



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

September

9/2-9/8: PTA Family Night—Pepperoni Grill

9/3: PM 1 ELA
Grades K & 2

9/4: Picture Day

9/4: Open House
Grades 3-5 at 6:30pm

9/4: PM 1 ELA
Grades 1 & 3

9/6: PM 1 ELA
Grades 4 & 5

9/10: PM 1 Math
Grades K & 2

9/11: PM 1 Math
Grades 1 & 3

9/12: PM 1 Math
Grades 4 & 5

9/13: Kona Ice Visit

9/16-9/30: PTA
Fundraiser—Poppin
Popcorn

9/17-9/23: Celebrate
Freedom Week

9/20: International Day
of Peace

9/27: Interim Reports
Go Home

Administrator's Corner

Welcome back Parkside Families to the 2024/25 school year. We are so excited to kick off this year where our students will G.L.O.W., Growing and Learning Our Way. On August 12th, we welcomed back over 700 students back to our campus. It was so nice to see all of our returning Panthers and greet a lot of new faces. We are happy to make you part of the Parkside Team.

The first few weeks have been running very smoothly. Students are getting into routines, our arrival and dismissal is moving along and teachers have jumped right into the curriculum and getting all of our beginning of the year assessments out of the way. This week we began our Open Houses for all of Pre-K-2nd and ESE. Next Wednesday, September 4th we will have our grade 3-5 Open House. This will start at 6:30 pm. This is a parent only event if at all possible. It is important for you to come out, especially in these upper grades and hear all about grade level expectations, the curriculum and what assessments will look like throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you.

Back to school forms were sent home the first few days of school and it is critical you take some time and fill these out completely. Even though you may have completed these online, we still need the hard copies of the emergency cards. These are mainly used for our clinic nurse as she does not have access to any forms online. If there is an emergency or medical situation with your child, we cannot treat your child without this information. Please help us out and get these back to school as soon as you can.

Communication is really important for us here at Parkside. There are several ways to stay in the loop with what's happening at our school. All teachers should have or will be sharing with you their direct contact information or communication app they use to share information with you. Each week I put out a Parentlink with our updates for the upcoming week. This link comes to parents/guardians four ways. You can receive a phone call, and email, dates are sent in a text, and through the app. If you have not been getting these links, please contact the front office to make sure we have the accurate phone numbers, emails, etc... on file. Also, we ask that if you receive a call from the school to please check your voicemail or set up your voicemail in order to receive messages. Several times we have parents calling back to the school saying they received a call and we have no idea who called. It could be the teacher, the clinic, parent link or maybe tardy or absences. Our website and marquee will also keep you in the loop about important dates coming up and finally our monthly newsletter. We are here to provide service to you and your children, so if you have questions please feel free to reach out to us. Both, Ms. Martin and myself are here to help you all.

FOCUS, is the new Student Information System we are using in our District. This is where you will stay connected with your child's education. This system will provide you test scores, attendance, medical, and so much more. If you have not registered to be a part of the portal please take a few minutes to do so. The web address is <https://www.browardschools.com/focus>.

Just a reminder about attendance for your children. School does start promptly at 8:00 am. Students are expected to be in class at this time. If a student arrives after 8, they are considered tardy. If your child arrives after our gate closes, a parent must sign in the child. School ends at 2:00 pm. If you need to pick your child up prior to this time, you must do so by 1:30. We cannot release any students after this time. Students should always be in school unless there is a true family emergency or sick. You all should have received a school calendar so please try to plan special activities and trips around our scheduled breaks. All the absences and minutes missed in school so add up and could lead to truancy issues. We thank you for this.

We are truly looking forward to a wonderful year and happy to have all of our Panthers back. We hope you have had a great start as well and look forward to meeting those of you who I have not met yet. WE thank you for being a part of Parkside Where we G.L.O.W, Growing and Learning Together.

Ms. Laneia Hall, Principal

 Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten! We encourage you to be apart of your child's academic success here at Parkside. Thank you for all those who were able to come to Open House. We will be working with your child on recognizing letters and sounds. We will also be practicing reading sight words and working on reading strategies. Teaching them to love to read is our goal! Please practice having them writing their first and last name. In math, we are working in chapter 1 which is numbers 0 to 5. Math homework pages will be sent home along with homework journals each Monday and due back on Friday. Please be sure to check your child's blue Parkside folder and return it to school daily. We look forward to a great year!

 First Grade

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:

*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.

 Second Grade

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. We loved having you for Open House so you could 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. For the month of September in Science, we are learning about Matter. This consist of Classifying Matter, States of Matter, and Changes in Properties. 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

Third grade has begun GLOWing 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 dived 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 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 the Scientific Method and States of Matter. 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 order your child's class shirt online. It is important that each student has one for security on field trips and school events. We will all work TOGETHER to make sure we Grow and learn Our Way!


Fourth Grade

We are so excited to start our schoolyear in fourth grade! Classes are working on different novels in reading. We are focused on discussing character traits. Students are encouraged to use strong vocabulary words to describe characters. In addition to novels, we are exposing the kids to strong and beautiful read alouds like, "Enemy Pie" and "The Name Jar." In grammar, we are focused on common and proper nouns. In math, we are wrapping up place value and moving on to multiplication. Students are practicing memorizing their facts, so as we move closer to two digit by two digit multiplication, it will help make fewer errors. In science, we are practicing the skills of a scientist such as classifying, observing, and making inferences. We are now starting to learn about the classification of animals. In social studies, we are learning about geography. Overall, a great start to the schoolyear and we can't wait to see what the next month holds.


