



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

April

4/3: Writing Assessment:
Grades 4 & 5

4/4: 25th Anniversary

4/11: Kona Ice Visit

4/15: Quarter 3 Honor
Roll Assembly

4/16-4/17:
Kindergarten Safety
Town Field Trips

4/21-4/25: Book Fair

4/23: Last Day to
Purchase Yearbook &
Yearbook Ads

4/24: PTA Family Game
Night



Administrator's Corner

Spring has arrived and we are in the final stretch of the school year. We hope that you all enjoyed your nice and long Spring Break. The students and staff should be fully recharged and ready for these last few weeks. The fourth and final quarter of school began the week before Spring Break. Students' grades are being finalized and progress reports for the third quarter will be coming home after break. Please be on the lookout or check your child's focus for their current grades. As we enter our last two months of school, it will be a very busy and important time of year. Throughout the month of April curriculum will be spiraling through reviews and making sure students are prepared for their final Progress Monitoring Assessment in May. Beginning the month of May, we will be testing almost every day with different grade levels. Remember these assessments are the number one promotion criteria. So get your trips, vacations and weekend getaways out of the way during break as we need all of your children here each and every day these last nine weeks.

On Friday, April 4th, we are celebrating our 25th anniversary. Parkside opened its doors in 2000 and we are so excited to celebrate its 25th year. The week before Spring Break we located the time capsule that was buried 15 years ago and put it on display for the students to see. Then we opened it up to see what the students and staff collected to put in there. The students truly were in awe. When we return from break, all of the classes will be putting together items to place in the container again. We will bury the capsule in the afternoon on the 25th. If you purchased shirts, they will be sent out beginning of the week. The ceremony will run from 8:30-10 am for selected guests, our students and staff. We are looking forward to a great celebration.

Yearbooks are on sale with PTA. Each year they do a great job of putting together a collage of memories of the school year. It is a great way to cherish your childhood elementary years. They also have some pages dedicated to personal ads for students. We encourage our 5th grade families to consider putting in these for their child. Spaces are limited. Please check out the flyer that went home a few weeks ago or contact our front office for more information.

Continue working on I-Ready for your children over these next few weeks. While we would love for your children to complete 45 min a week for both reading and math, our focus for the next few weeks is on only math. So please find time to get those math minutes in every day. If you have extra time, go on reading as well. Ms. Martin is doing an incentive cart with our 3rd-5th grade students to try to encourage them get these completed. We appreciate any help you can give us at home in evenings or on weekends.

Parents, since we have sprung forward, our tardies have increased a lot. Our car line is going about 5 minutes longer every day. While we know this adjustment can sometimes be hard at first, when we return from Spring Break we expect all of our families to do better job at getting the students here on time.

Finally as we head into April, please make sure you are in constant communication with your child's teacher. This time of year is busy and there is a lot of information going home. Your child's progress should be a priority especially when we are looking at promotion for the next school year. If you are uncertain, please contact your child's teacher.

We hope you have a great month and Thanks for Being a part of Parkside Where we G.L.O.W., Growing and Learning Our Way.

Laneia Hall,
Principal

Kindergarten

It's hard to believe we are now into our 4th quarter of Kindergarten! We still have lots of learning to do. We will be working on sums and differences to 20 and numbers to 100 in math. In science, we will be learning about weather, plants and life cycles. This always seems to be one of the favorites by all the children! We will be going on a field trip to Safety Town April 16th and 17th.

Save the dates: May 12th - 23rd our kindergarteners will be going swimming at the Mullins Park pool. We will be walking across the street each day for a 30-minute swim lesson. Please make sure to send your child in their bathing suit everyday, apply sunscreen at home, send a towel and change of clothes each day. We will also need a volunteer each day to walk with us. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher and more information will be coming home when it gets closer.

Make sure you are reading each night with your child and completing homework regularly. These skills are important to instill in a child at a young age. They will learn to love to read and feel confident within themselves! Happy Spring!

