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12/20 – SAC/SAF Meeting 3:30 PM

**12/22 - Family Literacy Night 6-8 PM**

12/26-01/06 – **Winter Break (No  
School)**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

The month of November was very rewarding! A special “THANK YOU” to the PTA for coordinating our Book Fair. Also, thank you to Ms. Brockman and Student Council for coordinating our Harvest Drive and to Ms. Thibert for coordinating our Holiday Parade with the City of Plantation. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Johnson for coordinating our Virtual Awards Day Programs. You all did an outstanding job!

Please be advised that the Magnet/Reassignment Application window for the 2023-2024 school year opened December 1, 2022 – 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 January, we will continue working towards improving student achievement in all academic areas and preparing for the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking for Grades K-5. Student achievement is among our highest priorities, and we expect all our students to reach their highest academic potential!

Sincerely,

*Eric Miller*

Eric Miller, Ed.D.

Principal





## PRESCHOOL

Our Head Start and Prekindergarten classes have been working hard on social skills and solving our problems using words. During the next month, we will look at special things that families do to celebrate. Many of us wear special clothes or have traditions for the holidays we observe. Clothing can lead to discussion on texture. Try bringing out old baby clothes and comparing the sizes with current clothes. You could show your child pictures of themselves as a baby. Talk about why the clothes do not fit anymore. All living things grow and change. We are just beginning to learn about sizes and growth. Clothes can help make this abstract concept more concrete. We look forward to a fabulous new year!

## KINDERGARTEN

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**Math:** In Kindergarten we are exploring addition. Students are learning a variety of ways to show how to add two numbers together. They are practicing addition using a number line, counting on, and creating equations using information given to them through pictures, or presented to them in a word problem. They are learning the ways to make 10 and use patterns to add. In math centers, they are reinforcing these skills with the use of manipulatives such as cubes and counters to visualize how to represent the sum of two numbers.

**ELA:** Our writing is focused on expository text through write and draw activities. Students continue to engage in activities that strengthen their phonological and phonemic awareness skills. Letter recognition, letter sounds, high frequency words, rhyming, segmenting words into onset-rime, and blending phonemes are part of our daily routine during our ELA block. Our literacy centers offer activities to reinforce those skills. In small groups, we use our decodable readers and phonics games to improve fluency.

**Science:** Students are learning how to sort and compare objects by observable properties, such as size, weight (heavy or light), shape, color, temperature (hot or cold), and texture.

**Social Studies:** Students are learning about civics and government, rules at home and school, and holidays and traditions.

Thank you for continuing to work with your children at home. Completing homework assignments each week reinforces all the skills we are working on in our classrooms. We appreciate your support!

## FIRST GRADE

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First grade is excited for the Holiday Season! We will learn about all the different holidays as we study Multicultural Holiday Events. The children learn tolerance and acceptance of others and to treat each other with kindness no matter which holiday you choose to celebrate.

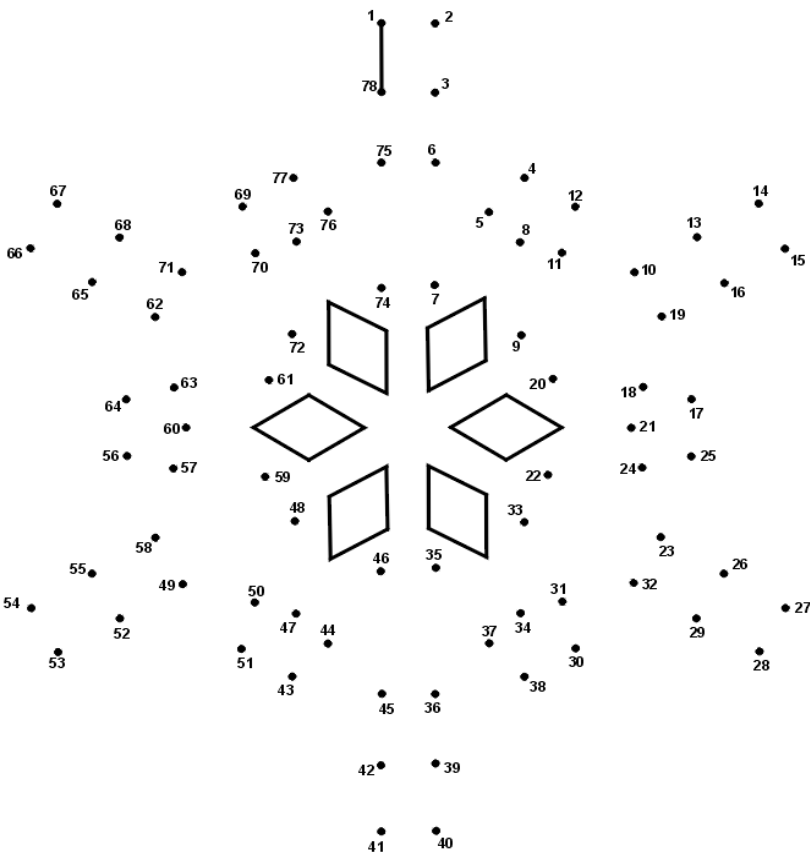
In Language Arts/Reading, we are concentrating on phonemic awareness, fluency and comprehension skills that are worked on daily. Please encourage your child to read daily at home. The more the children practice, the more fluent they will become.



In Math, we will begin learning about how to collect, represent, and interpret data. Please continue to practice both addition and subtraction facts at home to help reinforce these skills.

Please remember to check the homework journals and folders daily. First grade thanks you for your support with your student's education!

