



# THE PANDA PRESS

## Title I School

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School Hours  
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BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS

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Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. As we progress through the year, I want you to continue to work with your child/children at home on their reading, math, science, and writing skills to ensure they maintain grade level proficiency. Please have your child read every night and ask them detailed questions about what they have read. Have your child explain his/her answers by supporting what he/she says by referencing the text. Additionally, please have your child write daily; this can be in the form of a summary of what was read. Practicing math facts is key to success in school. Please have your child/children practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Flashcards work very well as do computer games that enable students to increase math fluency.

We are an i-Ready school. When used on a consistent basis, this computer program helps your child improve in reading and math. Please go onto i-Ready at home and have your child work on reading (for 30 minutes) and math (30 minutes) every night. If you have any trouble logging on, please ask your child's teacher for assistance in getting on the program. It is an EXCELLENT tool to help your child improve his/her academic skills.

As a reminder, **Peters is a uniform school.** ALL students must wear school uniforms. This includes – khaki pants or khaki shorts or skirts with white, blue, or red polo shirts. Your child must be in a school uniform every day.

Additionally, please remember to get your child to school on time. Late arrivals disrupt the learning environment for all of our students. The gate at 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue opens at 7:25 a.m. and the walking gate is open at 7:30 a.m. ALL gates are locked when school begins at 8:10 a.m. and remain locked until 2:10 p.m. Please note that any car riders or walkers arriving after the 8:10 a.m. bell will be marked tardy in the attendance system. Parents must walk their child/children into the front office if they are late (arrive after 8:10 a.m.). When dropping off your children in the morning, please pull your vehicle up as far as you can and then let them out along the sidewalk. Do not wait until you get near the office to drop them off. This delays our arrival procedures and causes a lot of congestion.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue gate opens at 2:05 p.m. and the walking gate opens at 2:10 p.m. Please be on time when picking up your child from school. No children should be at school after 2:40 p.m. We appreciate your cooperation with our dismissal procedures.

Anyone needing to come onto campus during the school day must go to the 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue gate and call the front office, explain your reason for being there and wait for someone to come out to the gate. You must show your ID and state your reason for wanting to come onto campus. Once on campus, you must park in an available space and go in the front office. You will be screened through the STAR System at that time. If you are entering our campus, ALL VISITORS MUST WEAR ID BADGES WHILE ON CAMPUS. All visitors must exit through the front office when leaving campus and check out. Please follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Peters-Elementary-School-383450951812423/> and on the school's website

[www.peters.browardschools.com](http://www.peters.browardschools.com) to keep informed of all of the wonderful activities we have at Peters.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Peters

Elementary.

## PRE-K CORNER DECEMBER PANDAS

PreK Corner- December

As we move into the busy month of December, we look forward to learning about different holidays that people celebrate. This goes well with our ongoing teaching of: tolerance, kindness, and sharing. In our classrooms, children will be doing different learning activities to supplement these topics such as reading about different ways to celebrate holidays and demonstrating different ways to share and be kind to one another. We also will be making holidays crafts in which we will integrate math patterning along with scissor skills. Also, on December 19th, our preschoolers will enjoy a special storyteller event called "Nanny Gingerbread".

**Your Proud Pre-K Team**

### DHH CREW

DHH has some amazing field trips approaching fast. We will be visiting Signing Santa at South Plantation High School and Santa is coming to Peters. 5th grade is going to JA Biz Town to experience life in the real world!

Pre-K, Ms. Teschke's Class is continuing to work on their letters and numbers. They are excited to see Santa!

Kindergarten, Mrs. Woodsen's class is working on using illustrations to identify the main idea. In math, they are working on single digit addition problems. They will also be learning the holidays of the world this month!

1st/2nd grade, Ms. Thibert's class is learning about different Native American tribes. They are about to move into double digit addition

and are also learning about different winter holidays, starting with making menorahs for Hanukkah.

3RD grade, Ms. Compton's class is working on classifying animals into different groups. They are also finishing their division unit and practicing their structure of a letter to prepare for Signing Santa.

4th/5th grade, Mrs. Kelly's class is working on multiplication and division. Continue to work with your child on their multiplication facts to help with double digit equations. In reading, students are continuing to work on comprehension with their leveled readers. Practice the multiple meaning words at home.

