



THE PANDA PRESS

Title I School

School Hours
8:10 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Telephone:
754-322-7900

Attendance:
754-322-7902

Dr. Eric T. Miller, Principal

Armelle Johnson, Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events

September 4th
No School

September 5th
FAST PM1 K-2 ELA

September 6th
FAST PM1 3-5 ELA
Open House K-2 from 6-8 PM

September 7th
FAST PM1 ELA Makeups

September 12th
FAST PM1 K-2 Math

September 13th
FAST PM1 3-5 Math
Open House 3-5 from 6-8 PM

September 14th
FAST PM1 Math Makeups

September 19th -20th
i-Ready Diagnostics ELA K-5
Chipotle Night @5PM

September 21st – 22nd
i-Ready Diagnostics Math K-5

September 25th
No School

September 26th
SAC/SAF Meeting 3:30PM

September 26th -27th
Science Assessment K-2

September 28th
Picture Day

September 28th -29th
Science Assessment 3-5



September 2023

Dear Peters Family,

I would like to officially welcome all of our students and parents to Peters Elementary. We plan to have a very exciting and productive school year, and we need parents to join the following groups: School Advisory Council (SAC), School Advisory Forum (SAF), and Parent Teacher Association (PTA). "PLEASE" get involved! We want and need your support!

As we enter September, we will be working towards improving student achievement in all academic areas and preparing for the Progress Monitoring State Assessments in Grades Pre-K-5. Needless to say, we expect all of our students to reach their highest academic potential within a safe and secure learning environment!

Finally, remember that research consistently demonstrates that children who have their parents actively involved in their education, achieve more in school! You are a part of our Peters family, and we welcome the opportunity to work with you. Looking forward to a "GREAT" school year!

Sincerely,

Eric Miller

Eric Miller, Ed.D.

Principal



WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

Ann Suarez, Office Clerk
Brian Budd, DHH Para
Chellany Clarke, 2nd Grade
Cliford Richards, ESOL Para
Daughn White, 5th Grade
Dayana Laconcha, 1st Grade
Erica Lane, IDEA Para
Helen Bowen-Ruiz, Pre-K Intensive
Isaiah Nelson, Kindergarten/1st DHH
Jaaden Appet, Kindergarten
Jackie Drew, 2nd Grade
Kelly Glendon-Wood, ESE Support
Kimberly Williams, Pre-K Para
LaShawn Smith, School Counselor
Martrice Jackson, Science Coach
Michelle Lovett, Kindergarten
Olga Spraker, Speech
Tatyana Gooden, Head Start Para
Shante Humphrey, Pre-K Intensive
Sheila Valies, 5th Grade

Head Start

In Head Start, we have been learning routines for each part of our classroom day. We are taking the first 20 days of school to model and reinforce how to select, play with, and then clean up classroom materials in interested centers such as: Blocks, Dramatic Play, Art, Manipulatives or Toys and Games, Library, Writing, Sensory tables, and Discovery. We are also using this time to strengthen our classroom family by bonding with the children through songs and rituals. We all have a safe place center with “feeling buddies” so we can teach the children how to calm themselves and begin to self-regulate when they have strong feelings. After day 21, we will fully launch into our Creative Curriculum units of study which your teacher will tell you more about during our Open House and first home visit. We are so glad you are part of our School Family!

Kindergarten

The kindergarten team would like to welcome you to our school! Our focus for August/September is getting to know our school and classroom routines. We will learn how to interact with others as well as make new friends. We will focus on cooperation, sharing and helping each other. Through our reading series Science in Reading our first unit will focus on plants and animals. In math, we are exploring numbers 0-5. Our Social Studies unit will focus on being a good citizen at school and home. Thank you for being a part of our Panda family! Our kindergarten team is excited about the 2023/2024 school year, and we look forward to working with you!

Ms. Young, Mrs. Shvank, Mrs. Lovett and Ms. Appet/Seibold

1st Grade

The first-grade team is excited about the start of the 2023-2024 school year! Here are a few reminders to help this school year run smoothly:

- If you haven't already returned the beginning of the year paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. We must have these forms on file.
- Please check the blue folders everyday as well as the agendas/homework journals. Important information and homework will be found here.
- We do not have water fountains in the classroom so please have your child bring a water bottle with them every day.
- Poetry books will be sent home on Fridays but must be returned on Monday so we may put the new weekly poem in it.
- If your child does not have headphones, please send them in as soon as possible. We use them daily as well as for important assessments that are computer based.

We look forward to working together to provide a positive and successful school year!

2nd Grade

Welcome back second grade students and parents. Second grade is off to an AMAZING START! Second grade students and teachers would like to take this time to say thank you so much for your support and all that you do to help with progress and education. With continued support we are sure to progress throughout the school year. Keep up the good work! The second-grade students in reading are currently working on foundations, routines and vowel sounds/blends. In math, the students are learning basic addition and subtraction and in science, life cycles of a plant and butterfly.

Parents, we are asking that you have meaningful conversations with your child about their day. We encourage daily school conversation. Ask questions about their day. Homework is distributed daily. Please sit down with your child and review and discuss their nightly homework. HOMEWORK IS ASSIGNED EVERY NIGHT! Your child's AGENDA BOOK is an easy way to find out what is happening in school. Please review and sign the AGENDA BOOK DAILY. Also, parents the Panda family needs your help. Please join the PTA and become involved in your child's educational experience here at Peters Elementary. In addition, if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up only on the Broward County School Website.

patters. Students will be writing their own rhythms and performing them on the drums. Students are also very excited to start on the pianos this month!

Sept 15-Oct 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month, and we will be learning about and dancing to a variety of Hispanic Music.

Chorus auditions will take place the week of Sept 18th during your child's music class.

