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Calendar of Events

December

12/3: SAC/SAF Meeting
7:30am

12/9-13: Holiday Fun
Shop

12/10: Kindergarten
FAST Testing (ELA)

12/11: Kindergarten
FAST Testing (Math)

12/13: Field Day (K/1)

12/16: Field Day (2/3)

12/17: Field Day (4/5)

12/18: Polar Express
(Pajama) Day

12/23-1/3: Winter Break



Administrator's Corner

The Holiday Season has crept up on us and we are just a few short weeks away from winter break. It truly amazes me how quickly this time goes by especially as soon as Halloween comes. We hope that you do take some time during this holiday season to slow down, take a breath and enjoy your families.

Over these past few months there have been so many things happening at Parkside. We had Red Ribbon Week, Halloween and our Halloween Parade, Scholastic Book Fair, Family Science Night and our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. These all were a big success and December is just as busy. We have field days, Polar Express and PTA Holiday Shop. Please be on the look out for specific dates and times for all of these events. We don't want you or your children to miss out on all of the fun.

A few weeks ago, we sent out the first quarter progress reports for all students. We hope you took the time to look through these reports and praise your children for all of their hard work. If you have any questions or concerns or if you have not scheduled a conference with your child's teacher now is the time. Please also remember, these documents are online through FOCUS. Even though the District is encouraging all of our families to view these electronically, we will continue to print these copies for you each quarter. It was also great recognizing all of our students who received honor roll or the "Pawserverence" award last Friday. We are so proud of these students and we encourage all students to continue to work towards improvement each quarter.

December and January brings around our second wave of assessing. During December we will be conducting all of our I-Ready Diagnostic assessments and in January our FAST PM 2 assessments. We want you to know these tests are both very important and we use this data to drive our instruction. Please encourage your children to take their time and take all of these very seriously. We do our very best to help the children stay focused and perform their best but sometimes computer testing is hard for the children. Sadly, this is the way we are assessing these days. We appreciate you talking with your children about these upcoming assessments.

If you are looking for a way to let your children enjoy the season of giving and give back to the school, make sure you check out the Holiday Shop from PTA. Each year they have a cute set up with a lot of inexpensive gifts to purchase for friends, family and teachers. This is a great way for you to give your child an allowance, have them set a budget and purchase inexpensive gifts. They always get really excited to see family members opening them up. This also is a great easy give back to the school. Please check out this in the next few weeks.

From all of us here at Parkside, we wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year!

Thanks for being a part of Parkside Where we GLOW, Growing and Learning Our Way.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Laneia Hall, Principal

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students have been very busy! The children are working hard and learning how to become great readers. Please take some time every day to read with them at home and practice sight words daily too. Ask them about what they're reading and talk to them about the parts of a book. Challenge them to write a sentence or two about the story they read! In math, we are working on addition and we will be learning about sound in science. We will be having field day on December 13th from 8:30-10:30. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer. More information will be sent home about that fun day! We will be learning about holidays around the world and doing many fun holiday activities in our classrooms. Please make sure to keep reading with your child over the holiday break. We wish each and everyone one of you a very WARM and happy holiday season!

First Grade

The month of November went by quickly! We spent time discussing family traditions and talking about the things we are truly thankful for. We also took some time to look at how the life in the past is so different from the life now in the present time. Ask your child to share some of the differences and similarities they learned about the past and present. In math, we are finishing the Topics on addition and subtraction strategies. Remember, practicing math facts helps build math fluency. Coming up with math games together as a family can help with fluency too! After this topic, we will be learning about interpreting data and extending the counting sequence! Please encourage your child to practice nightly. December will be full of learning and celebrating the holidays! Please continue to support your child's academic progress by reading, practicing sight words, and learning

Second Grade

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! As we return from our Fall Break, the mid-year I-Ready Diagnostic Window will begin and we will be completing these before Winter Break. This is another short month and attendance is very important for students. In Reading, we will continue to spiral previous standards. We will be continuing Unit 4 and working on plot structure and main story elements, different characters' perspectives, and theme. In Math, we have continued to master our math fluency with addition and subtraction. We will also be continuing double-digit subtraction strategies. As well as solving word problems and knowing what the question is asking. We will always be spiraling previous objectives already covered throughout the rest of the year. In Science, we are wrapping up Push and Pull. Next, we will be exploring Magnets and Gravity, then Force and Motion. In Social Studies we have been learning about Native American Heritage and student's "at home projects" will be due the beginning of the month. We are so excited to see and share these in class! The Holiday Shop will be running during the week of December 9th. Please keep an eye out for information from your teacher to see what day your child will be going. Field Day will be on Monday, December 16th at 11:30 for 2nd grade. Don't forget to wear your class shirt this day. On December 18th Parkside will have our annual "Polar Express Day", which is always a day filled with excitement! When we return in January, students will be taking the PM2 Star Assessments for Reading and Math. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year!