First Grade

Springtime is here, which means last quarter of the year! In math, we began to work with measuring objects to the nearest inch and centimeter. Have your child find objects around the house to measure! We will also be working on time and money. We will be working on time to the hour and half hour. Counting coins and dollar bills is also an exciting skill! Practice makes perfect!

During the month of April, we will learn about day and night and all about the Earth! The children tend to love this science unit. We hope during this unit your children have lots to tell you! Go explore outside! We will be also talking about the sun and how it can be harmful and helpful!

As we begin the last quarter of this school year, all the first-grade teachers will heavily be focused on reading and reading comprehension. We are diligently trying to prepare the children for the last F.A.S.T. Reading test. *The passages we've been completing at school and at home, is one way to practice, but please do not forget that simply reading with your child and having conversations about what they've read is just as powerful!*

As always, thanks for all you do to be part of your child's learning journey!

Second Grade

We hope you all had a restful Spring Break. Second grade is ready to dive back into our curriculum and end the fourth quarter strong! This month is an extremely busy month and we are approaching our end of year test in May. Second grade will be taking the Reading STAR Test on Thursday, May 15th and the Math STAR Test will be on Monday, May 19th. On April 4th Parkside will be celebrating 25 years, this will be a special day for us! We have even made something to put into the time capsule here at Parkside. Please look out for report cards going home on Tuesday, April 8th. Report envelopes need to be signed and returned to your child's teacher. We will have someone come and show us some authentic Native American Artifacts and talk to us about various tribes across the United States and their customs and traditions on April 23rd. Our Spring Book Fair is the week April 21st, more details to come. In Reading we are finishing up Unit 8 which incorporates science with informational text. Students are learning about Author's Purpose, Author's Opinion, Text Features, and Retelling Informational Text. We will be starting Unit 9 where Social Studies will be incorporated into our Reading curriculum. In Math we will continue to work on measurement. We are estimating and measuring using inches, feet and yards and metric units such as centimeters, meters. We will also be solving one and two step real word problems involving measurements. As we finish up "The Sun, Water, and Air" in science, we will begin "Severe Weather". In Social Studies our Topic is "Citizens", and we will also be touching on the Holocaust for the month of April. Please continue to read daily with your child, practice math fluency facts, and math problems that involve regrouping as well.

 **Third Grade**

It's hard to believe we are already entering the fourth quarter—the year has flown by! Keep an eye out for information about our upcoming field trip (or maybe even two!). We are incredibly proud of our students' growth this year.

In **Mathematics**, we will focus on solving word problems using bar graphs, pictographs, and stem plots, as well as working with time-related problems. In **Science**, our studies will center on plant and animal classification and adaptations. In **Social Studies**, students will explore landmarks, national parks, and geographical regions.

Our **Reading** curriculum includes a spiral review, and by this point in the year, students have been exposed to all grade-level standards. It is crucial that students read for at least 30 minutes daily and complete 45 minutes of I-Ready each week in both Math and Reading. Research shows that strong readers become strong writers, and fourth grade will involve a significant amount of writing each week.

As we enter the final quarter of the school year, please remember that third grade is a **mandatory retention year**, meaning students' performance on upcoming assessments is critical for promotion. To support their success, students should arrive **on time** each day, well-rested and ready to learn. While testing isn't everything, learning is an ongoing process, and consistent attendance, engagement, and a positive attitude are essential for success. Thank you for your continued support!

 **Fourth Grade**

March has come and gone! Kids enjoyed dressing up for Dr. Seuss week. Classes had some fun activities to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. In science, fourth grade has been learning about Earth science. Rocks, minerals, and changes to land have all fallen under this category. In math, we have continued to learn about fractions and now we're touching on decimals. In reading, we are wrapping up unit 6 which is on fiction text and now switching back to non-fiction which is unit 7. In language arts, we are doing our best to prepare our kids for their writing FAST coming up. Kids will be expected to write a four paragraph informational or opinion essay. In social studies, we are learning about the American Revolutionary War. Looking forward to what April brings!