Chorus is open to all 3rd-5th graders. Chorus will be held every Tuesday from 2:10-2:50 in the music room. If you child is interested in joining chorus, you will receive a form to be signed and returned to me before our first chorus practice which will be September 26th and we will start working on our Winter Show.

I'm excited to work with your child this year and have their love for music grow!

Ms. Wimbley

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.

MANDATORY UNIFORM SCHOOL


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.

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.



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.



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!


¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!

Thursday, September 28, 2023
Peters Elementary School




Scan to order!
¡Eche un vistazo para encargarte!


How it Works:



Pre-order today on
mylifetouch.com
using your Student ID or
Picture Day ID:
EVTDJNCNQ



Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Orders will be sent home
with your student after
Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

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.

LATE ARRIVALS PROCESS

Attendance is a vital part of your child's education process. It is important for your child to be in school and on time to help maximize academic success. After 8:10AM, Parents must come into the front office to sign-in late students.

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCESS

This year, six school days are designated as an Early Release Day. On these days, students in kindergarten through 5th Grade are dismissed at 12:10 PM (i.e., two hours early) and Head Start and Pre-K at 11:50AM. Breakfast and lunch are served on these dates. The time provided through this early dismissal is designated for school staff members to engage in professional development and record keeping.

Please be sure you make arrangements for your child on Early Release days. The following is a list of the Early Release days:

Early Release Days

October 23, 2023

January 19, 2024

February 14, 2024

March 21, 2024

May 24, 2024

June 10, 2024

WALKER GATE AND CAR RIDERS

The walker gate on 68th Avenue is only for students walking to school. Car riders are not to be dropped off or picked up at the walker gate.

Parents dropping off car riders are to enter through the second gate on 70th Avenue, go around the loop let students out on the sidewalks where school staff will guide them through the entry gate.

For the safety of students, we ask that you stay alert (no cell phones) and not cut through the line.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents, the **Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green!** Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the **Back-to-School Forms** link found on the Broward Schools' webpage at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/380107>

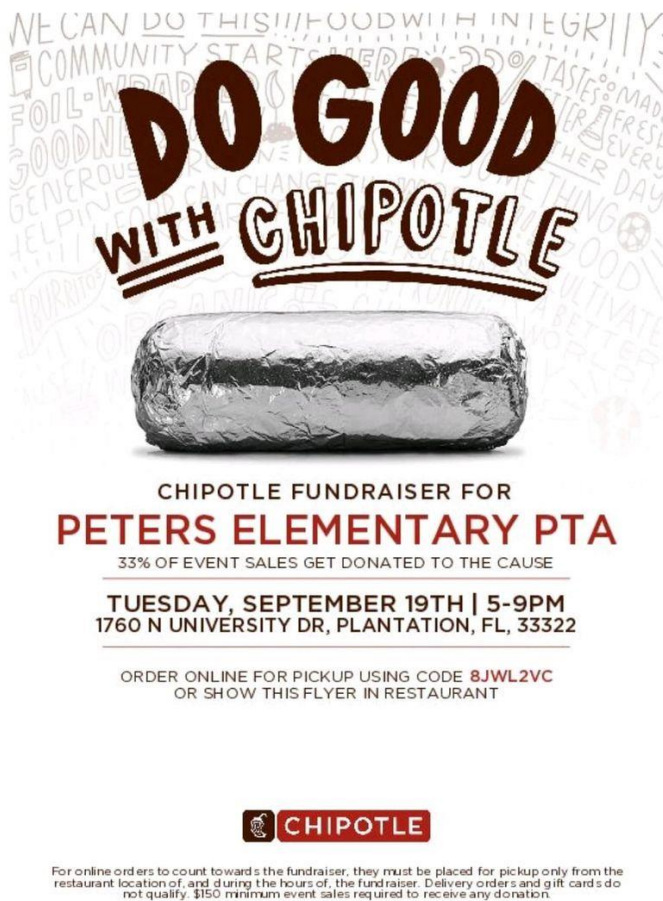
PTA

Peters Elementary is fortunate to have one of the most amazing group of volunteers who lead our PTA. The love and dedication they have for our students, staff, and the community they serve is remarkable!

Purchase a yearly PTA membership for the minimal price of \$10.



The poster features a group photo of PTA members and students, a portrait of Dr. Eric Miller, and a large PTA logo. Text on the poster includes: 'Join your Peters Elementary PTA!', 'With your support, all of our children thrive!', 'Your \$10 PTA dues help us provide school supplies for students & teachers, community events, book fairs, cultural experiences, school beautification projects, and to participate in important trainings to learn to better advocate for all children!', 'Get involved, stay informed & help us make the very most of this new 2022/2023 school year!', 'Your \$10 PTA membership is at our school store!', 'Scan and go with your phone's camera.', 'Peters Elementary PTA', 'Find us on Facebook, & get the school news you can use!', and 'Peters_elementary_pta'.



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?school_number=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>

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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:

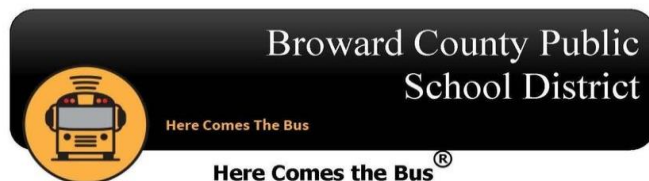
<https://peterspta.memberhub.com/store>

Title I Information:

<https://www.browardschools.com/title1>

Volunteer Application:

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



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



Sign Up Instructions for Parents:

1. Download *Here Comes the Bus* app or visit: 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.
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



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

/ADA Compliance

Department & District's

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

Teletype Machine (TTY)

754-321-2158.