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Calendar of Events

August

- 8/14:** Meet and Greet
-3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
@ 8:30 AM
-Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd and
ESE @ 10:00 AM
- 8/15:** First Day of School
- 8/23:** SAC/SAF Meeting,
7:30 AM, Media Center
- 8/23:** Individual Picture
Day
- 8/29:** Open House for
Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd and ESE
- 9/3:** Labor Day (No
School)
- 9/5:** Open House for 3rd,
4th, and 5th

Cafeteria Procedures

Parents are urged to prepay for their children's lunch by check, cash, or online through myschoolbucks.com. Please remember that there is no charge for breakfast for any Broward County public school student.

For 2018/2019, lunch will cost \$2.00, milk is \$0.50, and the service charge, if you pay online through MySchoolBucks.com, will remain \$1.95.

One "charged" lunch will be allowed, but after that if children do not have lunch money they will receive a carton of milk and a plain cheese sandwich.

You can visit <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/34341> to get more information about Free and Reduced price meals (you are encouraged to apply), up-to-date menus, access to online payments, and nutrition information.



Administrator's Corner

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year at Parkside Elementary. We hope each and every one of you had a joyful summer filled with many exciting memories for you to share with us as we get to know more about you and your families. We are excited to start this year off with our new theme, "Planting Seeds of Kindness." This year we hope to instill in your children the importance of being kind. As a staff, we will look to create a safe and comforting environment within our classrooms and the entire school community so that all students feel nurtured and supported on their learning paths. It is our hope that all parents will participate and support your children and their teachers on this wonderful journey.

There are a few reminders to help you be prepared for our Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 14th and the first day of school on Wednesday, August 15th. You and your child will meet your child's teacher, locate their classroom, and get signed up for the cafeteria on Tuesday at the Meet and Greet. This is also a great time for students to bring in any school supplies they have purchased for the year. Parents will also have an opportunity to check out our PTA, purchase school shirts and find out how they can get involved in our school. Our Meet and Greet times are located in the calendar section of the newsletter. The first day of school is on Wednesday, August 15th. School does begin promptly at 8:00 am. Parents will be allowed to walk their children to class on the first day only. As you are walking your children to class, show them where they need to go and encourage them so they know that they will be fine doing it on their own their own the following day. We will open the doors beginning at 7:30 am, but will ask the parents to leave by 8:00 am in order to start our day. Due to the large number of students who attend here, I would suggest you getting an early start to get a parking spot and avoid the traffic. Starting on Thursday, parents will need to release their children at the teal doors or in the car loop. We will have staff members and safety patrol stationed around the school to assist all students. If you absolutely need to walk your child in on the second day, you will need to have your driver's license and sign in at our front office.

As many of you are aware, we are continuing to make adjustments to improve all of our safety and security here at Parkside. We are fortunate to have our two School Resource Officers returning this year. Officer Mulvey and Officer Gibson both work for the Coral Springs Police Department and serve as our SROs throughout the year. We want to remind all parents, grandparents and visitors to Parkside, you MUST sign in at the front office and obtain a badge any time you are on campus. If you are looking to volunteer, you will need to remember to go online and get registered for this year at browardschools.com/getinvolved. We love volunteers, but you may not serve as a volunteer until you receive this clearance. Once you are cleared, you will receive a badge to sign in and out when you are on campus. Parkside has a single point of entry into our school, which is located off of 101st street. This is our car loop and where all students/parents should be entering the school. Please do not utilize the back parking lot for dropping off and picking up students who are car riders. This is strictly for staff parking and bus loading and unloading. All gates and doors will be locked at all times. All staff, students, and visitors are required to wear ID badges throughout the day. Students will be issued ID badges and will leave them at school on a daily basis. Each child will receive one ID badge for the year. If he/she loses the badge, they will be asked to purchase a replacement badge. More information on this will be shared at Open House. We also will be conducting several emergency drills throughout the year, which include fire, tornado, code yellow and code red. These will all be announced to parents and students prior to the drill occurring. Again, staff will review this at your Open Houses.

This year the district has moved to an online forms system. This system will allow parents to go online to update emergency information, review the Code of Conduct and sign any necessary documents needed for the year. Please look for this information in your child's first day packet. Having updated information is imperative in the case of an emergency. Please take a few minutes and ensure we have the correct phone numbers and your current email address. Each week I communicate with our families through a voice link, called Parentlink. It will also email you the announcement if you missed the call. This is going to be our main line of weekly communication to keep you updated and informed. We will also put out a newsletter once a month with updates about our school. These will go out via Parentlink and be located on our website as well.

Once again, we are excited you have chosen to be a part of Parkside. We are delighted to get all of our returning students back and meet so many new faces. We are looking forward to a great year. Please know, should you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or one of our staff members. Our job is to ensure you and your children have a wonderful learning experience here at Parkside. Thanks again for being part of Parkside, Where we are Planting Seeds of Kindness.

