

# PANTHER PAWPRINTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019 EDITION



## WE ARE ALL STARS

Thomas J. Schroeder  
**Principal**

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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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## Principal's Message

Dear Margate Friends and Family,

Thank you to everyone for making October such a success at Margate. Our Fall Festival was an amazing evening and our turnout was huge! Our PTA, parent volunteers and staff did an amazing job hosting a fantastic event. We also loved seeing all of the incredible cheerleaders at our Annual Storybook Parade, our panthers truly hit a home run in their celebration of literacy.

November embarks on the holiday season and it is important to reflect on our blessings and gifts. During this month, we not only celebrate Thanksgiving, but also take time to recognize our Veterans. We enjoy inviting our school-wide veterans to lunch along with participating in the city's Veteran's Day Ceremony. Our art classes, led by Ms. Pagley, along with our Student Council, led by Mrs. Trick, have been working on bags of appreciation for our Veterans. These bags will be given to members of the community as a token of our students' gratitude for those who have served and protected our nation.

In addition to Veterans' Day, we invite all of our families to help support our Harvest Food Drive operating through Friday, November 8th. The harvest drive is a perfect opportunity for our panthers to show the gift of altruism for

others. In keeping with past traditions, our school will also serve as a drop off location for the Marine's Toys for Tots Drive. Please bring in a new unwrapped toy by December 5th, to participate. One of the things we love most about our Margate community is how much we care and how clearly we live our motto, "Excellence through Caring."

In the upcoming weeks, you will notice changes to our arrival pattern. We have had some safety concerns with our car loop in the morning (parents are skipping through the car line and students are exiting their car from the left side). We will now have cones lining the entire car line, which will require the line to be single car length in nature. Once you enter the car line, you will have to pull all the way up. Once your car stops, please have your child immediately exit the car. Once all the students have exited, then the cars will leave the car lane. No children are to exit the cars from the left and can only exit from the right unto the sidewalk. It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that our arrival and dismissal are safe for our loved ones.

Finally, our entire Margate family wishes each of your families a blessed and joyous holiday season. May your holidays be bright! Here's to a great two months Margate!

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

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

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## Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 5th  
Veterans Day Lunch

Thursday, November 7th

St. Augustine Parent Meeting/Deadline for Deposit  
PTA Executive Board Meeting/SAF Meeting

Friday, November 8th through Thursday, November 14th  
Book Fair is Here

Monday, November 11th—No School—Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 13th—Report Cards Issued

Thursday, November 14th —SAC/Book Fair Night/All Star  
Curriculum Family Night

Friday, November 15th—November Birthday Party

Tuesday, November 19th—Interim Reports Issued

Thursday, November 21st—Big Daddy's Pizza Night

Wednesday, November 27th-Friday, November 29th  
Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, December 3rd—SAC Meeting @2:20 p.m.

Monday, December 9th through 13th— PTA Holiday Gift  
Shop

Friday, December 13th—December Birthday Party

Tuesday, December 17th—General PTA/Holiday  
Performance

Friday, December 20th—Polar Express Day; Early Release

Monday, December 23rd through Monday, January 6th—  
Winter Break; Classes Resume Tuesday, January 7th



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.

### Holiday Gift Shop

Please mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Gift Shop. The gift shop will take place from December 9th through the 13th. Additional details and a schedule of day by day shopping dates will be posted to our website.



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### Polar Express Day

**POLAR EXPRESS**  
*Pajama Party*



Our Annual Polar Express Day will be held on Friday, December 20th. Our attire for the day will be our pajamas. This day is also an early release. Help us Celebrate the Holidays!

### 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)**

- Thursday, November 14, 2019 @6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @2:20 p.m.
- 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.

**MARGATE ELEMENTARY**  
★ **ALL STAR** ★  
**ACADEMIC NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

**5:30-7:00 P.M.**  
BOOK FAIR IN LIBRARY

**6:00 P.M.**  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING -  
PROPOSAL FOR A+ FUNDS

**6:30 P.M.**  
ALL STAR ACADEMIC NIGHT  
BEGINS IN THE CAFÉ

**ALL STAR ACTIVITIES:**

- COME SEE A **MAGICIAN** PERFORM AN ALL STAR **MAGIC SHOW!**
- PLAY READING & MATH GAMES!
- SEE A SHOWCASE OF STUDENT WORK!
- VISIT THE BOOK FAIR!



**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, November 7, 2019
- 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.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com)

Ice Cream is Sold in the Cafeteria on Wednesday \$.65

Support Our School with Boxtops

Our morning arrival car rider line procedures are changing due to some safety concerns. Starting Tuesday, November 12th, you will notice that the car line has been separated by a row of cones from the parking spaces. Once you enter the car line, we are asking that everyone cooperate with the following:

- Pull all the way forward. Once your car stops, please have your child exit from the right side of your car only.
- Please do not get out of your car for any reason.
- You will need to stay in the car line all the way until the end of the lane to exit.
- PreK parents will no longer leave their cars to bring their children to Gate #2. The Pre-K assistants will be coming to the car lane to escort the students to the gate.
- If a PreK parent needs to park, then they need to pull into one of the designated PreK parent spots.
- Thank you for your cooperation in helping us make the lane a smooth and efficient experience.



Please send in a new unwrapped toy for a child in need by December 5th. Help make the holidays brighter for others! We thank Mrs. Moen for coordinating the drive for us. There are drop off boxes in the Welcome Center and in the cafeteria.

**Big Daddy's Pizza Night**

Please help support our school with Big Daddy's Pizza Night Thursday, November 21st and Friday, December 19th. Our school receives 20% of the funds raised by ordering delicious food!

