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Calendar of Events

May/June

5/1 and 5/2: FSA Reading, Grades 4 + 5
5/3 and 5/6: 5th Grade Science Assessment
5/7 and 5/8: FSA Math, Grades 3, 4, + 5
5/9: Early Release Day, 12:00 PM
5/13-17: PTA Book Fair
5/16: SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM
5/16: Legacy Tile and Art Celebration Night, 6 PM
5/17: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
5/27: Memorial Day, No School
5/28: 1st Grade Awards, 8:20 AM & 2nd Grade Awards, 9:30 AM
5/28: Student of the Month Ceremony, 7:00 PM
5/29: 5th Grade Celebration/Awards @ 8:30 AM
5/30: Kindergarten Awards @ 8:30 AM
5/31: 3rd Grade Awards, 8:20 AM & 4th Grade Awards, 9:30 AM
6/4: Last Day of School, Early Release Day, 12:00 PM
8/14/2019: First Day of School for 2019/2020



Administrator's Corner

Yay, Yay It's the beginning of May!! I can't believe how fast this year is coming to an end. In just a few more weeks, summer will be here. If I do not get another chance before then, I want to thank you all for entrusting us with your children each and every day. We hope you all have a safe a restful summer and remember to put down that device; read and talk with your children.

Over the last few months our students have been preparing for the Florida Standards Assessment. This week, our 4th and 5th graders took the English Language Arts portion and 5th began their Science Assessment. Next week, the students in 3rd-5th will finish with the Math portion. As much as we know these tests are important, we want to continue to stay positive and not have them become stressed. This is just one measure of their learning and no measure of who they are as individuals. We are so proud of all of our students. Just so you are aware, we have been told by the State, we will receive only 3rd grade reading at the end of May and the rest of the results are expected to arrive in late June. Teachers will be having more conversations with you on your child's promotion over these next few weeks. As soon as we have the information, we will share this with our families. Also beginning next week, all of our 1st and 2nd grade students will be taking their end of the year Reading Assessment. This will begin on Thursday and be completed on Friday. Please make sure with all of these assessments your children get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time.

Next week (May 6th – 10th) is Staff Appreciation Week. This is a great time to celebrate your child's teacher. We know how hard they work for the children here at Parkside throughout the year and this is a great way to show your appreciation. Sending in small items each day like a piece of fruit, flowers, a hand written note from your child, a sweet treat, or lottery ticket are all easy ways to show your appreciation. The most important thing is we want our staff to know how much we appreciate all they do for the children. PTA sent some suggestions to follow as well.

As we get close to the end of the year, make sure you are looking around your house for any books that may belong to Parkside. Each year students have obligations from lost books and we want to try to prevent this if possible. Please let Ms. Rivera know if you have any concerns with media center books.

On May 16th, we will be having a wonderful night here at Parkside where we will be celebrating the arts! We will have art, music, multicultural events, tile painting and a book fair taking place. There will be performances, demonstrations, sales and so much more. We hope to see you at this event. Finally, at the end of May we will be having several celebrations for the students in each grade level. Please look out for those dates so you don't miss out. We try to take a moment and recognize each student for their accomplishments this year. Teachers will be sending out more as the dates gets closer. Happy May to you all!!

Lanea Hall, Principal

School Improvement Update

Our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum meeting will take place on Thursday, May 16th at 7:30 AM in the media center. This is the best way to get involved and support our mission of school improvement. The School Advisory Council will craft and monitor our school improvement plan. This month we will elect officers for next year and discuss our current goals for our School Improvement Plan and updates to the plan format for next year. Your feedback is invaluable to us so please join us. You can visit http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/ospa/school_sip.asp?school_number=3631 to view our School improvement plan in full. Thank you for taking a look at our plan and joining us for SAC and SAF this year.



Notes from the Teachers

Kindergarten April showers bring May flowers! Many of your kindergarteners have bloomed and are ready to start preparing for first grade! We are in our final weeks of school and these are just as vital for your child. Please be sure to bring your child on time every day! In reading we are working on applying grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words as well as identifying basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic. Your child will learn to classify objects into given categories and sort the number of objects in each category in math this month. We will also begin reviewing all standards taught and getting ready for First Grade. During science, we will learn about day and night, the sun and moon, and observe things that can be big and things can be small as seen from Earth. We will work on describing the relative location of people, places, and things by using positional words in social studies. When working on writing this month, your child will practice using the basic skills and concepts to create short stories. Many of the skills and strategies taught should be practiced during the summer to help your child in First Grade! You can continue to read with your child daily and have them write in a journal to help them during the summer break! We hope you and your child have had a wonderful year in kindergarten!