Lanea Hall, Principal

Morning Drop-off

- Supervision begins at Parkside at 7:30 a.m. If you need supervision before that time, for a nominal fee we have a Before School Care Program starting at 6:30 a.m.
- Bus riders, walkers (closer to the south side) and bike riders (using the south bike racks) enter the school in the back (29th Street).
- Car riders, walkers (closer to the north side) and bike riders (using the north bike rack) enter the school through the main entrance on the north side of the building.
- All Pre-K and ESE ASD students, report to the cafeteria and sit at their designated table where they are supervised until their teacher arrives at 7:55 to escort them to their room.
- Breakfast is free for all students and it begins at 7:30. The students must be in line by 7:50 in order to receive breakfast.
- All other students report to the hallway outside their classroom where they are supervised until they enter their classroom with their teacher at 7:55.
- Parents are not permitted in the cafeteria before school unless there is a need to add funds to your child's account. In these cases, parents must first sign in at the office.
- The first bell at 7:55 is when students enter their classrooms. The 8:00 bell is the tardy bell. Students arriving after this second bell will be marked tardy.
- Students arriving after 8:00 a.m., but before 8:05, should go directly to their classroom. However, they will still be marked as being tardy.
- If students arrive after 8:05 a.m., they must come to the Administrative Office for a late pass, and will be marked as tardy. Again, parents *may not* walk their children to the classrooms.
- All outside doors will be secured at 8:00 a.m.

Afternoon Dismissal

- If your child attends an After Care program off campus, parents must call that program if the child will not be attending.
- Parents who are coming to pick up their children at dismissal must wait outside the building until the children exit the building.
- If a parent needs to sign out a student for an early dismissal, they must come to the office and sign the student out. The office staff will call the classroom and have the student meet the parent in the office. Children cannot be released for early dismissal after 1:30 p.m.
- Older students who are meeting younger brothers and sisters should meet them outside at their designated pick-up area. They will not be allowed to go to other classrooms.

We have given much thought and planning to our arrival, supervision, and dismissal procedures in order to be consistent and ensure the safety of all our students. With this in mind, we sincerely thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Other Dismissal Procedures

It's important that you notify your child's teacher and/or the office if there is ever a change in how your child should go home. It's not enough to simply tell your child. Please help us keep your child safe! Students may not be signed out for early dismissal after 1:30 p.m. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Rainy Day Dismissal Information

During the rainy season, it's important to review Parkside's "rainy day dismissal" procedures. Each family should have specific arrangements so please review these procedures with your child. For example, if your child is normally a walker or bike rider and your plan is to pick him / her up if it's raining, please make sure your child remembers this plan. If someone other than yourself will be picking up your child it is important that those individuals be listed on your child's emergency dismissal card.

Please understand that during a rainy day dismissal it may take longer to get all of our students to the cars and other locations. Our goal is to proceed as quickly as possible, but to also maintain a level of security that assures all students get to the correct dismissal location and / or individual picking them up.

If there is a light rain, with no sign of thunder or lightning, dismissal will proceed in the normal way. Bike riders and walkers will be reminded to proceed home as quickly as possible.

In the event of a severe downpour, or if there are signs of thunder or lightning, Parkside's dismissal will take place as follows:

- All bus riders (private day care and Broward County Schools) will be dismissed to their busses as usual.
- Bike riders, car riders and walkers will be housed in the cafeteria. Bike riders or walkers who are not picked up by their parents will be held at the school until the heavy rain lets up and / or the thunder and lightning stop.
- Car riders- A staff member will move along the car loop and call in the names of students whose parents are waiting for pick-up. Staff members will bring those students out to the main entrance as parents arrive along the front of the school.

It will be a GREAT help if parents will already have the full name(s) of their child(ren) and grade level(s) written on their hanging car sign as he / she approaches the car loop. This will avoid having to keep the car window open too long while trying to hear the name(s) to be called.

Parents picking up their child who are NOT in the car loop: Parents will be asked to report to the front entrance and line up in an orderly manner. We understand that parents will be in a hurry to get their child(ren), but in order to maintain an orderly and safe dismissal we ask that all parents cooperate and realize that a rainy day dismissal affects everyone and will take longer than usual.

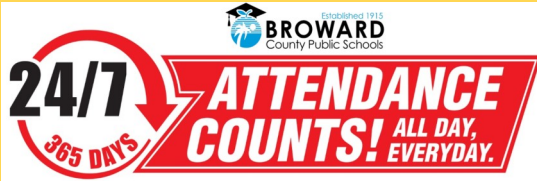
You will be asked to write your child's name and grade level on a piece of paper given to you by one of our safety patrols or a staff member. These "runners" will go to the cafeteria to get your child(ren) and bring them to you at the front entrance.

If you are in the car pool lane, do not get out of your car as this will create a back-up and unnecessary additional delay in the dismissal. If you want to get out of your car you must park in one of the school parking lots.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in having a plan that will provide every effort to dismiss our students in a safe and orderly manner.



More Panther News...



Reporting Your Child's Absence from School-

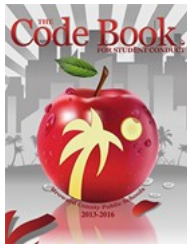
It's important that your child be present (and arrive on time) each school day. However, we realize that there are occasions when your child is not able to be present. Please call in your child's absence any day he / she will be out at **754-322-7852**. Upon his / her return, please send a note briefly explaining the absence. Thank you for helping us ensure that every child is learning!