## DECEMBER KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### Kindergarteners Kickin' It into High Gear

Yes, it's true... kindergarteners are reading and writing like maniacs! We're blending, segmenting, sounding out, spelling, comprehending and reading like never before. Check out IReady at home and see them in Action or pick up a book at the library and read with them. Give them a journal for a holiday gift and watch them create with words. In math we are adding numbers to 10 just in time for the holidays- have fun with baking and shopping! Please don't forget to mark your calendars... Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am.

Live from Peters Elementary- the Kindergarten Holiday Show! We wish all of our students and families peaceful holidays and a wonderful new year!

## FIRST GRADE DECEMBER NEWS

As the holiday season quickly approaches, our first graders have been very busy. We are honing our basic phonics skills and becoming more successful readers. Remember to practice reading to/with your child so their fluency will improve even more!

In Math we are working on the relationships between addition and subtraction and learning all about Related Facts (fact families). Your child should be learning more facts by rote and easily recalling basic addition and subtraction facts to ten, while still practicing facts through twenty.

For Social Studies we have been using maps and globes and your child is learning their part in this great world of ours! In Science we continue learning about Earth's surface forms (land and water) and will follow up with a unit on water safety.

Our December field trip to Flamingo Gardens is December 17. We know it will be a very enjoyable experience. Please continue to encourage your children to do i-Ready at home to keep learning. The more practice they get, the more successful they can become. Thank you for assisting us in helping your child learn. Enjoy your holidays – may they be filled with peace, joy and love.

## SECOND GRADE NEWS

2nd grade hopes everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break! We are looking forward to all the great things December will bring. In ELA, we are reading a variety of literature text, and determining the central idea of each text. We are also, working on describing how characters respond to major events in a story, and using the illustrations to help us have a better understanding of the text. We continue

to do Foundations everyday, and have seen how it has made us better readers and writers. We LOVE foundations! 😊 In science, we continue to learn all about matter and its significance. In math, we are working on different strategies to add and subtract 2 digit numbers. We also continue to work on learning how to break down word problems in order to solve them. We hope you have an awesome month, and winter break. See you in 2019! 😊

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"  
-Gandhi

## THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third Grade is finishing up our unit of government and getting ready to learn about cultures. Please discuss your family history and culture with your child. Your child will also be starting fractions at the end of this month. Please have them continue to practice multiplication as it will assist them with comparing fractions and help them with our current division lessons (multiplication and division are related operations). Please remember the wonderful online resources we have set up for your child. You can also ask your teacher about Scholastic book orders if you would like to purchase books for your child at home; reading every night will improve their fluency (have your child engage in text for 30 minutes a night).

This month is a short one for us at school, we are going to use our 2 weeks off to reflect on the wonderful things in our lives (especially our Peters Pandas). The third grade team would like to tell you all how grateful we are for each and every one of our students and fabulous Peters' families.

We wish you a beautiful holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

2019 will be a time to remember!

Your 3rd grade team

Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Harper, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Luersen, and Ms. Siegel 😊

## FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade is working hard to improve their skills this year and making much progress! We are practicing writing paragraphs that will be in the body of a formal essay. The students are learning how to elaborate and give evidence from the text. These are skills that will carry on with them in future grades and are the basis for good writing techniques.

In Math we are learning how to solve multiplication comparisons and how to identify number patterns. As always, in Math, the foundational skills are very important to the success of the students. Continue to practice multiplication and division facts at home. These skills are important to many of the problems we are trying to solve.

We hope you have a wonderful and happy holiday season! Continue to read with your child at home over the break.

Happy Holidays,

The Fourth Grade Team

## FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The holiday season is upon us and the fifth graders are learning and progressing through their fifth-grade year!

In Math the students are working on various skills with fractions. We are performing all the

operations with fractions and adding to the skills that were previously taught. Ask your child to share with you what they are working on in class and as always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

The students are working on the exciting lessons for the upcoming JA Biztown field trip. We are learning about business and the economy and having a great time doing it! The students simulate an actual community and learn how the economic infrastructure works. Each child is assigned a job with a specific company and given the opportunity to learn through real experience.