First Grade Is it May, already? It's hard to believe, but the school year is nearing the end! As we approach the end of the year, first grade is preparing for the end of the year math and reading tests which will be given the second week in May. We've been sending home some reading passages for homework so the children have even more practice! In math, we learned to compare numbers and use the correct math symbol to show what we know. In the coming weeks, the children will learn to use a standard ruler to measure items in inches and centimeters, tell time to the hour and half hour, be able to collect data and graph information using various types of graphs, and count money. We have been practicing many of these skills at calendar math throughout the year, so many of the children will breeze through this information. In Science, we ended our unit with a fun Science Day. The children learned about gravity, magnets, microscopes, and force and motion. It was a great morning of learning. We are going to study about the earth's resources and how some landforms change either fast or slow. We will also investigate natural and manmade resources. First graders will stay on the right "direction", as we begin learning about maps and how useful they are in our everyday lives. You will be able to ask your child to tell you about a compass rose, or maybe how a map key is used. They will enjoy discovering maps and learning where other places are located in comparison to where we live. Lastly, we hope you'll continue to encourage your child to read nightly! The more they practice, the more fluent they will become! Also, be on the lookout for conference forms coming home in the next several weeks!

Second Grade That was fast! The end of the year is quickly approaching. Please continue to read with your children and practice math with them. Please save these important dates! On May 9th and 10th, we will take our End-Of-Year Reading Test. On Friday May 17th, we have our 2nd Grade Celebration and Award Ceremony. More information is forthcoming. Thank you for all of your support this year!

Third Grade In the month of May, all third graders will be finishing their FSA testing by taking their math FSA May 7th and 8th. As we come to the end of our school year, we are preparing our students for the fourth grade. In reading classes, students will be taught how to use text evidence from non-fiction text to develop their own main idea. This is a crucial skill for fourth grade, so learning this skill will be to their advantage. They will practice writing multi-paragraphs and work on their writing conventions and penmanship. Third graders will also be learning how to write in cursive. In math, students will work on lessons to get ready for fourth grade. The end of the year award ceremony will be held on May 31st at 8:20 am. The third-grade team would like to thank each parent/guardian for your support during the 18/19 school year. We recognize it takes a village and we are proud to have been a part of your child's life. Please continue to support your child during the summer with daily reading and math practice. We wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Fourth Grade April was a very busy month with the final preparations for our FSA testing. The ELA portion will take place on May 1st and 2nd, while the Math FSA will take place on May 7th & 8th. This year all tests will be paper and pencil based, not on the computer. Between now and then, we encourage you to please work with your child. Something you can focus on at home is measurement skills. Work together in the kitchen utilizing measuring cups, weighing produce, allowing your child to read labels of packages to see the weight or volume. Of course, all children should go on i-Ready Reading and i-Ready Math for 20 minutes daily. In addition, on the days of testing your child should eat a healthy breakfast and arrive to school on time. Kindly talk to your child about stress free testing, and offer them words of encouragement.

Fifth Grade Fifth Grade has been very busy! We are in the middle of testing, and can't wait to show what we know. We are SO ready and well prepared. We have many activities coming up to celebrate our successes, and to just have some well deserved fun. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us for the GRADE graduation on May 16th at 8:30 a.m. and the Fifth Grade celebration on May 29th at 8:30 a.m. We can't wait to see you! Thank you for trusting us with your most valuable asset. We had a terrific year!



Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

We have a busy final month of activities in May! Mother's Day Wooden Rose Bouquets with a #1 Mom chocolate pop are still being sold through May 8th for \$6. Bouquets will be delivered to classrooms for students to take home on Friday May 10th. Order forms are available in the office or online at: <https://squareup.com/store/parkside-elementary-pta>. The Spring Stomp Chomp and Read Dino-mite Scholastic Book Fair will be May 13 - 17th with a Family Night on



May 16th. Students will visit the Fair to purchase Summer reading books during their normally scheduled Media Center time for that school week. Flyers for the Fair will be coming home the week of May 6th. PTA Board Nomination Forms were sent home in April. Our Ballot Box will be out for final nominations during the Book Fair, including Family Night on the 16th. All PTA members are encouraged to vote. The 2019-20 Board will be announced June 3rd. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member for next year, or would like to Volunteer for our Book Fair, please contact Staci at Staci.parksidepta@gmail.com It was a pleasure to lead the charge and serve our students for the last two years as the PTA President. I appreciate all the support and time our members have given to the cause.

