

PETERS ELEMENTARY TITLE I SCHOOL  
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**NEWSLETTER**



February  
2023

## Upcoming Events

- **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff  
Report Cards Issued
- **February 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**  
Attendance Spirit Week/School  
Counselor Appreciation Week
- **February 7<sup>th</sup> Fifth Grade** Virtual  
Assembly @9AM
- **February 8<sup>th</sup> Second Grade**  
Virtual Assembly @9:30AM
- **February 9<sup>th</sup> Third Grade** Virtual  
Assembly @9:30AM
- **February 10<sup>th</sup> Fourth Grade**  
Virtual Assembly @9AM
- **February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Quarter 3 Interims  
**Early Release**  
Day of Service and Love
- **February 16<sup>th</sup> First Grade** Virtual  
Assembly @9AM
- **February 17<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten**  
Virtual Assembly @8:30AM
- **February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**SAC/SAF Meeting @3:30PM**
- **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Field Day K-2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Field Day 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>**
- **February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Black History Program @ 6PM**

February 2023

## From the Principal's Desk

The month of January was exciting. Hats off to Ms. Bolona for coordinating our *Inaugural National Elementary Honor Society Ceremony*, Mrs. Valme for coordinating our *FAST Testing*, Ms. Flagg for coordinating our *FAST Saturday Camp* for Grades 3-5, and Ms. Sugg for coordinating our *Literacy Week activities*. In addition, "THANK YOU" to the 5th Grade Committee for coordinating our *Family Paint Night*. As always, you all did a "GREAT JOB"!

Please be advised that the Magnet/Reassignment Application window for the 2023-2024 school year closes on **February 6, 2023**. If you are interested in applying for a reassignment to attend Peters Elementary, please visit [browardschools.com/schoolchoice](http://browardschools.com/schoolchoice).

As we enter February, we will continue working towards improving student achievement in all academic areas and preparing for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) for Grades K-5. Student achievement is among our highest priorities, and we expect all of our students to reach their highest academic potential!

Educationally,

*Eric Miller*

Eric Miller, Ed.D.  
Principal



## **GRADE LEVEL NEWS**

### **Preschool**

It's a fabulous February here in Peter's Elementary Pre-K and Head Start programs. Our little learners have been in the full swing of all things learning. Every day we practice our ABC's, numbers, shapes, and colors. Our students are excited to learn. Our students are mastering new social and emotional skills through play. The instructional staff keep us safe and model proper behavior. Have you seen our verbal skills in action? Just listen to us talk about our favorite toy, friend, or family member. Every day our students are adding new words to their vocabulary. Self-Control and self-regulating are big concepts that take lots of love and patience. We are a team made up of amazing teachers, paraprofessionals, and support staff. Together, we make a big difference in the lives of our youngest scholars.

### **First Grade**

First Grade is excited about February! We will be learning about treating others with kindness as a part of our February 14th Service Day and about the many African Americans that made contributions to our country for Black History Month. We are excited to see each student's Black History Month project and the creativity they put into it.

In Math we are learning about place value. Take advantage of a trip to the grocery store to see if your student can find the ones and tens place in the prices of items. Making real world connections helps students relate to what they are doing in the classroom. In Reading/Language Arts, the students are learning about technology and how it helps society, writing expository texts, and long vowel sounds. In Science, we are learning about the Earth's surface and the difference between natural and man-made items.

Please check your student's homework journal each day and help them with their homework. Homework is essential to helping your student

practice the skills they learned in the classroom. The First-Grade team thanks you for your support!

### **Second Grade**

We have a recent change in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Ms. Heiss has been promoted from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher to the Curriculum Support teacher for Grades K-2. We now have a wonderful new addition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team. Mrs. Monique Hardge has 25 years of teaching experience, and we are very lucky to have her at Peters.

We recently completed all of our second round of testing in ELA, Math and Science. The students did a nice job and overall made great growth in all areas. Continue to have your child work on their reading and math fluency daily. Students should be reading 20 min. a day and working on addition and subtraction.

