

Upcoming Events



December 5th

- K-2 PM2 ELA Assessment
- Debate Tournament

December 6th

- 3-5 PM2 ELA Assessment
- 4th Grade Harper/Manton iFly Field Trip @9:30a.m.

December 7th

- PM2 ELA Assessment Make ups
- 4th Grade Campbell/Calloway iFly Field Trip @9:30a.m.
- Dental Screening

December 8th

- Dental Screening

December 11th

- Dental Screening

December 11th – 15th

- Holiday Shop

December 12th

- K-2 PM2 Math Assessment

December 13th

- 3-5 PM2 Math Assessment

December 14th

- 3-5 PM2 Math Assessment Make ups
- 2nd Grade SEAS Nutcracker Field Trip @9:30a.m.
- Winter Wonderland Literacy Night @ 6p.m.

December 15th

- Kindergarten Coral Springs Arts Center Nutcracker Field Trip @9:30a.m.

December 18th – 22nd

- Spirit Week

December 19th – 21st

- Holiday Program 8:30a.m.

December 19th

- SAC/SAF Meeting @3:30p.m.

December 25th – January 5th

Winter Break-NO SCHOOL



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Title I School

Dr. Eric T. Miller, Principal

Armelle Johnson, Assistant

School Hours
8:10 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

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754-322-7900

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754-322-7902

December 2023

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 Mrs. Bolona for coordinating our Hispanic Heritage Month Competition & ESOL Family Night. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Settles for coordinating our Veterans Day Breakfast. You all did an outstanding job!

Please be advised that the Magnet/Reassignment Application window for the 2024-2025 school year opened December 1, 2023 – February 2, 2024. If you are interested in applying for a reassignment to attend Peters Elementary, please visit browardschools.com/schoolchoice.

As we enter December, 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 of our students to reach their highest academic potential!

Sincerely,

Eric Miller

Eric Miller, Ed.D.

Principal



Hanukkah

Christmas



Winter Solstice

Diwali



Kwanzaa

Chinese New Year



Head Start

In December, we will continue lessons in which students share family traditions for celebrating holidays and events. Often food is a big part of the celebrations. Here are some activities to help your child build early Math skills: While at the grocery store, ask your child to look for and identify shapes; compare the size of boxes; sort food by color; classify foods by vegetable, fruit, and meat. Make a pattern with silverware. We appreciate all your support this year!

Pre-Kindergarten

The Peters Elementary Pre-K team wants to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. We are so excited to continue learning and exploring with our students. This month we look forward to our first on campus fieldtrip, where students will see and hear from first responders. Our scholars will learn about the Plantation Police Department's squad car and/or motorcycle. Dedicated officers will explain their role and how they help our community. These activities help our little ones get used to the sounds and lights they might see outside. It gives students the ability to identify first responders. Not to mention, it's a lot of fun.

Speaking of fun, here at Peters Elementary our devoted teachers are busy creating lesson plans and crafts to enhance learning activities. Our students are mastering a variety of materials in the classroom. Whether it is coloring, painting, or cutting and gluing, students who craft, learn important skillsets. First/then sequencing, how to share, and color blending are just a few. The best part of this time of the year is the memories we make. So make sure they are good ones! We hope all our scholars enjoy their winter break. Just know we cannot wait to begin 2024 back here at Peters with all our pandas.

Kindergarten

In English Language Arts (ELA) Unit 4, we introduced the exciting topic writers tell many stories, we have read many interactive books, discussed illustrations, the author's purpose, our own stories with our peers, as well as wrote about why people tell stories. Our students had a lot of fun and hands on experiences in unit 4.

In Math, we are learning many ways to add numbers and objects together. Some examples are counting on using patterns, real world applications, and writing out equations.

In Science, our Kindergarteners learned how to classify objects by size, shape, and color. We used everyday objects inside/outside our classrooms to show the students that there are many things that have varied

sizes, shapes, and textures. We also created fun ways to classify these objects. Our students loved exploring this unit and so did we!

