



THE PANDA PRESS

Title I School

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Dear Peters Family,

First and foremost, I hope you were able to spend quality time with loved ones this Thanksgiving. The time away from the hustle and bustle of the work day helps me reflect and appreciate my blessings. I am so very thankful for my Peters family. You bring such joy and warmth to my heart. After all the love and memories shared (and all the turkey and "fixings" eaten), we are ready to finish 2019 strong!

We have a lot to look forward to in the month of December. Take a look at our upcoming events in the calendar section. There are many events you can enjoy with your family at the school and around the community.

We continue to focus on teaching and learning. We have already begun our second I-Ready Diagnostic Assessment for reading and math, as well as the second assessment period for the Benchmark Assessment System (BAS). This data will help us determine how much growth your child has made since August, and it will also help us guide instruction from January to June.

Remember that **ATTENDANCE COUNTS!** If your child is healthy, he/she should be at school everyday by 8:05 AM. Let's make every day count!

Sincerely,

Susanna Deutsch
Principal

PRE-K NEWS

In November, we celebrate Veterans Day! We look forward to the parade where we will wave flags and cheer on our community Veterans. It is also "Read for the Record" this month. Each preschooler will take home their own copy of the book, Thank You Omu! By Oge Mora to keep. Through this book and other activities, we are learning about gratitude and working together as a community. We are grateful to be a part of such a wonderful school family!

Your Proud Pre-K Team

KICKING OFF WITH KINDERGARTEN NEWS

In kindergarten, we have been enjoying this holiday season. We have recently visited a pumpkin patch where we read books and compared the size/shapes of pumpkins. We have been working hard on learning our letter sounds and sight words. We are beginning to read short stories. Students can practice their sight words by writing sentences. In kindergarten, we are practicing making connections between the stories we read and our real lives. Students are learning to identify character feelings and relationships between characters. This quarter we are going to begin our reading assessments. In math, we are moving on to counting and creating 10 as well as addition. I-Ready is a great way to challenge your kids at home. Students can do both math and reading on I-Ready. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Kindergarten Team

FIRST GRADE NEWS

First grade has been experiencing many successes. We have finished our first round of BAS testing and are proud of our accomplishments. We have been using our Foundations to work with blending together

letter sounds and digraphs. This is helping us become more fluent in Reading. Remember to practice Sight Words every night. We are also looking forward to sharing our Venn diagrams, which compare fictional animals with real animals.

In Math we continue to work on strengthening our basic facts for addition and subtraction. Using flash cards will help children learn and formulate the ability to do them quickly. We have learned many math strategies such as using Doubles, Doubles plus one and Doubles minus one, Make a ten, Count On and Count Back to assist the children in learning their math facts.

We have also been learning about Magnifiers in Science and doing fun experiments. Currently, we are learning about the beneficial and harmful effects of the Sun. In Social Studies we have begun our Geography unit and are getting to know more about our different communities, state and country. We are looking forward to our exciting field trip to Flamingo Gardens before Thanksgiving Break.

Please encourage your children to go on Reading and Math I-Ready at home to keep learning. The more practice they get, the more successful they will become. Thank you for assisting us in helping your child learn.

Your First Grade Team

SECOND GRADE NEWS

2nd grade loves this time of year! All the holidays and celebrations make this time of year even more fun 😊 In ELA, we are reading a variety of informational text, and identifying the text features. We are not only identifying the various text features, but we are also discussing how those text features contribute to the text. We are also

working on identifying the main topic of multi-paragraph texts. It was a tough skill in the beginning, but we are slowly but surely getting it! Practice makes perfect....YAY! In science, we are now working on patterns in nature. WE LOVE MATH! Two-digit addition is the focus in math right now. Please support your child with reading at home every night. It's so very important. As always, thank you for your support! Have a fabulous month

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

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third Grade is emerging themselves in multiplication and informational text this month. Your child will need to know their multiplication facts through 12. Practicing these every night will improve their fluency. Also, please make sure your child is reading for at least 30 minutes a night. Reading builds their fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Expose your child to informational text (newspapers, magazines, neighborhood bulletins, flyers for places, menus, cookbooks, etc...). If you haven't already, please check out CLEVER. They have many wonderful online resources for you and your child.

November is also a time to reflect on the wonderful things in our lives and 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.