Reach out to your student's classroom teacher if you have any questions about how they did on their mid-year assessments. We look forward to a wonderful second semester of learning!

### **Third Grade**

Third grade is on a roll! The focus of our lessons throughout February will be Non-Fiction text. In Unit 5, we will be discussing how technology has changed and how it has impacted our lives. We are looking forward to some great discussions on technology. Some standards/concepts we will be covering are learning about text features, supporting details, charts, table of contents, and words in context. We will also continue to work on identifying the problem and solution, making predictions, and retelling the story.

We are now moving on to Topic 8 in Math. Just a friendly reminder, you can access further information on math skill taught by scanning the barcode at the bottom of each math practice sheet.

For Science, we will continue learning about forms of energy. Students will learn about mechanical, light, sound, thermal, and electrical energy. Please take any opportunity to make real life connections with all these forms of energy.

In Social Studies, students will need to submit a Black History Project that will be due at the end of the month. The presentation and information researched will count for two letter grades. A rubric will be provided. Directions will be going home soon.

### **Fourth Grade**

The fourth-grade team would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We were excited to wrap up our second quarter of learning. Students working towards earning a bike from the Women's Club of Plantation and the Plantation Police department should continue to work on doing their best in class. Grades in all subject areas and specials, as well as study skills and behavior count. Students are learning about the properties of matter and water in science. Continue to help students study multiplication facts. Being able to fluently recall facts will help students as we move on to multi digit division and multiplying and dividing fractions. We have a field trips coming up in March and April. Be on the lookout for permission slips soon. Be sure to check the agendas every day! As always, the fourth-grade team appreciates your support.

### **Fifth Grade**

The excitement of fifth grade is really increasing knowing that we have several upcoming end of the year events to look forward to. The fifth-grade students are anticipating graduation, the Universal trip, and more. Remember that students must display responsible behavior to take part in these fun events. Please make sure you get your child to school on time each day and remind them about appropriate behavior.

We have been very busy learning all the skills the students need to be successful middle school students. While students prepare for this exciting change, we are working on responsibility and work ethic. Please review your child's planner and homework to help us make sure they are staying on track with their work. If you have any concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

### **Spanish**

February is the month of Friendship (EL Día de la Amistad) and we are working diligent with Los Utiles Escolares y la Escuela School supplies and the school areas students are designing an amazing school with everything that they need in the school in Spanish.

Please continue using CANVAS and practice Spanish online also some other resources online:

- Onlinefreespanish.com
- Tumblebooks.com
- Freerice.com

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

### **SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR VISITORS**

All visitors must enter through our single point of entry. Visitors must ring the bell next to the Front Office door and show your valid identification on the camera above the bell so that we may verify you are either a parent/ guardian or an approved person on the student's emergency contact card. Please plan accordingly if you are picking up a student. We do not have students report to the office for early dismissal until we have verified identification.

**ALL visitors must wear identification/ID Badges**

### **REPORTING AN ABSENCE**

During the 2022-23 school year, parents will have access to an online form for excused absences. Parents will be able to fill-out a form that will send a notification to the school. Please go to <https://www.browardschools.com/domain/16513> select the Contact heading, and then choose Report an Absence. Absences may also be called into the attendance phone line at **(754) 322-7902**, or parents may email their child's teacher.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by

accessing

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/380107>

## **TITLE ONE PARENT INFORMATION**

**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.



Peters Elementary School is a Title I school, and as the parent/guardian of a child attending a Title I school you are an important part of the Title I team. Your input is vital in the planning and implementation of the parent involvement program and activities in our school. The following survey is confidential and will be used to assist us with future planning for parental involvement activities and events at Peters Elementary.

We appreciate your feedback and thank you for taking the time to complete this survey using the QR code below. You can also access the survey from our school website (<https://www.browardschools.com/peters>).



**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.

## **PARENT INPUT INTO TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATIONS**

Parents that are interested in providing input for the **End of the Year Performance Evaluations** of instructional and/or administrative staff at Peters Elementary, must contact **Dr. Eric Miller, Principal or Armelle Johnson, Assistant Principal** at **(754) 322-7900** by **April 7, 2023** for further directions.