In Social Studies, we are enhancing our students' comprehension and awareness of timelines in history. Timelines are an effortless way to help our kindergarteners see when things happen, and which event happened first.

We thank you parents for your continued support in helping us meet the overall needs of your precious panda scholars! We want to wish you all a Happy Holiday season and a healthy prosperous New Year!

From the Kind-hearted Kindergarten Team Mrs. Seibold, Ms. Young, Mrs. Shvank and Mrs. Lovett!

1st Grade

First grade is doing awesome things in Quarter 2! We are looking forward to our field trip to the Fire station as we are learning about our community right now. Parents, please check your child's backpack daily and make sure their folders are being cleared out. Also, homework is very important. Please reinforce the skills that students are being taught daily. Please ensure they are completing their homework nightly.

Our first graders are enjoying learning about the basic needs of plants and animals during science instruction and soon we will begin learning about water safety. We will discuss important safety rules for when we are around water and the different ways in which humans use water. In Social Studies, we are learning about people and groups making history such as, honoring the achievements of people, events, and our nation. In math, we are just starting Topic 6. Students are learning all about collecting, representing, and interpreting data. In ELA, we are working on Unit 3, where students are learning about being responsible citizens in their community.

2nd Grade

TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY... FA-LA-LA, LA-LA-LA! The second-grade team is in the spirit of READING! Second grade students had the opportunity to attend the book fair in November and the students purchased some interesting books. We are encouraging you throughout this holiday season to make it a habit to READ NIGHTLY WITH YOUR CHILD.

Furthermore, we are continuing our concentration on recounting and retelling stories, central message, reviewing main idea and asking and answering questions. These reading skills are imperative to reading literacy. Help us reach our goal by being involved in your child's reading progress.

We are full fledge into adding and subtracting two- and three-digit numbers. Please continue to work with your child daily on their math facts. The further we delve into math, the more challenging the curriculum is becoming. Get invested with your child learning his/her math facts. Make it a game! Tip: randomly quiz him/her on their facts and celebrate them when they answer correctly. Together, as a team we can work together so that our students can achieve GREATNESS!

The second graders had the opportunity to visit the Plantation Fire Station and had a wonderful experience. We also celebrated our first annual Friendsgiving. The students were able to have Thanksgiving lunch together, create art and crafts and create memories.

Parents, please remember to sign your child's planner daily. Daily communication between teacher, parent, and child equals SUCCESS! Second grade teachers are truly thankful for our parents' support.

3rd Grade

Mid-year testing is already upon us. Third grade teachers and students have been working hard to assure progress is being made. Please continue supporting your child with any questions or assistance they may need during homework. Hold them accountable for their learning and ask them questions about what they have learned in class. Have them answer using specific language for reading, math, and science. If they are not able to remember the terms, have them explain so you can understand. Communication is such a huge part of learning. Help us keep them thinking and talking.

We will have our 2nd outing in January. Field trip forms need to be signed and returned asap. Please make sure to pay for the field trip on *estore.com*, then write the invoice number on the form. Also, make sure to select the correct teacher.

As always, reach out to your child's teachers about any concerns pertaining to your student. We are looking forward to ending 2023 strong and ready for next year.

4th Grade

Fourth graders have been busy this month! Students have been working hard on multi-digit multiplication and are now starting to learn new division strategies. Division is challenging. Knowing multiplication facts is crucial. They are having fun in science learning about magnets. Students have also been engaged in writing expository and opinion essays. Everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break. Thank you for all your support!

5th Grade

We can't 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, students are hard at work with decimal division. 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 about your child's progress. This is a team effort amongst the parents, students, and teachers. We want to ensure all students are ready for middle school next year.



Our very own Drama Club, Promise Club, and Spanish Club created a Snow Panda scene for the City of Plantation's "There's Snow Place Like Plantation" snowman contest and won **1st Place**. Congratulations!!!!!!!



