

THE PANDA PRESS

School Hours 8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

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BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS <u>Mission Statement</u>

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December 2019

Dear Peters Family,

What an amazing month we have had. The Holiday Shop and Family Night was a great success. It was heart-warming to see the kids writing their letter of wishes, while sipping hot chocolate. Many of our grade levels have had their Field Day, enjoying some friendly competition, exercise and a well-deserved break from the academics. We hope you enjoyed the Winter Wonderland Concert. The children sang so beautifully!

Before the Winter Break, the children took their second i-Ready Diagnostic for both reading and math. There should be growth between both Diagnostics. Check with your child's teacher for their current progress. It's important to look at the most current BAS scores, I-ready results and classroom performance to have a more complete understanding of your child's areas of strength and areas for growth.

As we enter the month of January, our teachers will focus on Black History curriculum. Each grade level has chosen various types of text to expose students to the rich history of Black Americans, including past accomplishments and current contributions. We have so much to learn from each other.

I am so very proud of all that we have accomplished thus far this year. Our goals for the new year are to continue to push every member of the Peters family to their fullest potential, increase school attendance, and to respect ourselves and each other.

We wish you all a healthy and happy New Year! We are ready to take on 2020 with a positive attitude, hard work and perseverance.

Sincerely,

Susanna Deutsch Principal



Just Do It Award Recipient



Mylo D. is a wonderful student who deserves recognition as one of Broward's best students. He is an exemplary young man who has worked hard to gain confidence and become a star student in, as well as out of the classroom. Mylo has worked hard to achieve success and his support team looks forward to seeing everything he will accomplish in the years to come. Thank you, Ms. Thibert and Ms. Rios-Lorenzo, for attending the ceremony, alongside Mylo's family. Mylo, your Peters' family is so proud of you!





Speech & Debate Corner

Our team has successfully completed our second tournament this year with 35 debaters participating on Dec. 12th. All students presented their speeches in two rounds. We are seeing their self-confidence and self-esteem growing as the year goes on. We are extremely proud of all of them!

In addition, we saw 5 more students win medals-Rachel M., Andrew M. and Brianna H., winning medals in oratory original and interpretation, and Mackenzie F. and Aliyah E. in duo interpretation! In addition, Adrianna S. and Devon W. are the winners of two Coaches Medals.... Adrianna for losing her partner at the last minute in the first tournament and preserving despite it, and Devon for stepping out and trying Impromptu ... and earning a 1 in this past tournament. Way to go team, keep up the hard work!

Check the link below to read an article on the National Speech & Debate Association website about a couple of our amazing team members.

https://www.speechanddebate.org/the-future-is-accessible/



1st & 2nd grade Best Buddies enjoying a winter craft.

Our children have hearts that welcome every person's unique qualities. What a gift it is to learn love, acceptance, kindness and friendship from our wonderful children.

Signing Santa

brought to Peters by:

Quota Club of Fort Lauderdale





Our DHH students, teachers and support staff enjoyed spending time celebrating the holidays. We want to thank the Quota Club of Fort Lauderdale for this great opportunity and for the joy they brought us all.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mid-Year Assessments begin January 10th

- Science for all grade levels, K-5
- Reading grades 3-5
- Math grades 3-5

Come to school well rested, eat breakfast and have a jacket in your bookbag.



3rd grade Best Buddies working together.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES TO KNOW & 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 child(ren).

- 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. Prior to 8:20 a.m., the child should walk directly to the classroom where the teacher will mark the student tardy.
- As per School Board Policy, there will <u>be</u> 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 Petersdismissal@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 lifelong 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 2019-2020 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 https://www.browardschools.com/peters. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact the front office 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 access this plan can at https://www.browardschools.com/site/Default.a spx?PageID=10737 . If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact the front office 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:

https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01 803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFE P%202019-2020_9-6-19%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.

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.

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 Principal Attestation Letter: Indicates the percentage of teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified. You can access this information at https://www.browardschools.com/peters

January Calendar Dates

2:15 PM – 3:30 PM – Mondays and Wednesdays Academic Support (Ms. Callaway and Ms. Campbell)

7:00 AM – Tuesdays and Thursdays - Music & Spanish Club (Mr. Landburg and Ms. Bolona)

1/7 - Back to School - Welcome Back!

1/8 – PTA Meeting at 6 PM

1/10 - Mid Year Assessments Begin

1/14 – SAC/SAF Meeting at 8:30 AM

1/15 – Panda Pride Assembly at 8:30 AM Title 1 Math Family Night at 6:30 PM

1/17 – Mid Year Assessments Continue

1/20 - No School

1/21 – Class Pictures

1/24 – Mid Year Assessments – Last Day

1/29 – Report Cards go home

2/3 - Merit & Honor Roll Assembly