## **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.

# Safety Updates



**Broward County Public School District**  
Here Comes The Bus

**Here Comes the Bus®**

A GPS-BASED APP TO TRACK YOUR CHILD'S BUS!

### The Tracking Features:

Shows the real-time location of your child's bus on a map

Gives scheduled and actual arrival times at home and school for AM, Mid-day, and PM routes

Provides push and email notifications when the bus is near

Now Available  
**Here Comes the Bus®**



Send your children to the bus stop at the right time, every time.

### Sign Up Instructions for Parents:

1. Download **Here Comes the Bus** app or visit: [www.herecomesthebus.com](http://www.herecomesthebus.com)
2. Click "Sign Up", then click "Continue".
3. Click "I have the Code".
4. Enter your email address, First Name, Last Name and School District Code (87599). Accept the Terms and Conditions, then click "Continue".
5. Press **Confirm** the district displayed is "Broward County Public Schools".
6. Create your password, Repeat your password. Press "Confirm Password" on the screen when complete.
7. If successful, you will be directed to the Thank You screen. At that time, please check your email inbox for an email from [parent@synovia.com](mailto:parent@synovia.com).
8. Open this email and click the "Activate My Account" link. Once completed, close the browser. You may now open the app and sign in with your email address and newly created password.

### Adding a Student:

1. Access the **Here Comes the Bus** app.
2. Click the **Student** icon.
3. Click the **Add Student** button, then enter their last name and Student ID. Click **Submit**.
4. Repeat this process for additional students.

GET IT ON Google play

Download on the App Store

For more information, visit: [www.browardschools.com/HCTB](http://www.browardschools.com/HCTB)



Broward Schools has transitioned to the Plain Language Emergency protocol. This language will be used to conduct our monthly safety drills and in the event of an emergency.

### STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

-  **HOLD**  
In your room or area. Clear the halls.
  -  **SECURE**  
Get inside. Lock outside doors.
  -  **LOCKDOWN**  
Locks, lights, out of sight.
  -  **EVACUATE**  
To the announced location.
  -  **SHELTER**  
Using the announced hazard and strategy.
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SaferWatch is a web based and mobile app system that allows users to report an incident as they see it happening or submit a tip later. It also provides real time communication during the situations. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/> for more information.




The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities

/ADA Compliance  
Department & District's  
Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or  
Teletype Machine (TTY)  
754-321-2158.



Submit a tip easily via our anonymous FortifyFL app. Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc. You can download the app or visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/> for more information



TU ESTUDIANTE TAMBIÉN PUEDE GANAR LOS SIGUIENTES OBSEQUIOS DE AGRADECIMIENTO.

Regístrate en línea:  
Pulsera



RECAUDA \$5:  
**Hearty**



\$10:  
**Breeze\***



\$15:  
**Cuerda Para Saltar\***



\$25:  
**Hydro\***



\$40:  
**Dream\***



\$50:  
**CAMISETA\***



\$75:  
**Pelota Plástica\***



\$100:  
**Marley\***



\$200:  
**Baxter\***



\$250:  
**Calcetines\***



\$500:  
**Mystery XL Fidget Popper\***



\$1,000:  
**Reloj Deportivo De KHC\***

\*más regalos de nivel inferior

¡Gana un Regalo Misterioso por cada \$50 que recaudes! Hasta 20 regalos.



Estimado padre o tutor:

¡Es hora del Kids Heart Challenge™ de la American Heart Association! Cuando tu estudiante se une al equipo de KHC de tu escuela, aprenderá cómo mantener su corazón y cerebro saludable, realizar actividades divertidas, conocer a los niños con corazones especiales y recaudar fondos para la salud de todos los corazones. Además, ¡se sentirá bien por hacer buenas acciones!

¡REGÍSTRATE HOY MISMO!