December

Ms. Harden, ESE Specialist

This Month in Review

STAR/FAST Assessment

Testing Dates:

December 5th & 6th

December 12th & 13th

December 7th & 14th (Make-Ups)



Please make sure your child has headphones the day of the assessment.

Home Strategies for the Exceptional Learner

- Maintain a consistent daily routine
- Use visual aids and timers
- Create a cozy/"calm" corner or space
- Focus on the child's strengths
- Celebrate every milestone
- Communicate with teachers daily



Reminders...

Private Instructional Personnel

All PIP Packets submitted must go through an extensive approval process to ensure the safety of all our students and can take up to 30 days to process. A packet received by Ms. Harden does not guarantee approval.

IEP Meetings

Please make sure to contact your child's teacher or Ms. Harden in writing via the Parent Participation Form if requesting an alternate meeting date and/or time.

Exceptional Panda Spotlight

Beginning in January, Peters' ESE Department will highlight one special programs student who has shown EXCEPTIONAL student behavior throughout their instructional day. The selected student will get their picture shared in the ESE Monthly Newsletter and their name announced during the morning announcements. From all of us in the ESE Department, here's to a happy & safe Holiday Season.

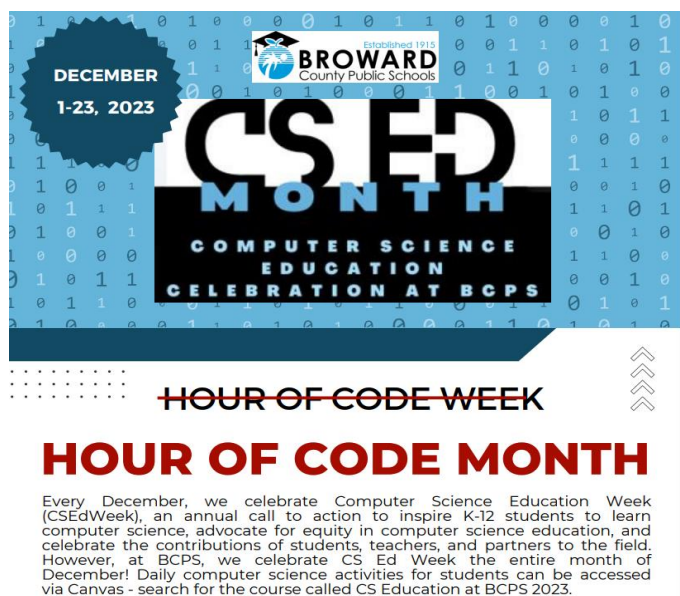


Science

December 4th-10th is Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek) and the annual Hour of Code. The theme this year is the "Impact of Computing: Creativity with AI". The entire district (students, teachers, and all staff) are invited to participate in an Hour of Code related to the impact of artificial intelligence (AI).

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CSEdWeek23Broward> for opportunities to learn about the impact of advances in AI on schools, work, and our personal lives now and in the future.

Mrs. Jackson, Science Coach



The graphic features a blue background with a binary code pattern. At the top left, a dark blue circle contains the text "DECEMBER 1-23, 2023". In the center, the text "BROWARD County Public Schools" is above a large "CSEd MONTH" logo. Below this, it says "COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION CELEBRATION AT BCPS". At the bottom, the text "HOUR OF CODE WEEK" is crossed out with a red line, and "HOUR OF CODE MONTH" is written in large, bold, red letters. A small paragraph at the bottom explains the event.

Every December, we celebrate Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek), an annual call to action to inspire K-12 students to learn computer science, advocate for equity in computer science education, and celebrate the contributions of students, teachers, and partners to the field. However, at BCPS, we celebrate CS Ed Week the entire month of December! Daily computer science activities for students can be accessed via Canvas - search for the course called CS Education at BCPS 2023.

Music

It is an exciting month in the music room. Kinder and first grade are learning lots of new, fun songs. We are incorporating steady beat, movement and dance in each lesson.