Please take time this year to replenish your child's classroom supplies. Many students are running out of pencils, paper, dry erase markers etc... Doing this really makes the classroom environment and routines run smoother.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and we are looking forward to all the many exciting activities coming up this year!

The Fifth Grade Team

## DECEMBER MEDIA NEWS

Prekindergarten classes are working on shapes and colors. We did an activity where the children had to sort and paste shapes.

Kindergarten to Second Grade classes are working on comparing and contrasting fiction and nonfiction books on a topic.

Third Grade is researching stars as well as the moon phases by using Britannica Encyclopedia. Students are learning to locate the information and then paraphrase using their own words.

Fourth Grade is creating a PowerPoint on Rocks and Minerals. They are excited to

import pictures into their project. The students are also having fun learning about their birthstone.

Fifth Grade continues to work on Science. We are getting ready for the next unit of study. They are encouraged to use Broward County resources and not to Google a topic.

Remember that Reading Rocks! **Mrs. Mara Payton**

## ART

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make Cookies and Canvas another success! This is a wonderful event in which our school community is able to connect through art. We made pumpkin paintings for Fall, and they all turned out so unique and beautiful. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next event in the Spring!"

## MUSIC



Our Winter Concert is quickly approaching! Please come out and support our Panda Singers and Panda Percussionists on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. See you there!

Angelica Saintelus  
Music Teacher

## SPANISH



HAPPY HOLIDAYS AROUND



THE WORLD

HAU'OLI LANUI (FRENCH)

JOYEUSES FETES (JAPANESE)

FEIERTAGE (HAWAIIAN)

FELICES FIESTAS (Spanish)

Buone vacanze (Italian)

At this very special time of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and support and for being part of the Peters Elementary family.

Spanish classes will continue in building up our vocabulary, learning the food pyramid, how to tell time, learning the history behind how different countries celebrate their holiday traditions, and looking forward to a positive and exciting 2019 -- bursting with new projects, plays and competitions.

***Wishing you a Prosperous & Happy New Year!***

***Deseándoles un Próspero Y Feliz año a todos!***

Mrs. Lissette Boloña

"There is no ideal Holiday; only the one you decide to make as a reflection of your values, desires, affections, traditions."

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## SCHOOL PROCEDURES TO KNOW AND REVIEW



Welcome to Peters Elementary! Whether you are a new parent or a returning parent, please review and know these important school procedures. This will help ensure a safe and effective learning environment for your children.

- ✓ Any medication (both over-the-counter and prescription) needs to have a Medication Authorization form on file in the front office in order to be administered at school. **Children are not allowed to transport any medication to school.**
- ✓ If your child arrives at school after 8:10 am, your child will be marked tardy, As per School Board Policy, there **will be no early dismissal thirty-minutes before dismissal.**
- ✓ Send any phone number changes in writing to the classroom teacher. In the event of an emergency, it is very important that we have current numbers to reach a parent or guardian. We also regularly send out Parent Link phone calls with important school information to keep our parents informed. This information is sent to the current phone number on record.
- ✓ Phone in any absences to the Attendance Line at 754-322-7902 within 48 hours. Any absence not phoned in or called in after the 48 hours timeline will be marked unexcused. Please make sure you have reviewed the Student Code of Conduct booklet for excusable absences.

- ✓ Please notify the teacher in advance of any early release dismissal by sending a note with your child to the teacher. This will allow the child to have the backpack and necessary items should the class be at lunch, recess, or special during the early dismissal. Without advance notice, your pick up time may be greatly delayed while we locate the class and allow the child access to the classroom to gather belongings.
- ✓ Any changes in dismissal procedures must be in writing and emailed to [Rebeca.Scroggin@browardschools.com](mailto:Rebeca.Scroggin@browardschools.com) before 1 pm. **Be sure to enclose your child's first and last name, teacher's name and what grade they are in.** After 1 pm, we cannot accept any dismissal changes for that day, even if they are in writing.
- ✓ Late lunches, homework assignments, and books will be placed on the counter in the front office. We will call all the classrooms with items dropped off at 10 am for pick up. This keeps class interruptions to a minimum and helps students learn the responsibility of being properly prepared each morning. Please provide your child with the tools to prepare each night for the next morning so they can learn this important lesson for life-long success.