1 Descarga la **aplicación Kids Heart Challenge** o visita [heart.org/KHC](http://heart.org/KHC) para registrarte.



2 Ayuda a tu estudiante a elegir un desafío de salud diario: **MUÉVETE MÁS** o **SE AMABLE**.



3 Establece una meta de recaudación de fondos con tu estudiante y envía correos electrónicos para invitar a amigos y familiares a apoyarla.

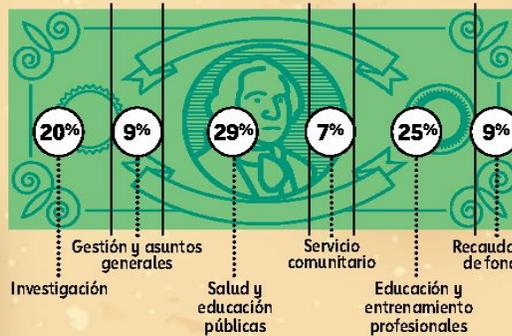


¡AYÚDANOS A QUE EL 100 % DE NUESTRAS FAMILIAS ESCOLARES APRENDAN A REALIZAR RCP USANDO SOLO LAS MANOS!

Finn ha trabajado durante años con KHC para ayudar a crear conciencia y apoyar a los niños con corazones especiales, como él. Este año, estableció un objetivo de lograr que 1.8 millones de familias aprendan la RCP usando solo las manos, en honor de los 18 procedimientos que ha tenido. Puedes ayudar. Únete a KHC y acepta la misión de Finn para aprender esta técnica que salva vidas en menos de dos minutos.



¡Completa las misiones de Finn en línea para ganar el exclusivo Premio **Salvavidas de Finn!**



**TU IMPACTO**

Los fondos recaudados apoyan iniciativas como las siguientes:

- investigación científica y realizar avances científicos
- mejorar la calidad de la atención médica
- prevenir el consumo de cigarrillos electrónicos y tabaco en los jóvenes
- mejorar la seguridad nutricional



¡ESCANEA TUS CHEQUES!

Utiliza la **aplicación KHC** para escanear los cheques (y, luego, destrúyelos) y que, de esta manera, los fondos aparezcan inmediatamente en el total en línea.



¡DUPLICA TU DONACIÓN!

Consulta a tu donante si su compañía iguala las donaciones. Visita [matchinggifts.com/AHA](http://matchinggifts.com/AHA) para buscar nombres de compañías.



*Durante casi 100 años, la American Heart Association ha estado luchando contra los ataques cardíacos y los ataques o derrames cerebrales, ayudando a las familias y las comunidades a vivir vidas más felices, más saludables y más largas.*

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# Attendance Spirit Week!

There are so many things that make students successful. One important part of success is good attendance.

Did you know that attendance through a child's school experience is the #1 predictor of high school graduation?

Missing just 2 days a month can make it harder for your child to learn to read.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS FOR EVERY STUDENT, EVERYDAY

Monday 02/06	Tuesday 02/07	Wednesday 02/08	Thursday 02/09	Friday 02/10
<p><b>Mustache Day:</b> We "Mustache" you to be here on time every day and ready to work.</p> 	<p><b>Crazy Hair Day:</b> Wild hair, we don't care. Be on time with your silliest hair!</p> 	<p><b>Hip Hip Hooray! It's the 100<sup>th</sup> Day!</b> Dress like you are 100 years old.</p> 	<p><b>Tie Dye Thursday:</b> Great attendance is "tie"d to great learning. Wear tie-dyed clothing and/or a tie</p> 	<p><b>College Shirt Day:</b> Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow! Wear your favorite college shirt or colors</p> 

**PETERS 5TH GRADE COMMITTEE & STUDENT COUNCIL**

**\$1.00 VALENTINE'S DAY BLOW POP CANDYGRAMS**

**\$1.00 Candygram event on the mornings of Monday, February 13th, and Tuesday, February 14th.**  
Kids can visit us in front of the ESE Suite at the main gate!  
Cash only. Exact change is appreciated!

**\$1 per Blow Pop - \$15 to send to the whole classroom!**  
**For classroom orders, please text Jessi: 954-695-5373**