Fifth Grade

Hello Families! We have had such an AWESOME start to the 2024-2025 school year! After getting to know one another, completing engaging team building activities and setting classroom routines, expectations and procedures we have jumped right into our 5th grade curriculum. In Reading we are working on various Non-Fiction texts that encompass the topic of corn and how this resource has shaped North America. In Math we are working on Topic 1 which explores place value with multi-digit whole numbers. We will then move on to Topic 2: Decimal Addition & Subtraction. In science we are beginning to explore the Scientific Process. Students will be conducting science experiments with a small group that is related to our 5th grade science standards. The product will be a completed science board which will be displayed on Parkside's first Science Night. In Social Studies we are working on learning about the world in spatial term and U.S. Geography. The 5th grade team is looking forward to learning and exploring with your children!
The 5th Grade Team



School Zone Speed Limits

Please be sure not to drive more than 15 mph in our school zones when the light is flashing. Coral Springs Police Department's officers are issuing citations for violating school zone speed limits.

School Advisory Update

School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum will have our 1st meeting on Tuesday September 10th at 7:30 a.m. In the media center. All stakeholders are invited to attend. We will be electing our community representatives and establishing our meeting dates and times. Please arrive around 7:20 to checked into the front office so that we can begin on time. Looking forward to seeing many of you on that day.



Panther Aftercare News



Welcome Back Everybody! We have completed the first month of school and we are looking forward to all that is yet to come. I have been directed to inform you that Scholarships are available. If you apply now for the scholarship program, you are not required to pay full pay for Period 3. You must apply before period 3 begins.

The next payment is due on Thursday September 5th. Payments must be made by midnight on the due date. Please know that the online portal will not be able to take your payment after the due date. You will have to have a variable payment in which I can complete, but you will then have to pay a \$30.00 re-registration fee. If you have any trouble processing your payment, you can call the Business Support Center at 754-321-0600.

If you didn't pick up a calendar of due dates, please let me know so that I can get you one.

Please check out our Parkside website where you will find a direct link to all things After School Child Care.

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

School Counselor's Corner

Our therapy dog, Hagrid, is the talk of the school! The students love seeing him around school and they always greet him with a smiling face and a wave. All of the students are practicing our B.A.R.K Rules and have been doing great. Hagrid has started to make some classroom visits and will be working with groups of children after our PM1 testing.

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 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/lifeskillsandwellness>

Nicole Hahn, School Counselor (K-2) & Tracy Cerra, School Counselor (3-5)



Get **Focus(ed)**! Student Information System



Attention Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) families and staff!

Are you having trouble navigating Focus, our new Student Information System, and need assistance? Don't worry — help is just a click away!

For additional information on how to use Focus, including access to the Parent Portal, visit browardschools.com/focus.

If you are unable to find the answers you need on our website, our Focus Support Team is ready to assist you with any questions or issues you might have. Email us at focuscommunications@browardschools.com.



Here Comes The Bus

The BCPS Transportation Services Department is excited to introduce Here Comes the Bus (HCTB), a free and easy-to-use website and application that allows parents to view the location of their child's school bus in real-time on a smartphone, tablet or personal computer. Here Comes the Bus will make knowing when your child's school bus is arriving easier.

Register by visiting HereComesTheBus.com. Find Broward County Public Schools using code **87599**.



Scan the QR Code and download a free, easy-to-use application enabling you to see the location of your child's school bus, within a customizable radius of 200 feet to 2 miles using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.



Here Comes The Bus®



- Accessible on a computer, tablet, or smartphone
- Receive alerts via push notification and/or email
- Translations available in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole
- Account is password protected

Title I Parent/Guardian Information for Required Dissemination

School Improvement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/parkside>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact **Lakay Wilkerson** at **754-322-7850**.

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/parkside>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact **Jodianne Martin** at **754-322-7850**.

LEA (District) Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan using the following weblink:

https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/13545/parent%20engagement/Final%20LEA%20PFEP%202024-2025_REV%2005.28.2024%20ADA.pdf

If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact **Linda Howard**, Title I Program Specialist at **754-321-1410**.

Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.)/The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)/Florida Standards Assessment and LEA/School Report Card, school grades, state assessment reports

The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents/guardians and the [general public](#) about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports using the following weblink:

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>.

If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact **Laneia Hall** at **754-322-7850**.



FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Visit the website to download the appl or submit a tip online : www.getfortifyfl.com

Parkside PTA Update

Happy September Parkside! We hope everyone has had a great start to the school year. Coming up in September we have some exciting things happening! First up, Pepperoni Grill is having family week for Parkside from **9/2/24-9/9/24!** If you dine or take out, simply mention "Parkside" when you order and PTA will receive 20% back to fund our givebacks to the students! Also, Long sleeve shirts and Hoodie Pre-orders are live on our website! Lock in your order by **9/13/24!** Next, we will have our Poppin Popcorn Fundraiser **9/16/24-9/30/24.** All the details will be sent home with your student in the coming weeks. These fundraisers are vital in supporting PTA and granting us the availability to fund all our exciting events to come throughout the year. We truly appreciate the supportive community of you all, our Parkside family!



Follow us on Facebook and now Instagram. All of our events, volunteer opportunities and school updates are posted regularly for you to stay tuned in. Have any questions or want to join the team? Email us at Parksideptacs@gmail.com or Direct message us on our social media platforms.



**Back to School
Family Fun Week!**



Welcome back to school Parkside families! To kick off the 2024-25 year we are having our second annual Family Fun Week!

When: September 2, 2024 to September 9, 2024

Where: Pepperoni Grill - 9174 Wiles Rd. Coral Springs, FL 33067, 954-345-1604

Why: We will receive 20% back of the total sales!

Just mention Parkside Elementary for dine in or take out and help support our school!

Mama Mia that's a great deal!



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