As always, we appreciate your cooperation in making this a safe learning environment for all students at Peters Elementary.

ASP is Peters' after school program. ASP'S mission is to enhance and enrich the lives of children while meeting the needs of children, families, schools, and communities they serve. ASP strives to provide innovative programs that meet the developmental needs of the growing child. For more information, please contact the front office at 754-322-7900.

## DRESS CODE

Peters Elementary has adopted a school wide mandatory unified dress program. As specified in School Board Policy #5309, violations of the uniform policy shall be subject to the same consequences as violations of the dress code of the Code of Student Conduct. The school uniform will consist of the following:

**Bottoms:** Navy or khaki pants, capris, shorts, skirts, shorts, or jumpers. No jeans or oversized pants.

**Tops:** White, red or blue short and long sleeve collared (polo-style) shirts. No emblems or designer labels, except the Peters Elementary logo. Peters t-shirts, which can be purchased from the PTA, are also allowed.

**Shoes:** Sneakers, athletic shoes, leather shoes, boat shoes with enclosed toes or backs. **No sling-backs, clogs or open toed shoes.**

Jackets/sweaters worn indoors should be red, white or blue in color without emblems, designer labels or words. Peters' sweaters are available for purchase from the PTA. Coats worn outdoors are not governed by our uniform policy.

Parents may request an exemption for their children not to wear uniforms within the first ten days of a student's enrollment. Parents must contact the school office to receive an Application of Exemption in such cases. Exemptions will only be granted if they conform to the requirements of School Board Policy #5309.

**ID Badges – ALL students and staff are required to wear ID Badges at all times while on campus. Every student and staff member will be issued an ID badge for the 2018-2019 school year.**

## TITLE ONE PARENT INFORMATION

1. **School Improvement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at [www.peters.browardschools.com](http://www.peters.browardschools.com). If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Trimble at 754-322-7900.
2. **School Parent Involvement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. You can access this plan at [www.peters.browardschools.com](http://www.peters.browardschools.com). If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Trimble at 754-322-7900.
3. **District Parent Involvement Plan:** District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent program. You can access this plan at: [http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/files/LEA-PIP\\_14-15.pdf](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/files/LEA-PIP_14-15.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.

4. **School Public Accountability Report (SPAR),** school grades, state assessment reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets



the public reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>.

If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact the front office 754-322-7900.

5. **Principal Attestation Letter:** Indicates the percentage of teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified. You can access this information at [www.peters.browardschools.com](http://www.peters.browardschools.com).

## DECEMBER DATES

7:00 AM – 7:40 AM Monday & Wednesday Art and Music Club

Art Club ends December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 AM – 7:40 AM – Tuesday & Wednesday - Spanish Club – Ms. Bolona

2:10 PM – 3:30 PM – Academic Support with students Wednesday & Thursday – Ms. Campbell & Ms. Calloway

12/3/18-12/6/18 – Holiday Gift Shop – Back of Media(PTA)

12/4/18 – 8:30 AM – SAC/SAF Meeting – Old Teacher's Lounge

12/12/18 Percussion Rehearsal Wednesday & Thursday Ms. Saintelus

12/12/18 – Picture Make-Up day (Wear Uniforms)

12/12/18 –8:30 AM – 1:00 PM - DHH Signing Santa South Plantation High School

12/13/2018 – 1:00 PM - Debate Tournament Everglades High School

12/13/18 – 6:30 PM – Winter Concert – Cafeteria

12/13/18 – 9:00 AM - -1:00 PM– Kindergarten Field Trip Tradewinds Park

12/14/18 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM DHH Signing Santa South Plantation High School

12/17/18 –8:30 AM – 1:00 PM - First Grade Field Trip Flamingo Gardens

12/18/18 – 8:30 AM – Kindergarten Holiday Show Cafeteria

12/18/18 – Pre-K- PJ Day – In-House (Classroom)

12/19/18 – 8:30 AM – Pre-K Storyteller Assembly Cafeteria

12/21/2018 – Early Release Day (12:10 PM Dismissal)

12/24/18 – 01/04/2019 – Winter Break (School-Closed)

1/01/2019 – Happy New Year

01/07/2019 – Return to School