 **Fifth Grade**

Hello families! We hope everyone is doing well! Third quarter has come to an end and we are in the last quarter of Elementary School for our 5th graders!!!

In reading, we will begin a nonfiction unit that be analyzing several reading standards on the topic of Matter. In Math, we are beginning Topic 11 which involves Geometric Concept and then Topic 12 that goes into collecting, representing and interpreting data. All of the 5th grade classrooms did a project on this topic. In science we will be working on learning about organs of the human body and comparing structures of plants and animals. In Social Studies we will be getting started on the topic of the 13 colonies.

We look forward to an awesome rest of the year with your kiddos!

The 5th Grade Team



Important Reminder

A reminder not to park at Green Wood Square for student pick-up. Parents have been parking in designated spots and blocking entrances for the doctors and patients. If you decide to park there regularly, you may purchase a parking decal. If your car does not have a decal for Green Wellness Centre and Spa, you will be towed.

School Advisory Update

School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum will not be meeting in April. We will meet again in May. Enjoy your Spring Break!



Panther Aftercare News

We made it to Spring Break! Have a great week off, do some fun things and let us know when you return.

When you come to pick up your child/ren, please scan the QR code out front. It is for our annual School Satisfaction survey, we need as many parents as possible to participate.

The next payment is due on Thursday April 10th. Payments must be made by midnight on the due date. Please know that the online portal will not be able to take your payment after the due date. You will have to have a variable payment in which I can complete, but you will then have to pay a \$30.00 re-registration fee. If you have any trouble processing your payment, you can call the Business Support Center at 754-321-0600.

Continue to review the 5 Parkside School Goals. Challenge your child to tell you what they are! Please check out our Parkside website where you will find a direct link to all things After School Child Care.

School Counselor's Corner

The staff here at Parkside hope that students had an enjoyable time off via Spring Break. Now that the last couple of months of school are upon us, we want to emphasize the importance of student attendance and punctuality. We ask that families do their very best to ensure that their child(ren) are present and on time for the remainder of the year. April is a critical month as K-5 teachers are not only instructing students on new material, they're also reviewing material from the entire school year to prepare students for end-of-year assessments. The window for most end- of-year assessments is from **May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025**. For more information on which assessments your child(ren) will be taking, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher of record.

Per the usual, Parkside's school counselors are available for emotional and social support. If you would like to speak to one of the school counselor's regarding your child(ren)'s emotional and/or social health, please send an email to tracy.cerra@browardschools.com (grades 3-5) or to nicole.hahn@browardschools.com (grades K-2). In your email, please include the full name of your child(ren), your full name and the best phone number in which you can be reached; you will receive a call within 48 hrs of your email. ***Please note that only parents and/or legal guardians listed on school file will be contacted.**

Nicole Hahn, School Counselor (K-2) & Tracy Cerra, School Counselor (3-5)



2024-2025 BCPS Parent Survey

In an effort to improve system practices, Broward County Public Schools is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete this survey. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. The surveys will be available online in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese. Thank you for taking your time to complete the survey.

To complete the survey, copy and paste the link or scan the QR Code below.



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The survey will be available Monday, March 3, 2025 - Friday, May 2, 2025.



FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Visit the website to download the appl or submit a tip online : www.getfortifyfl.com

Parkside PTA Update

Happy April Parkside! There are some fun events happening this month. For the school's 25th anniversary we were able to provide decorations and freshly popped popcorn for the whole school! Our spring book fair is this month, running April 21-25 and we're hosting our first annual Family Game Night on Thursday April 24th from 6:30-8:00pm. Flyers will be going home with all the info so stay tuned. Lastly, dont forget that the LAST DAY to purchase yearbooks and yearbook ads is April 23, so get those orders in! Have a great April!



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