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Calendar of Events

March

3/4: SAC/SAF Meeting
7:30am

3/4: Student of the
Month Assembly

3/4: Gr 1 Field Trip—
Coral Springs Center for
the Arts

3/11: Gr 2 Field Trip—
Old Davie Schoolhouse

3/14: Kona Ice Visit

3/21-3/31: Spring Break



Administrator's Corner

March has arrived and we hope that this is a lucky month for all of our Parkside staff, students and families. I am amazed at how quickly this school year is going by. Over the next few weeks, we will be finishing up the third quarter of school, Spring Break and staying focused on teaching and learning. Please continue to monitor the weekly parentlinks and the communication apps you have with your child's teacher.

The first week of March we always celebrate Dr. Seuss. He truly produced many classics that we have read with our children over time. The rhyme, repetition and imagination he put into his stories has helped to create a love for reading to many children. Please help us celebrate and dress up throughout the week. Each day there will be a different book theme. Check out the flyer.

I-Ready is a computer based program that provides your child with a personalized instructional pathway based on their diagnostic assessments. While we never want to replace a human for computerized instruction, it is encouraged for students to use the program for 45 min each week in both reading and math. We hope you can help us by getting your child on I-Ready at home for a few times a week. We appreciate your support.

Attendance has been a big concern over the past few months. Having your child in school each and every day is a responsibility of the parent and expected. While we know around the holidays there may be travel and other events, but this is the reason the District provides a long break. This week we began sending out letters in regards to truancy. Truancy is when a student missing school for an excessive amount of time whether it is excused or unexcused. In order for our teachers to provide an effective education, your child needs to be present. If you have questions or receive one of these letters, please feel to reach out to the office for assistance.

We want to thank all of the many families who purchased one of our 25th anniversary T-Shirts. We had a great response. These have been ordered and will be sent home in a few weeks. There will be more information coming home about the celebration which will be held on Friday, April 4th. We are finalizing the details and what this special day will look like. We are asking for any donations from any families to help with beautification of our campus. If you have a contact or are interested in making a donation, please reach out to Ms. Rivera in the front office. Anything helps.

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

March will be another busy month for Kindergarten! We have some field trips coming up. We will be going to Fern Forest to learn about living and nonliving things. Make sure your child wears their class shirt on the day of their field trip, brings a bag lunch and a water bottle. In April, we will be going to Safety Town and in May, we will be going swimming. We will need lots of volunteers for these trips so please register now to make sure you are an approved volunteer. Thank you to all the volunteers for your help with these field trips!!!

We will be studying day/night and weather in science and continuing with addition and subtraction in math. In social studies, we are learning about community helpers. We are also concentrating on sequencing and retelling stories to help with comprehension in reading. Please continue to READ, READ, READ at home! We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break and get some fun, family time in.

First Grade

February came and went in a snap! Thanks to all the families that made us feel super special on Valentine's Day with all the cards, flowers and gifts. It made each of us smile! The children had a blast exchanging Valentines. It was truly special to see all the children thank each other and show their appreciation and love for their friends. We also planted in the garden for our day of service act! The students really enjoyed seeing their plants grow! In math, we are working on using strategies to add and subtract numbers to 100. Please review place value with your child and practice math facts nightly!

In reading, we've also started some important practice for the end of the year reading test. Be on the lookout for reading passages with questions going home. These passages are similar to what will be on the test, and they are great practice! READ, READ, READ EVERY NIGHT!

We spent a lot of time in January and February recognizing people from the past that have made an impact on our world and our lives. Ask your child to tell you about one of the historical people we learned about, and to include "facts" about what they learned and their opinion about these famous people. We will be learning about maps next! In science, we have been learning about Slow and Fast land changes to our Earth! See if your child can name a change that happens fast or slow! We will learn about classifying matter next!

Thank you for everything you do at home to help your child continue to make progress in all the academic areas!

Second Grade

We are looking forward to our field trip to Old Davie Schoolhouse on the 11th where we will travel back in time to see how people lived in the 1800's. The students will learn the history of Florida through hands-on experiences. In reading, Unit 7 focuses on how understanding the past helps shape the future through learning more about primary sources. It's important that students continue to practice reading different types of text at home. It is also beneficial for children hear fluency modeled. Please continue to take some time to read to your child so they can hear your fluency as well. In Math, we are in Topic 11: Adding and Subtracting with Numbers to 1000. As a reminder, you can go on Savvas Easy Bridge "Family Engagement" to see videos and other resources. In Science, we are exploring "Patterns in Nature" where the seasons and weather patterns will be discussed. We will also be learning more about evaporation and condensation through exploring "The Sun, Water, and Air". In Social Studies, we have finished up "Immigration Over Time" and are working on "How Government Works". This is a great opportunity to discuss the correlation between class and home rules to laws that we as citizens follow in everyday life. Thank you to all the parents who came out to support students in their Black History Biography presentations! I-Ready is a great resource for your child to get extra practice in Reading and Math. This can be accessed at home through Clever. Thank you for all you do to help your child succeed!