 Third Grade

November!?! Seriously?! Wasn't it summer, just a few weeks ago? Time flies when we're working hard I guess! Third grade students are currently working more on Division and Multiplication and will soon be working on parts of Geometry like Area and Perimeter. Students will benefit greatly from a few minutes of daily facts practice with flashcards and/or making lists. If they at least know their facts for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10, the rest are easier to figure out. In ELA, we are going to be concentrating on quotations, expository writing, cause and effect, compare and contrast, text features, and fluency. We are settling into our Walk-to Read routines. In Science, we are continuing our journey into the forms of Energy and how they relate to each other. In Social Studies, we continue to learn about regions and countries of North America, as well as our national landmarks. We will also touch on the election process and the three levels of government. We have been delayed in booking our field trips, due to certain date availability. We expect to have a definitive schedule for some great field trips very soon. Coming up, we look forward to seeing everyone that will be coming to the Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 22. Don't forget that every Thursday is "THIRDSDAY!" Students are encouraged to wear their class shirts on this day each week. Happy Thanksgiving! Gobble Gobble!

 Fourth Grade

October came and went! It was a busy month filled with lots of fun activities, especially the week of red ribbon. In preparations for science night, 4th grade has gone through five different experiments. Each class will be creating five different science boards to present at science night. Kids have really enjoyed going through the scientific process. Moreover, in the area of math we have worked on two digit by two digit multiplication and now we are in division. In language arts, we have worked on singular and plural nouns. In reading, our focus has been on point of view and perspective. In social studies, our focus has been on the geography of Florida. The window for our annual Saint Augustine field trip has also recently opened. The holidays are right around the corner, so we're preparing for a busy and fun November.

 Fifth Grade

We cannot believe that we are already heading into December! There will be many fun events going on such as Field Day, Polar Express Day and the PTA Holiday Shop. Also, information has come home regarding the 5th end of year field trip. The deposit is \$173.00, and we will be able to determine the remaining balance once all deposits come in. The deposit is due by January 12, 2025. IReady Diagnostics will take place the week before Winter Break. Upon our return FAST PM 2 for Mathematics is on January 9th and English Language Arts is on January 15th. Within a week or two your child's teachers will be sending out information regarding your child's score. Also, teachers will begin to set up our second round of conferences. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!



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

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 3, 2024. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting which is being held in the school's media center. Please arrive a few minutes early in order to get checked in so that we can begin our meeting promptly at 7:30a.m. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Panther Aftercare News



WOW! We made it to the last month of the year! We hope that you have a very pleasant, relaxing and fun filled winter holiday. Whichever holiday you celebrate, fill it with love and good cheer and be thankful!

The next payment is due Tuesday December 3rd. Payment must be received before services are rendered. You can make your payment online at ESTORE.BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM up until midnight on the 3rd of December. If you have any concern with your payment, please call 754-321-0600.

Please assist us by completing our Aftercare survey. Thanking you in advance for doing this. Continue to review our 5 Parkside goals and keep it positive!

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

School Counselor's Corner

There is so much to be thankful for this holiday season! Parkside's annual Harvest Drive concluded on 11/5/24; we collected over 50 lbs. of donation items for families in need. Parkside's annual Thanksgiving Family Luncheon was held on 11/22/24. The turn-out of family members to our luncheon has been 500+ in the past few years and we are so appreciative to all who come out each year!

The FAST Progress Monitoring II assessment window begins in mid-December 2024. Please keep in mind that student attendance and punctuality are **especially crucial** during FAST Progress Monitoring assessment windows. The prospective grade level assessment dates are as follows:

Kindergarten- FAST Reading on December 16, 2024 and FAST Math on December 17, 2024

1st grade & 2nd grade- FAST Reading on January 8, 2025 and FAST Math on January 16, 2025

3rd grade- FAST Reading on January 14, 2025 and FAST Math on January 22, 2025.

4th grade and 5th grade- FAST Math on January 9, 2025 and FAST Reading on January 15, 2025.

*Make-ups for all grade levels are through January 24, 2025. Be sure to check with your child's teacher for any potential date changes as December 2024 gets underway.

For more information on the test design, please visit

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>

If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and/or Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

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



Fourth Grade Field Trip



Fifth Grade Field Trip



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Parkside Thanksgiving Luncheon





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 December Parkside! We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and we are excited for the Holiday Season. This month is a busy one! We have Polar express day December 18, where we will have our firetruck dance party for all the kiddos. Field day is this month as well and we're excited to be able to serve snow cones to all our Parkside students. Get excited because we're also hosting our annual Holiday Shop December 9-13th where students can come shop for their loved ones. More information will be sent home to the students in the upcoming weeks. We can't wait to celebrate Parkside!



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