

# PANTHER PAWPRINTS

JANUARY 2020 EDITION



## WE ARE ALL STARS

Thomas J. Schroeder  
**Principal**

Vicki B. Flournoy  
**Assistant Principal**

Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent, successful, life-long learners by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the Florida State Standards.

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**Margate, Florida 33063**  
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**754-322-6900**

## Principal's Message

Dear Margate Friends and Family,

Happy New Year! We pray that each of our families had the happiest and most joyous holiday season. We wish everyone countless blessings in the new year and continued success for all of our amazing panthers.

Thank you to everyone for the amazing events in December which helped make our school a festive and spirited time. In the upcoming month, our students will be taking their mid-year I-Ready Diagnostic. This is an important assessment to help us determine their level of progress in Reading and Math and assist in designing instructional plans for the remainder of the year.

As we embark on the third quarter, we are asking for everyone's help with having our panthers read each evening for at least 20 minutes. Starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6<sup>th</sup> grade and on standardized tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers. This is compelling data on the benefits of encouraging your child to read. Reading every evening will also allow for important family time and collaboration. After your child has read each evening, please engage in a quick conversation about what they read.

Asking for a summary of the pages read and the content absorbed is an essential component of improving comprehension. We encourage parents to read with their children and to read to their children. Literacy is the foundation for success and is critical for overall academic development.

In this start of the new quarter, we are also asking everyone to help our panthers set some realistic and valuable personal goals. Goals should be on areas that interest your children and should be something that can be attained with some hard work and dedication. A good example could be making the nightly commitment to read an extra ten minutes or to talk to a new friend each day. Goals help all of us strive toward the pursuit of excellence.

Finally, our January character trait is respect. There are a multitude of ways to demonstrate respect to oneself, to others, adults and to our environment. Together, we can all make our school community a more loving and positive one.

As always, we thank each of our families for their support and offer any assistance needed. Our doors are always open and we are grateful to be at the best school in the world.

**Thomas J. Schroeder, Principal & Vicki B. Flournoy, Assistant Principal**

**School Website: <https://margateelem.browardschools.com>**

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## Calendar of Events

Tuesday, 1/7: Classes Resume; Third Quarter Begins

Wednesday, 1/8 and Thursday, 1/9: I-Ready Mid-Year Diagnostic Assessments Reading

Monday, 1/13 and Tuesday, 1/13: I-Ready Mid-Year Diagnostic Assessments Mathematics

Tuesday, 1/14: Class Picture Day

Thursday, 1/16: No Small Matter Documentary Viewing @6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria with Michelle's Learning House

Thursday, 1/16: Big Daddy's Pizza Night

Monday, 1/20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School

Thursday, 1/23: Special Olympics at Margate

Friday, 1/24: January Birthday Party; PTA Family Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo

Wednesday, 1/29: Report Cards Issued

Thursday, 1/30: Parent FSA Informational Meeting @6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our STAR Visitor System.
- All visitors must have an I.D. in order to gain access to the school.
- All parents must have a Green Walk-Up Pick-Up Sign to pick-up their child by foot. A picture of the sign on your mobile device is acceptable as well.
- All parents must have a Blue Car Rider Sign to pickup their child by car.
- Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- All students should be in uniforms. Our uniform policy is listed in this newsletter and our website.
- Consistency with dismissal is critical. Please alert the teacher and office ASAP of any changes.
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their lunch, materials, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the front office will take such items from 8:00 to 8:30.
- Early student sign-outs will cease at 1:00 p.m.

### Class Pictures

Our class picture day will be on Tuesday, January 14th. Class pictures are available for order for \$10. Additional information was sent home. This is a uniform day for all students.

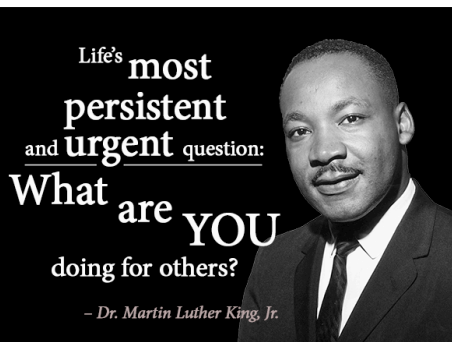


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### SAC Meeting Dates for 19-20

**If you would like to join our SAC committee, please contact our SAC Chairperson, Mrs. Shannon Mills at 754-322-6900 or through email at [shannon.mills@browardschools.com](mailto:shannon.mills@browardschools.com)**

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @2:20 p.m.  
Thursday, February 27, 2020 @6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @2:20 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @2:20 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @2:20 p.m.

## Family PTA Spaghetti Dinner/ Bingo Night



Please Join Us for a Family Night on Friday, January 24th  
Starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Our PTA will have a Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Evening  
Fellowship, Fun, Great Food and Prizes will take place!



## APEX Fun Run

Our Apex Fun-Run  
Fundraiser Kick-Off Begins  
on Monday, February 1st.

The actual Fun-Run will take place on  
February 13th. Additional details will be  
coming home soon!

## SAF Meeting Dates for 19-20

All SAF Meetings will take place after the PTA  
Executive Board at approximately 7:00 p.m. in  
the Library.

Thursday, January 9, 2020  
Thursday, February 6, 2020  
Thursday, March 5, 2020  
Thursday, April 16, 2020  
Thursday, May 14, 2020

Please Support  
PTA! Membership  
is \$6.

All Visitors are to  
Report to the Front  
Office

Volunteers Can  
Register at  
[www.getinvolvedin  
education.com](http://www.getinvolvedin<br/>education.com)

Ice Cream is Sold  
in the Cafeteria on  
Wednesday  
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Support Our  
School with  
Boxtops



## Parent FSA Information Evening

**Florida**  
Standards Assessments

Please Join us for a Parent Information Session on the End  
of the Year Assessments Including the FSA. We will  
provide an overview of the assessments along with  
strategies to help your child succeed.

Friday, January 24th @6:00 p.m.

## Big Daddy's Pizza Night

Please help support our school with  
Big Daddy's Pizza Night Thursday,  
January 16th!  
Our school receives 20% of the funds  
raised by ordering delicious food!