Second-Fifth grade are working on rhythms, note values, singing and starting to play songs on the piano; both by ear and by reading music on the staff.

We have been learning about all types of holiday celebrations and music around the world. Our chorus, DHH and Pre-K will be performing in our Holiday program.

This year, we will have three shows:

Tuesday Dec 19th 8:30-9:30

Wednesday Dec 20th 8:30-9:30

Thursday Dec 21st 8:30-9:30

We would love to see you there to support our students.

It has been an amazing start to this school year and it's exciting to see their love for music grow!

Ms. Wimbley, Music Teacher

SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR VISITORS

All visitors must enter through our single point of entry on 68th avenue. 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. Just a reminder, 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 your identification.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

During the 2023-24 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.



The poster has a winter theme with snow, mountains, and evergreen trees. At the top, it says "WEEK 1 \$64 2 DAYS" and "WEEK 2 \$96 3 DAYS". In the center, "ASP" is written in large red letters, with "It's All About the Children" and "AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS INC. PRESENTS" below it. The main title "Winter Break Camp" is in a large, white, cursive font. Below that, it says "@ MIRROR LAKE ELEMENTARY" and "OPEN FROM 7:30AM - 6:00PM". At the bottom, it lists the weeks: "WEEK 1: DECEMBER 28TH AND 29TH" and "WEEK 2: JANUARY 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH". Below the weeks, it says "TONS OF WINTER ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY" and lists "DJ DANCE PARTIES - FUN AND GAMES - HOLIDAY ART PROJECTS - PIZZA/ICE CREAM PARTIES - OUTDOOR FUN -". The address "MIRROR LAKE ELEMENTARY 1200 NW 72ND AVE, PLANTATION, FL 33313" is at the bottom, along with the phone number "FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 954-994-5254".

Student Council

Holiday Toy Drive

Bring New
Unwrapped Toys
Benefiting Project
Magic School
Bus!

Dec 4 -
December 13

Please drop
off donations
in your
child's
classroom!

The Winning
Class wins a
Cookie
Decorating
Party!!!

Peters Elementary School

Holiday Spirit Week

December 18th – 22nd



Class Colors:

PreK: **White**

K: **Red**

1st: **Orange**


2nd: **Yellow**

3rd: **Green**

4th: **Blue**

5th: **Pink**

School appropriate shoes and attire must be worn (no open toes or backless).



**WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE
CHILDREN SAFE SWIMMERS**

WHY...

- Drowning is the #1 cause of unintentional deaths for children 1 to 4 years of age
- 54% of adult Americans can not swim well enough to save themselves in an emergency.
- CDC reports for every 1 fatality, 8 people are impacted by a non-fatal drowning.



THE IMPACT...

- The Every Child a Swimmer program provides swim lesson scholarships to low income families.
- Every child who receives a scholarship will acquire the skills to save themselves in an emergency.
- The Every Child a Swimmer legislation provides water safety education to families.

The Every Child a Swimmer program believes that by working together to improve water competency - which includes swimming skills, water safety knowledge and helping others, water activities can be safer and just as much fun.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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TITLE I PARENT SURVEY



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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/Page/49968?schoolnumber=0931>. 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.

SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVMENT 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/Page/66514>

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.

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/Page/34284>

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 5, 2024** 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. 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://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/index.stml>

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

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Peters Elementary School, and the parents and students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (participating children), agree that 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. This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year. You may view the current compact at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/66514>

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>



School Website:

www.browardschools.com/peters

School Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/PetersElementary/>

PTA Website:

<http://www.peterselementary.my-pta.org/>

PTA Store:

<https://peterspta.memberhub.com/store>

Volunteer Application:

<https://www.browardschools.com/page/32043>

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.



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



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Director, Equal Educational Opportunities

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Department & District's

Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or

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754-321-2158.

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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.
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.



For more information, visit: www.browardschools.com/HCTB