Sincerely,
Susan Khouri

Counselor's Corner: Raising Fit Kids



- Show Them How...** Do you want your child to eat his/her vegetables? Then eat your vegetables. Get up and go for a walk together to show them that moving is fun. You're the best role model your child can have. Start early – kids start to mimic their parents while they're still babies.
- Reward Them with Mom and Dad Time...** Instead of rewarding your child with video game or TV time (anything where they are sedentary) make active time together as a reward. Go mini-golfing, biking, kayaking!
- Don't use food as a reward...** making sweets or junk food a prize teaches your kids to use food to fix their feelings. Learning to use food for comfort can set them up for an unhealthy relationship with food. According to one study, adults who were rewarded and punished with food, as kids, were more likely to binge eat and diet in an unhealthy way.
- Praise Effort, Not Just Results...** Children need praise. If you want to motivate them, focus on their effort more than the end result. When your child shows you a picture they made, don't just say it's great. Praise your child for how hard he worked on it. Note specific details.
- Stay Calm, Don't Yell...** When you're telling your child to do something, or disciplining him, stay calm. This is a chance to role model healthy emotional management. Kids can learn how to manage their emotions by watching you. Be concise and clear.
- Show Them Exercise Feels Good...** If you're trying to get your kids to move more, help them realize that exercise feels good! It triggers the release of endorphins, the feel-good chemicals in the brain.
- Get Inspired, Watch Others...** No matter what habit you're trying to instill, kids look up to other people. Use that to your advantage when you're trying to get them to move more.
- Offer Choices, Some control...** Instead of ordering your kids to do a chore, give them options. Ask what chores they want to do at the beginning of the week. Kids fight back when they feel they have no control. Resisting you becomes a way of asserting themselves. Giving them some say will help motivate them.

Have a mindful day!
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The School Choice Reassignment Phase 2 window is now open. The current window is open from May 1st to May 8th. For students who do not currently attend Parkside, you can apply for one of our open seats. Please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/39636> to find out how to apply or change your choice. Parents can apply during Phase 2 through August 27th but there will be multiple application periods. Monitor the above web site to keep track of those dates. We hope to welcome you soon as a new Parkside Panther!



Our Title One Parent Involvement Plan is part of our School Improvement Plan and it outlines the various ways that we seek to increase parent involvement at Parkside. The plan is available for you to view on our [web site under Title 1](#). Please take a moment to review it and let us know if you have any questions or feedback. You are welcome to attend this month's School Advisory Council meeting on May 16th at 7:30 AM where we will discuss the plan and share the results of our Title One Parent Survey.



Broward County Public Schools office of Family and Community Engagement is partnering with local businesses throughout Broward County with the Community Readers initiative. Community Readers encourages literacy and supports positive interactions between children and adults by providing child-friendly reading spaces at barbershops, hair salons, and other local businesses. Each location receives a bookshelf with approximately 20 books that celebrate diversity, encourage self-esteem, and incorporate social and emotional learning themes. If you are interested in becoming a Community Reader, please contact their office at 754-321-1599.



Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is May 6th to May 10th. Don't forget to take a minute to tell your child's teachers how much you appreciate them. Our teachers here at Parkside work so hard to do what is best for our students and our success as a school depends on that effort and time that they put in. Thanks to all of our teachers this week and every week!



Join us for our **Book Fair, Art Celebration, and Legacy Tile Family Night on May 16th at 6:30 PM.** In addition to the Book Fair, we will feature artwork that showcases our cultural diversity. In addition, our chorus club will be performing some wonderful multicultural selections for you. We will also be painting our tiles for the Legacy Tile wall. Please remember that tiles will not be on sale the night of the event. Tiles should have been purchased online before April 30th. We hope that everyone can come out to join us for this special night.

Aftercare Courier, May /June 2019

As we approach the end of another fun filled year of learning, playing and growing together, we would like to say "Thank You" for entrusting your child's afterschool care needs to us. We have grown a little wiser and a lot smarter and we know that we have enjoyed our time together! We wish all of you a HAPPY SUMMER BREAK!

Our last payment is due on Wednesday May 8th. As always you can pay on line at <https://estore.browardschools.com> or you can pay in person. When you pay in person, we follow the same procedure as you do on line, therefore, it may be a little faster if you do it yourself. Any and all late pick-up fees are due also. If you think you owe, please inquire. Any outstanding fees will be put in as an obligation that must be paid before you can pay for any other school related activities.

We always include our Parkside School-Wide Goals in all correspondence to help us remind our students of what is expected of them at school:

1. Always do your best.
2. Cooperate with others.
3. Manage Yourself
4. Respect the rights and property of others.
5. Resolve conflicts (Be a Problem Solver)!



Next school year's registration will begin on Tuesday August 6th. Family registration will be increasing from \$25.00 to \$30.00 and as of now the fees will be the same. Please try to come in early and register, so that you are not caught up with the crowd on the last day. Wednesday, August 7th is the first day back for teachers and registration will be closed and open back up on the 8th. Enjoy your summer break and come back ready to continue our journey to success. I'll miss you all!

Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC

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