 **Third Grade**

It is March Madness in third grade and we are all shooting for the three-pointers! We have started Benchmark Unit 7. Some of the areas we will focus on are Plot development, Character Compare/Contrast, Theme in poetry, figurative language, fluency strategies, analyzing illustrations, authors' purpose and claims, text features, metaphors, historical fiction, narrative and opinion writing. In Math, we are knee-deep into Topic 9 on advanced multiplication and division and will soon delve into fractions but also continue daily math review activities to enhance areas of multi-digit addition and subtraction, rounding, area/perimeter, and multi-step word problems. AT THIS POINT STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A GRASP ON MULTIPLICATION FACTS UP TO 10, ARE GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING UP with the newer math concepts. They must practice these daily. In Social Studies, we will concentrate on famous women in history and the contributions of many incredible female writers, scientists, inventors, activists, and leaders. In Science, we are finishing up with the Laws of Gravity and will soon embark on the Plants and Animals. And it's just about here! Another field trip is coming! Look out for permission slips coming home soon!

 **Fourth Grade**

February was a month of love, kindness, and service. On Valentine's Day, fourth grade made friendship bracelets and traded them with someone from another class at recess. In addition, classes helped out at our community garden and did other things within their classroom. Academically, in math we have been diving into fractions. Fractions spans across numerous topics in our curriculum. Currently, we are learning about equivalent fractions. In language arts, we are starting to write essays. In social studies, we are working on individual projects for African American History Month and Women's History Month. Classes that are not doing "projects" are learning more about the content through read alouds and other sources. In reading, we are back to learning about fiction and starting a mini unit on poetry. In science, we are learning about minerals, rocks, and changes to land. We are looking forward to a great month of learning in March.

 **Fifth Grade**

Hello families!

We hope everyone is doing well! The students really enjoyed our field trip to The Sawgrass Nature Center. On this trip the students learned a lot about the Everglades ecosystem and observed plants and animals that have adapted to this environment. They were also able to dissect owl pellets and determine the owls' "last meals". This was a wonderful and educational experience.

Your child's teacher should be reaching out (if they haven't already done so), to set up 2nd semester conferences. At this time IReady Diagnostic results will be discussed as well as the data for Reading and Math FAST PM2.

In reading, we will be wrapping up a nonfiction unit that be analyzing several reading standards on the topic of Technology's Impact. In Math, we are beginning Topic 9 which involves multiplying fractions. Our main focus for the month of February regarding Social Studies was celebrating and educating about Black History. All of the 5th grade classrooms did a project on this topic. For science we have moved into exploring and understanding Earth's Sun and the Water Cycle and then move into weather systems.

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 be meeting on Tuesday March 4th at 7:30 am in the Media Center. Please arrive a few minutes early to get checked in. Looking forward to seeing you there. We need you to glow with us!



Panther Aftercare News



When you come to pick up your child/ren, please scan the Qrcode out front, it is for our annual Title I survey, we are almost there, however, we do need a few more parents to complete this.

Beginning March 3rd our annual school survey will begin. We really need you to help us complete this. Everyone has a role to play. The parents, staff and students are being expected to participate.

The next payment is due on Thursday March 6th. 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.

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

School Counselor's Corner

Spring is an extremely busy and an important time each school year. During the spring months various standardized assessments are held and academic plans for the following school year become the forefront in parent/teacher communication/collaboration. In addition, this spring, the school counselors are offering several guidance groups that will meet once a week or once every other week (i.e. depending upon standardized test dates, Spring Break, etc.) for approximately 30 minutes. The guidance groups are prospected to run until early April 2025; some of the groups being offered are as follows:

- Self-Awareness & Self Confidence**
- Family Changes**
- Making Good Choices/Good Behavior**

For more information on one of the above guidance groups please notify your child's teacher of your interest or submit an email to

Nicole.hahn@browardschools.com (K-2)
tracy.cerra@browardschools.com (3-5)

Finally, Self-Control is the character trait for the month of March. Self-Control is when one can regulate his or her response and/or reaction so that a negative result doesn't occur. For more information on how to teach and encourage Self-Control at home please visit:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/self-control.html>

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





Dr. Seuss WEEK

Monday

March 3 - 7

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One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish



Wear red or blue



Cat in the Hat

Tuesday

Wear your favorite hat

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Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday

Wear clothes inside out or backwards

Green Eggs and Ham

Thursday

Wear green

Friday

Fox in Socks

Wear silly socks

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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.

Social Media's Influence on Youth Mental Health and Substance Abuse



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North Region Town Hall

J.P. Taravella High School

10600 Riverside Drive • Coral Springs, FL 33071

March 4, 2025

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the Division of Student Services

Students, parents, staff and community members are invited to a forum examining how social media influences student behavior and well-being. Learn about the latest research, trends, and ways to navigate this digital landscape. Our expert speakers will delve into important topics and provide valuable insights. Don't miss out on this crucial discussion!

The event kicks off with a Resource Fair at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation and a Q & A session with local area experts.

For more information contact Sylvia Beevas, Assistant Director for the Equity, Diversity & School Climate Department via email at sylvia.beevas@browardschools.com or 754-321-1600.

RSVP at: <https://bit.ly/40m82IS>



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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 March Parkside! This month we'll be distributing a sweet treat to all the students right before spring break! We're also gearing up for book fair and family game night that will be in April. We hope everyone has a great spring break this month.

**BOOK
FAIR
COMING SOON!**

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