



# The Trailblazer

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*"Unmask Your Superhero at Park Trails Elementary"*

## PARK TRAILS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

10700 Trails End  
Parkland, Florida 33076  
754-322-7800  
parktrails.browardschools.com

**Rumor Control Hotline**  
754-321-0321

**Broward County  
Homework Hotline**  
754-322-1970  
4:00pm – 8:00pm

**Park Trails  
Attendance Line**  
**754-322-7802**

**Trailblazer**  
[karen.lynn.gallo@browardschools.com](mailto:karen.lynn.gallo@browardschools.com)

**After School Programs**  
**954-596-9000**

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### Dates to Remember:

- Feb 11 Interim Reports Issued
- Feb 12 Man In My Life Event 6:30-8:30 PM  
Purchase tickets online at [www.parktrailspta.com](http://www.parktrailspta.com)
- Feb 15 Schools & Administrative Offices Closed for President's Day
- Feb 23 McDonald's Family Night 5:30-7:30 PM
- Feb 23-24 Spring Pictures
- Feb 25 Early Release Day



### Congratulations Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest winners!

Congratulations to two of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders for winning 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for a Martin Luther King essay contest that was given to nine schools for JA Biz Town. The essays answered life's most urgent question, according to Martin Luther King Jr., "What are you doing for others"?

**Emily Drelick – Mrs. Bickler's class – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Katie DeGregorio – Mrs. Corin's class – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



## Visitor Parking

Parking is available for visitors in the front of the school in any space not marked "Staff".

No visitor parking is allowed in the back lot.



## Cafeteria Prepayment Schedule – February 20 Days

### Full Paid

Lunch 20 @ \$2.00 = \$40.00  
Ice cream 04 @ \$0.65 = \$2.60  
Icie (Friday) 04 @ \$0.50 = \$2.00

### Reduced

Lunch 20 @ \$0.40 = \$8.00  
Ice cream 04 @ \$0.65 = \$2.60  
Icie (Friday) 04 @ \$0.50 = \$2.00

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus can be found online at <http://browardschools.nutrislice.com>

Do you wish to have the Trailblazer E-mailed to you monthly? If so, please e-mail [pierre.poulard@browardschools.com](mailto:pierre.poulard@browardschools.com) with your request.

## Volunteers

All volunteers working at school must have a permanent volunteer badge for the school year. If you don't have one yet, please register online [www.browardschools.com/getinvolved](http://www.browardschools.com/getinvolved)

Arrival time: Students should not arrive at school before 7:45 AM



## EARLY DISMISSAL POLICY

While we understand that certain situations necessitate the early dismissal of students, we ask that you keep these to a minimum. **Signing out early may count towards establishing a pattern of non-attendance that may indicate early signs of truancy. A pattern of non-attendance may be established when early sign-outs exceed 5 days in a marking period or 10 days in two marking periods.** If you know in advance that you will be picking up your child early, please write a note to the teacher so the student will be ready when you arrive. We will call the student out of class when you come in to the office. Students will only be released to parents/guardians who registered the child or indicated another adult be allowed to pick up the child. **Please have identification available.**



## TARDY POLICY

Being on time for school is a valuable part of a child's learning and should be stressed. School is the workplace of our students. By being punctual, the student will have the needed time to prepare for the day's work in a relaxed manner and will ensure that daily instruction is not missed.



Reading Corner:

Please remember to read with your children daily.

Web-sites for parents-

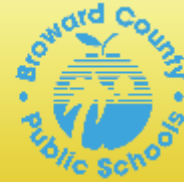
<http://www.colorincolorado.org/reading-tip-sheets-parents>

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/readingtips/readingtips.pdf>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-11-languages>

Sparkling  
AHA!  
Moments

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK FOUNDATION



BCPS Celebrates:  
Take Our Daughters  
and Sons to Work Day  
(Groundhog Job Shadow  
Day)

**DATE:**  
**February 2, 2016**

\*Please note that the date does not align with the National Take your Child to Work Day date so as not to conflict with state mandated testing.

**TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY**  
**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

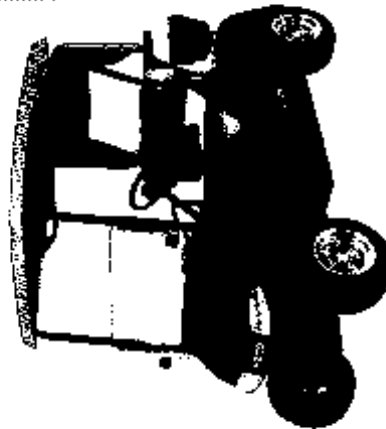
Students participating in Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day must complete the Student Log and Activity Form. School Activity Packets for students who participate in Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day are available at schools and on the district CTACE website at

<http://academics.browardschools.com/ctace>

For more information on activities and events, please contact your local BCPS school.

### Golf Cart and Low-Speed Vehicle Safety Requirements

The City of Portland's number one priority, and the top priority of the Broward Sheriff's Office-Parkland District and the Parkland-Coral Springs Fire Department, is the protection of the lives, safety, and health of all Parkland residents and visitors to our city.



With the City's continued population growth, illegal use of golf carts on public roadways and sidewalks has become an increased safety concern for pedestrians and vehicle traffic. Please be aware of the following:

- Florida State Statute prohibits the use of golf carts on any public roadways or sidewalks. "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and is not capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour. Golf carts may only be used on a golf course or on private property. Vehicles are subject to receiving a State traffic citation.
- "Low-speed vehicles" are any four-wheeled electric vehicles whose top speed is greater than 20 miles per hour, but not greater than 25 miles per hour, including neighborhood electric vehicles. Low-speed vehicles must comply with the same safety registration, insurance, and title laws as cars and may only be operated by a licensed driver. (49 C.F.R. § 571.508 and § 316.2122).
- "Low-speed vehicles" are restricted to use on public roadways with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less.

### Battery-Powered Vehicle Concerns

Owners of golf carts and low-speed vehicles should also be aware that the batteries used to power these vehicles emit carbon monoxide fumes while they are charging. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, and potentially deadly gas that can seep into your home during the battery charging process. More than 100 people are killed each year by carbon monoxide poisoning. For proper charging and storage of battery-powered vehicles please follow these safety guidelines:

- Main drain proper battery water levels.
- Ensure battery caps are on tight.
- Charge batteries using only the recommended current rating, higher
- Never charge batteries overnight
- Charge batteries in a well ventilated area.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector in your home adjacent to where you charge batteries.

