



THE PANDA PRESS

Title I School

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October 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had a fabulous start to the school year. We are in the process of completing all academic beginning of year assessments which will help us develop lessons for all grade levels. We have much to celebrate already. Our very own Ms. Dodge, Guidance Counselor, is the 2018-19 Guidance Counselor of The Year! We are so very proud of her and all she does for our children. We have also chosen Ms. Nieves as Teacher of The Year and Ms. Hart as Related Employee of The Year. Their contributions to the school, their peers and our students is appreciated and respected. We are blessed to have such amazing individuals around our children.

I want to remind parents/guardians that when your child arrives late at school they must be signed in by an adult. Children cannot simply be dropped off at the front office. Equally as important is dismissal changes. Any changes must be made before 1 PM. This way we can notify teachers appropriately. If you make a request for a School Bus or a stop change, please allow 24 hours for the Transportation Coordinator to place the request. Once she is notified, you will be contacted. If you need a Bus Pass, please allow 24-48 hours for the request to be completed, printed and delivered. We appreciate your cooperation with these protocols. Safety is of the utmost importance. Please have your ID whenever you come on campus.

FTE Week is October 7-11. It is very important your child is at school every day since this is how the school receives funds to use for students, including supplies, materials, resources, furniture, personnel, etc.

It was heartwarming to see all the amazing dads, uncles, grandfathers, and other male role models walking the children to school last week. The role you play in their lives is priceless. We hope you enjoyed our small token of appreciation.

Respectfully,

Susanna Deutsch
Principal

PRE-K NEWS

We are learning and growing every day in PreK! We are looking forward to a visit to the pumpkin patch this month. We will pick up different pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. When you see pumpkins this month, be sure to discuss the following concepts: heavy, light, bumpy, smooth, hard, soft, thin, thick, short, tall. We are using all of our five senses to explore our world!

DHH NEWS

The DHH kindergarten class is presently working on identifying the five senses and how we use them daily. In reading we are working on identifying the author, illustrator and title of a story. In math we are completing ways to make 5 using a five frame. In science we learned the different types of weather and how you should dress appropriately.

Vanessa Woodson M.Ed
Kindergarten Teacher, DHH

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We are so excited for the new school year! Our students are learning how to work cooperatively in groups and follow classroom routines. We are focusing on learning our letter names and sounds. We are beginning to identify concepts of print (title, author, front cover, first word, etc). Our students are working so hard on learning numbers 1 through 5 and reading number words (ie 1=one). Our scientists are exploring new and fun ways to identify and use their five senses. Students are encouraged to practice reading at home as well as practice their sight words. We look forward to a fantastic year and as always thank you for all you do!

FIRST GRADE NEWS

First Grade has started out on a wonderful note. We are completing our initial BAS Assessments and have formed Reading Groups. The children are learning various classroom routines and are enjoying Center Activities. In Language Arts we are concentrating on Phonemic Awareness and Foundational Skills. Practice those sight words every night!

In Math we are using our addition and subtraction skills and solving word problems. Science is so exciting. We have worked on distinguishing our Science Tools and how to use our senses as we follow the Scientific Process. We have also been learning about the Stars in the sky.

Please remember to check your child's daily folder every night and complete homework assignments. Folders and homework should be returned to school the next morning. On Friday, the Poetry Journal goes home for the weekend to allow your child to practice reading the poems. It must be returned each Monday. Please take the time to read with your child every night.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

2nd grade is having a blast this year! We have loved getting to know our classmates, and our new teachers. In ELA, we are reading informational text and asking/answering questions such as "Who is the text about?", in order to show understanding of key details. We have also been working on completing our iReady diagnostic assessments. In social studies, we are learning about the government and the importance of laws. Digging into the practice of science has also been really fun! We have been learning how to observe using our 5 senses. In math, we are working on how to add and subtract fluently using multiple strategies. See you next month! 😊

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

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third Grade is off to a great start. We are amazed that we only have a few weeks left of the first quarter of school. Time sure does fly by when you are having FUN! October is an exciting month for us. Please ask your child(ren) about the fun STEM activities they have been doing in class. We are also working on multiplication this month. Please make sure your child is studying their multiplication facts through 12 every night. Fluency in multiplication will help them with so many 3rd grade math standards. Please have your child engage in a text every night as well. 20 minutes per night will help them build their stamina, fluency, and comprehension. ALL of these skills are greatly needed for the end of the year FSA. Utilize i-Ready as much as possible. The lessons are aligned to our standards and they are leveled to your child's independent ability.

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

It is very important that you work at home on basic Math facts. In fourth grade the students begin working on multi-step problems with multiple operations.

If your child does not have his/her multiplication and division facts committed to memory it makes the other Math problems much more time consuming and challenging. Please work at home on memorizing the multiplication and division facts.

Reading with your child each night is a nice way to spend time together and it helps them improve their reading fluency. Read a few pages of a book and then ask your child what you just read about and discuss it. This ensures understanding of the text.

Finally, go on I Ready Reading from home. I Ready offers great practice activities on skills we are working on in class.