Safety is a top priority at Parkside!

- Please remember that all visitors must sign in at the front office.
- Have a picture ID with you when you come to the school.
- The entrance on 29th Street is for busses only!
- The driveway on 101st is for car pick up and drop off. Traffic is One Way.
- Pull forward as far as possible before stopping.
- Please do not use cell phones while in the car loop.
- Please use all crosswalks and sidewalks.



Student Code of Conduct



The Student Code of Conduct book is available online. It is required that parents and students review the contents of this publication, sign the online acknowledgement form. To access the Code of Conduct, visit <http://browardschools.com/codeofconduct>. If you need assistance, please come in to the school and we will give you access to a computer. Thank you for your cooperation in fulfilling this responsibility for both you and your child(ren).

We want to ensure that all students understand behavior expectations. We want Parkside to be the best place in the world for kids to be. We focus on 5 behavior goals that you can reinforce with your child at home as well.

- *Always Do Your Best*
- *Cooperate with Others*
- *Manage Yourself*
- *Respect the Rights and Property of Others*
- *Try to Resolve Conflict*

This year we are Planting Seeds of Kindness and we are looking forward to a great year!

Try the BCPS Mobile App!

Did you know that Broward County Public Schools has a handy mobile phone app? It is a great way to stay informed, track your accounts with the school and monitor your child's progress. The app has academic information, lunch account balances, and transportation information.



Simply visit browardschools.com/mobileapp to access your child's personal information and download the app through the iTunes store or through Google Play.

Volunteer Application Procedure

We love our volunteers at Parkside! This year, all new volunteers must register online. If you were already registered last year, you do not need to reregister. Once the process is completed, the status of those volunteers who receive clearance will be changed to APPROVED in the STAR system.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please complete the 2017/2018 volunteer application form online at: browardschools.com/getinvolved

We welcome parents, grandparents, high school students and community members. Your help makes a huge difference at Parkside. Thank you for your time and energy!



FEEDBACK



How are we doing?

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Parkside's instructional and/or administrative employee evaluations may contact our office at (754) 322-7850 by April 12, 2019.

School Improvement/Title 1 Update



School Advisory Council (SAC): SAC is a committee of parents, community members, and teachers who meet to discuss and monitor our School Improvement Plan. The focus of SAC is primarily student achievement but many issues are discussed that affect the school. SAC has an official elected membership but all are welcome to attend each meeting.

School Advisory Forum (SAF): SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF has no official membership and our SAF meetings are held back to back with our SAC meetings.

How can parents get involved and participate in the SAC/SAF committee? Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC/SAF at our school, usually on the first Thursday of each month. Our first meeting will take place on *Thursday, August 21st at 7:30 in the media center. Please come join us!*

Why is it important for parents to be active participants? The SAC committee provides a place where parents can voice their opinions and suggestions. They have an active role in making decisions that will best serve the students. SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate.



Title 1: Parkside is designated as a Title 1 school. According to the U.S. Department of Education the purpose of Title 1 funding, "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments." The basic principles of Title 1 state that schools with large concentrations of low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting student's educational goals. Low-income students are determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title 1 funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. The Broward Title One office organizes events and trainings for parents throughout the year. To find out more, visit their web site at <https://www.browardschools.com/title1>



WHAT IS THE ESE ADVISORY COUNCIL? It is a group of parent volunteers established under Broward County Public Schools policy to provide recommendations to the School Board and the Superintendent on systemic issues relating to exceptional student education.

WHAT DOES IT DO? It promotes meaningful inclusion while working to ensure that all children benefit from the best educational practices, advocates for a stronger system of supports for students, teachers and staff, and provides a forum for parents/guardians of children with special needs through regular public meetings. This year's meetings will take place at the following locations and times:

Wed September 12th, 2018 6.30-9pm, Piper High

Wed October 17th, 2018 6.30-9pm Piper High

Wed November 28th, 2018 9am-11.30am Baudhuin Preschool, 7600 SW 36th St, Davie, 33328

December- no meeting. Happy Holidays!

Wed January 16th, 2019 6.30-9pm ESE Advisory's 4th Annual Family Resource Fair, Piper High

Wed February 20th, 2019 6.30-9pm, Piper High

Wed March 20th, 2019 9am-11.30am Baudhuin Preschool, 7600 SW 36th St, Davie, 33328

Wed April 17th, 2019 6.30-9pm Piper High Wed May 15th, 2019 6.30-9pm Piper High

For more information, you can visit our web site, go to headlines and click ESE Advisory Council.



There will be a small number of paper copies of this newsletter available at the front desk. Everyone receives the newsletter through our Parent Link electronic system. It is also available on our web site under "Our School."

It is very important that you keep updated contact information with the office throughout the year. If there is any issue with receiving the newsletter, please contact our front office to ensure that we have the proper contact information for you. This information is also critical in the case of an emergency.

Communication is the key to a successful school year. Thanks for staying in touch with us!

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and / or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at (754) 321-2150 or Teletype Machine, TTY (754) 321-2158