly/3PsQiGB>. You can use this resource all year long. Scroll down to find all the topics. There are videos and examples that you can use to help your child with math concepts. This valuable resource shows how concepts are taught through the Envision Math curriculum. In Science, we are beginning to dive into life cycles, basic needs, and habitats. In Social Studies, we are learning how maps and globes help us understand the world and our community. As you can see, we are very busy in Second Grade. Please make time to read with your child for at least 20 minutes every night. Thank you for all you do at home to ensure your child's success. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.



Third grade has begun building moments and memories with abundant enthusiasm! We have a lot of new experiences in store for our students this year. After a couple of weeks of acclimating our newly intermediate Panthers to classroom rules and procedures, we dive right into our Math curriculum focusing strongly on the problem-solving process and the understanding of using the mathematical concepts in real-life settings. We will also be jumping feet first into Multiplication! Students will be served well by regularly practicing addition skills and eventually multiplication facts. In Reading, students reviewed basic skills for the first few weeks while teachers give each student a BAS testing to gauge their jumping off point since the end of the last school year. After Labor Day we begin our Benchmark Advance series in Reading and Writing. All standard assessments this year will be online at school and more periodic, so as to monitor the progress closely of each student. As soon as we have gathered data to determine areas of strength and areas that need improvement, we will begin conferences. It is imperative that our students read a minimum of 20-30 minutes per day. Your child's teacher may also be asking for a log of what he/she has read. Science is an exciting time for students this month because our focus is on animal classification and its interaction with the environment. We will even be having an interactive in-school virtual field trip that students will really enjoy! Finally, in Social Studies, our new curriculum will help lead the journey into reading, using, and designing maps. Your child will have homework each night, Monday-Thursday. It is essential that each child complete it nightly. PLEASE check your child's Agenda and HOME FOLDER every day after school so as to maintain communication between home and the classroom. Finally, if you have not yet done so, please pay for your child's class fund of \$25 which will cover their exclusive grade-level shirt as well as some other expenses that help facilitate the ultimate learning and positive experiences at school. We will all work TOGETHER to make sure we create moments that will shape their lives forever!



We have had two GREAT first weeks of school in 4th grade. We are learning our classroom routines and learning about our classmates. We began our first Topic in math and are learning about place value to millions. In Science we are using our scientific skills to observe. Next we will take the observations and make inferences. We are looking forward to meeting all of our 4th grade parents at **Open House on September 13th.** Please have at least one parent attend for your child. Your child's teacher will be going over classroom procedures, upcoming events, and student's expectations. See you then!



Fifth Grade is extremely excited to begin this year. We are so elated to see all the students smiling faces and their eagerness to learn. We are starting the year in reading with our first novel, Frindle. We are learning about central idea and supporting details, and what it means to be a successful reader. In writing, we are working on finding the main idea and evidence of a text which will help us organize our writing especially when doing essays. We are working on place value in math and are using a variety of tools to practice decomposing and analyzing numbers from the hundred millions to the thousandths place. Our focus in Social Studies right now is geography of the United States and map skills such as latitude and longitude. We are becoming scientists and learning the scientific process as well as making observations and inferences. We are looking forward to a great year!

September Counselor's Corner

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ^{CT}

A new school year has arrived and while it is a busy time for all, it's important to remember that the WELLBEING of SELF should always remain priority. Mindfulness is a form of self-care that has become quite popular around in our society. The concept of Mindfulness is developing intrapersonal (i.e. self) awareness/engagement in order to reduce overall stress and add resiliency to one's persona.

The basis of Mindfulness is taking a few minutes each day to silence typical, divergent thought patterns and to shift the mindset to focus on the "here and now." Hence, when one allows ONLY the "here and now" to be of concern, one is helping to calm one's mind and body. Moreover, various research has shown that when the mind and body are calm, one can engage in and learn more from the given moment. Eventually, with consistent practice, Mindfulness has been said to enhance one's ability to manage life events with more confidence and positivity.

The Broward County Public School District encourages Life Skills and Wellness via the Mindfulness concept. Life Skills and Wellness incorporates the intrapersonal (i.e. self) awareness/engagement component of Mindfulness AND combines it with an interpersonal (i.e. self with others) awareness/engagement component. For more information please visit the district's school counseling weblink on Life Skills and Wellness at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/35264>.



Parkside PTA Update

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY



Hello September! We hope everyone has had a great first couple weeks of school! PTA is so excited for all the fun events we have planned for this school year. This month we are having our Fall Fundraiser selling Poppin' Popcorn, which will run between **9/11/23 - 9/24/23**, please be on the lookout for paperwork going home about this fundraiser. The best part is that this fundraiser is completely online and all orders are shipped directly. This is a great way to help us fundraise for givebacks that we do throughout the year, such as; Halloween Dance for students, Ice Cream Social Family Night, Polar Express Snow Truck for the students, Movie Under The Stars Family Night, Author Visit to the school and Bingo for Books Family Night.

Friendly Reminder that PTA will have its **first general members meeting on 9/6 from 6:00 - 6:30pm**, right before the open house of grade PK-2. We will also have sign ups sheets to volunteer to some of our events and will be selling spirit shirts and memberships that day.

We are looking forward to an amazing school year!!

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 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 September 6th at 6 PM,** Please join us for our first meeting.

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!

Panther Aftercare News

WE'RE BACK! Welcome to another adventurous year here at Parkside Elementary. We welcome back all of our returning families, and our new families. We are so excited that you are here and ready to get started. First, we want to remind you that our aftercare hours are 2:00pm until 6:00pm. Please adjust your watch to our clocks. We will be assessing a \$15.00 late fee to anyone who arrives after 6:00 p.m. Secondly, we are asking you to start the year off by reminding your child(ren) that we follow the same rules during aftercare that we have for the school day. See if your child can tell you our school goals! They have been going over them daily and should be starting to internalize them.

Lastly, all payments must be made by the last day to pay on your calendar. If you need a calendar, please ask for one. Our **next payment is due on September 14, 2023.** It must be paid by 12:00 midnight. We do have a waiting list to get into the program, any payments not entered by that date, will result in you losing your spot to someone who is waiting to get in.

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor



Traveling Through Moments In Time!

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