Your 3rd grade team

Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Harper, Ms. Saenz, Ms. Luersen, and Ms. Siegel

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

In Math the students are working on various skills with multiplication. We are solving multi-digit multiplication using multiple strategies. 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.

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!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth graders are gearing up for all the events that are coming up this year. We have important information going home concerning end of the year activities. Remember that students must meet certain criteria to be able to participate.

In Math we are working on fractions now. Finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, addition and subtraction, and multiplying and dividing using models and equations. Cooking, and using measuring cups is a great way to learn fractions in the real-world. Get out your old recipes and make homework fun!

In ELA class we are working on the DBQ unit about the Salem Witch Trials. This will result in an informative essay with multiple texts. Be on the lookout for the students' DBQ journals.

NEWS FROM MEDIA

Pre-K, 1st and 2nd grade is concentrating on Sequence of Events and comparing and contrasting Fairy Tales.

Third-Fifth grade are creating Boards online with Discovery Education. Third grade is creating a board on Forms of Energy. Fourth grade is working on Rocks and Minerals. Fifth grade is using Classifying Matter to make their boards. The students are selecting their headlines, fonts, color of their boards and styles, adding Media such as Images and Videos.

Please remind your children to return their books. Students should be reading at least 15 minutes a day.

The more you read, the smarter you become!

Mrs. Payton

NEWS FROM MUSIC

It's official! We have begun our before school chorus for students grades three through five. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 am. We are preparing our Winter Wonderland Concert music for December. Speaking of December, all students Kindergarten through second grade will be presenting a concert on Tuesday December 17th at 8:30 in the morning in an assembly. All students third grade through fifth grade will have an opportunity to perform a concert that evening at 6:30 pm. Come celebrate the season with us.

Thank you,
Greg Landburg
Music Teacher

NEWS FROM SPANISH

Another exciting month at Mrs. Bolona's Spanish class. We are learning a lot of vocabulary and started building up conversation skills by working in groups and talking among each other.

To help our students to develop and to remember all these new words you can apply this idea:

LABEL YOUR HOUSE. Buy a pad of sticky notes and put them on items in your house in the target language as your child learns the associated vocabulary. Be creative! If you don't have a fish, let your child draw a goldfish and label it, for example, "El pez". When your child opens the door, remind him/her to greet you in Spanish, Buenos dias (Good morning), Buenas tardes (Good afternoon) or Buenas noches (Good night). Also, it is "Importante" (important) to encourage him/her to learn another language. By doing these little things your child encounters the new words daily and is much more likely to remember them.

Save the date March 12, 2020 our NEW CULTURAL NIGHT at 6:15 PM.

I have a few websites that you can use to enhance their skills:

Canvas via Clever

Onlinefreespanish.com

Tumblebooks.com

Freerice.com

Any questions please contact me via email
Lissette.bolona@browardschools.com

Lisette Bolona
Spanish Teacher

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 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 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 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 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 can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/site/Default.aspx?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/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFE%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/nclb_spar/index.cfm.

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5. **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>



A HUGE Panda high five to Webby's for their generous donation of breakfast for our Veteran's Day Celebration! 🐾

The love keeps pouring in from our community with several food donations from Publix to keep us energized during PTA and SAC meetings! 🐾

Do you know what else is amazing??? The Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce made a **second donation** to our cafeteria so that no child goes without a lunch if they forgot their lunch money at home. This is priceless since healthy bodies and great minds need fuel. 🐾

We appreciate our fabulous PTA who let us create our own Caramel Apple treats. Yum! 🐾

PTE is GRATEFUL for the outpour of love! Help us help those who support us.

December 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)



Our PreK students enjoying a Thanksgiving Feast!



Our Best Buddies Program participants sharing in a Thanksgiving activity.

- 12/3 – SAC Meeting @ 8:30 AM
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- 12/3-12/4 – Holiday Shop
- 12/5 – Holiday Shop Family Night @6:15 PM
- 12/9 – Panda Pride Assembly @ 8:30 AM
- 12/13 – ESOL Parent Night @ 6:30 PM
- 12/17 – Winter Wonderland Concert
 - K-2 @ 8:30 AM
 - 3-5 @ 6:30 PM
- 12/20 – Pajama Day!
 - Early Release Day-12:10 Dismissal**
 - Cookies & Canvas @6:30 PM
- 12/23/19-1/6/20 – Winter Break
 - No School