If you have any concerns, we are here to help. Please check your child's planner each night and sign it so we can continue to keep our lines of communication open. With all of us working as a team we know the students will have a very successful year in fourth grade!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

The fifth-grade students are off to a great start this year. We are very excited to begin what we believe will be a great year. Fifth grade is a challenging year, but it also involves much growth and exciting opportunities. Please remember that the fifth graders have committed to responsible and respectful behavior this year to earn the fun activities offered to them. We know the students will have a great year full of growth and exciting experiences.

In Math we have been hard at work with many skills that began in 3rd and 4th grade but are extended and expanded upon in fifth. For this reason, it is very important that they have their basic multiplication and division facts committed to memory and quick recall. This will help them to be successful as the problems become more complex.

In ELA we are working on our analyzing text and notetaking skills. We are also practicing how to analyze documents and cite sources in our writing. The students should be reading at night daily.

Finally, the students should be going on I Ready nightly. Even going on for 15 minutes

a day outside of school can help the students practice the skills we have taught in class. Fifth grade involves many new skills and strategies academically, so if you have any questions or need and support please contact your child's teacher. Together, we know it will be a great fifth grade year!

NEWS FROM MEDIA

During Media classes, Pre-K and Kindergarten are reading books about school and feelings. Next, we will be starting books on fall for October.

1st graders and 2nd graders are comparing and contrasting Nonfiction and Fiction books.

3rd, 4th and 5th grade students used measurement to make Origami bookmarks. They will soon be creating a slide show Powerpoint about themselves.

5th Grade students are learning to use sign language in the mornings. Thanks to one of our Interpreters, Ms. Carter.

Please make sure your children are reading or being read to everyday!

Mrs. Payton

NEWS FROM MUSIC

A special welcome to all of our Peters Elementary family from Mr. Landburg. We have already begun exploring the tubano family, the keyboards, the guitars, and are working to showcase our student's talents in each class by performing a favorite instrument. Our Choir Club is now accepting permission forms from our third, fourth, and fifth grade classes. We will meet on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7:00 am to 7:40 am. We begin rehearsals October 22. We also are working on our school wide Winter Wonderland production to be performed on December 17th. Watch the next

newsletter for more details. As always, I welcome your feedback at gregory.landburg@browardschools.com.

NEWS FROM SPANISH

Welcome back to another exciting year in Mrs. Bolona's Spanish class. I am so eager to continue teaching your child Spanish. We are going to have our Spanish Club every Tuesday and Thursday, preparing for our District World Language Competition and our new Cultural Night. Don't forget to practice your Spanish skills on Canvas via Clever. Any questions contact me via email Lisette.bolona@browardschools.com

Don't forget, 3rd-5th grade have a project due October 31st.

Lisette Bolona
Spanish Teacher

SCHOOL PROCEDURES- 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.

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/nclbspar/index.cfm>.

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

5. **School-Parent Compact:** Indicates the shared responsibilities of the school, parents and students in providing and maintaining high quality curriculum, instruction and overall learning experience. A copy was provided to in the First Day Student Packet and is also available, year-round, in the front office.
6. **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>

October Calendar Dates

- Oct. 1st – 8:30 AM SAC/SAF Mtg. Staff Lounge
- Oct. 3rd – Debate Tournament – J.P. Taravella
- Oct. 9th – School-Closed
- Oct. 10th – 8:30 AM -Panda Pride Assembly – Café
- Oct. 10th – 2:15PM – 3:10 PM – Debate Practice
- Oct. 14th - Junior Achievement Field Trip – JA World
- Oct. 14th –8:30 AM Kiwanis Club Dictionary - Cafe
- Oct. 15th – Head Start Parent Mtg. - 6:00 PM
- Oct. 17th – 6:15 PM - Monster Mash – Cafe
- Oct. 21st – 9:00 AM - Dental Team Visit (Pre-K) Cafe

Oct 24th – Vision & Hearing & BMI
Oct 24th – 2:15 PM-3:10 PM – Debate Practice
Oct. 25th - 8:20 AM Assembly Ned’s Mindset – Café
Oct. 29th – 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM – 3rd Grade Field Trip
Oct. 31st – 2:15 PM – 3:10 PM – Debate Practice



Our amazing sponsors made it possible to welcome back our teachers in August with a scrumptious breakfast. A HUGE Panda high five to the Plantation Diner for their generous donation!

The love keeps pouring in from our community with several food donations from Publix to keep us energized during PTA and SAC meetings! The entire PTE Staff received a treat the first week in October.

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

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



DEBATE CLUB NEWS

The Debate Team debuted at JP Taravella High School with other elementary schools, Thursday, October 3rd. They came home with 6 medals, including our first ever medal for the DHH duo! We may be the first ones in the Country to have a DHH duo earn a medal. Our hearts are filled with joy at what our debate team, with the leadership of Ms. Kelly and Ms. Rodriguez, have accomplished in a short time. Our children can accomplish anything with hard work and a growth mindset.

The Path to Peace Garden

Our DHH students, with the assistance of CHC, are working to create this path to remind everyone at Peters that Peace is the foundation of all great things. They are amazing! Stay tuned for progress.