## Connect-The-Dots



## SECOND GRADE

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Second grade has been very busy learning their two-digit addition facts to 100. We are learning about Expository and Opinion Writing as well. Students are practicing writing three paragraph essays on a topic. In reading, we are working on Central Idea and Relevant Details. Students are working hard to go back in their text to find their answers and to use other strategies to increase their comprehension skills. Our focus for Social Studies in December is Government. We will be learning all about the three branches of government, rules and laws, and who enforces them.

Our Second Grade DHH class has an exciting field trip to see Signing Santa. In Science we are starting the Human Body. Students will create a project with all the major organs and learn what their function is. Please have students work on addition and subtraction facts and read daily! We hope that everyone has a safe holiday season!



## THIRD GRADE

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Currently, we are in high gear in third grade! We will continue working on Unit 3 Government for the People. Students are learning about the branches of government and the importance of having their voices heard. They had the opportunity to vote for our school President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It was a great way to show them the importance of voting. At the end of this Unit, students will be creating a poster. These projects are always super exciting since students get to display what they have learned. We are wrapping up Topic 4 in Math. Our next Topic we will be working on quadrilaterals, area, and perimeter. Please continue working on multiplication fluency since we will continue applying multiplication concepts in this unit as well.



It is very beneficial for children to discuss what they are learning in school. Take a moment to discuss with your child what they are learning in the different subjects. Ask them to share their predictions, connections, or a summary of what they are reading or learning. Having these meaningful conversations helps students reflect on their day.

## **FOURTH GRADE**

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November was a short but busy month. We have been learning about the role of government in our communities. We also selected our classroom representatives for student council. We have been learning about animal adaptations and matter 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. Be sure to check their agendas every day! As always, the fourth-grade team appreciates your support!

## **FIFTH GRADE**

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We cannot believe that our fifth-grade students are almost halfway through their last year at Peters!

In ELA, we are working on our writing skills and improving on what we learned last year with essay writing. This is a talent that will be helpful in high school, college, and beyond. Make sure to ask your child to share what they have been writing in class. We are continuously improving all our Reading skills. Talk to your child about what books they are reading.

In Math, the students are hard at work with decimals. Please help practice basic multiplication and division facts at home. These skills are building blocks for more complex problems.

The fifth-grade team is here for you. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. We appreciate you checking Canvas and Pinnacle regularly to stay informed of your child's progress. There must be a team effort amongst parents, students, and teachers in order to ensure that our students receive the world class education that they deserve. We want to ensure that all of our students are ready for middle school next year!

## **SPANISH**

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, learning the history behind how different countries celebrate their Holiday traditions, and we are looking forward to a positive and exciting 2023 year that is bursting with new projects, plays and competitions.

*Wishing you a Prosperous & Happy New Year! Deseándoles un Próspero Y Feliz año a todos!*





# PETERS ELEMENTARY HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!

WEEK OF DECEMBER 19 - DECEMBER 23

MONDAY



## HOLIDAY HAT DAY!



WEAR YOUR  
FAVORITE  
HOLIDAY  
HAT!

TUESDAY



## DRESS LIKE AN ELF DAY



DRESS UP  
LIKE AN  
ELF!

WEDNESDAY



## CANDY CANE DAY!



DRESS IN  
STRIPES &  
STOP BY THE  
CAFETERIA  
FOR A  
CANDY CANE!

THURSDAY



## UGLY SWEATER DAY!



WEAR A  
FUNNY OR  
UGLY  
SWEATER!

FRIDAY



## HOLIDAY PAJAMA DAY!



WEAR YOUR  
FAVORITE  
HOLIDAY  
PAJAMAS!

SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT AND PARTICIPATE THE BEST YOU CAN THIS WEEK!



**PETERS ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL  
IS PROUD TO HOST**



Holiday  
**TOY  
DRIVE  
2022**

December 5th - 9th

Please help us by dropping  
off a donation at school of  
unwrapped toys &/or gift  
cards to benefit  
grandchildren  
ages 4-18

Peters Student Council is  
working on behalf of  
**ThePantryOfBroward.org**

**THE  
PANTRY  
OF BROWARD, INC.**





**Approved  
Volunteers  
Needed!**  
Link for approval in  
comments below!



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**Holiday Shoppe is back at Peters!**

**December 19th-23rd**

**Visit the shop with your grown-ups on Family Night  
Thursday, December 22nd, from 6PM-8PM**

Every child is invited to shop for loved ones at this special store!  
Please check your child's backpack for a budget envelope.  
Assist your child with how to spend money in the Holiday Shoppe.

**Gift prices begin lower than \$1  
Most gifts are less than \$6  
All gifts are under \$22**

**Electronic payment options are available!!  
Please visit-[WonderlandGiftShoppes.com/GiftCards](http://WonderlandGiftShoppes.com/GiftCards)**



## 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. **Family Engagement Plan:** Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) in a child's education is a greater predictor of academic success than whether or not that family is affluent or poor. That's why Title I, Part A program regulations insist on robust parent and family engagement activities at every school, where federal funds support effective teaching and engaged learning. [Please view our plan at: https://www.browardschools.com/Page/10686](https://www.browardschools.com/Page/10686)

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

4. **Parent & School Compact:** This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve State's high standards. Please view our plan at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/10686>

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## Safety Updates

**Broward County Public School District**  
Here Comes The Bus<sup>®</sup>  
**Here Comes the Bus<sup>®</sup>**  
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<sup>®</sup>**

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 [noreply@synovia.com](mailto:noreply@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.

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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.

<b>STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL</b>
<b>HOLD</b> In your room or area. Clear the halls.
<b>SECURE</b> Get inside. Lock outside doors.
<b>LOCKDOWN</b> Locks, lights, out of sight.
<b>EVACUATE</b> To the announced location.
<b>SHELTER</b> 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.



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