



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

October

- 10/2: Picture Make-Up Day
- 10/8-10/12: Book Fair
- 10/11: PTA Ice Cream Social/Reading Night, 6 PM
- 10/15: Zone Safety Meeting, 6 PM
- 10/18: Early Release Day 12:00 PM
- 10/19: Teacher Planning Day (No School)
- 10/22: Panther Pastimes Clubs Begin
- 10/30: Student of the Month, 7 PM
- 10/23-10/31: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/31: Halloween Parade, 8:30

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week is coming up. This week will be full of activities and projects that teach students to live drug-free! We will be sending more information home regarding the day to day activities. You can find out more at redribbon.org.



Administrator's Corner

Hello Parkside Families,

Happy Fall, Parkside Families! Believe it or not, we are already half way through the first quarter of school. Last week, some students may have received an interim report. If your child did not receive an interim, your child's teacher will be reaching out to you to schedule his/her conference within the month. If you have not had any communication with your child's teacher about their progress, please feel free to reach out to them and ask for a conference. At the end of this month, students will be receiving their first quarter progress report.

October brings some many exciting things here at Parkside. First of all, our PTA begins the month with our annual Book Fair. This is a great way to give back to your children and our school. Scholastic has such a great selection of books with many different topics and levels for all readers. On Thursday evening of that week, we will be having a night event at the school for you to come out with your children to visit the fair. Also, at the end of this month, we have Halloween Parade. This is always a fun day for the students who celebrate the holiday; they are able to come to school in their costumes and parade around the car loop. Parents are always welcome to come out and join in on the fun. PTA will be having a dance during the day for students that day as well. More information will be forthcoming about this event.

As many of you are aware, we are a Title I School. This means that our school receives additional funding from the federal government to support our students through resources, trainings, and additional staff. Each month, training opportunities are available for families at local schools within the area. These trainings also provide opportunities to borrow educational resources to help support your child at home. We are always looking for parent volunteers to attend. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Parkside is also in the third year of the SMART Bond. We are currently in the process of the planning phase for our new HVAC system. We will be discussing this at our upcoming SAC meetings. We are also working with the District and outside vendors to continue to put the best safety measures within our school. If you are interested in hearing more about this, please consider coming out to our School Advisory Council meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 am in our Media Center.

All of our students have now completed their I-Ready Diagnostic Assessment. This now opens the opportunity for all students to start working at home. Students can all access their accounts through the Single Sign On portal. If your child doesn't know their username and password, please reach out to your child's teacher. Students should be doing 45 minutes of reading and 45 minutes of math per week, but no more than this amount. This is a great way to provide reinforcement of our Florida Standards. Please remember that working with your child and reading with them are the most important things you can do to help your child. If you have questions about I-Ready, please reach out and we can help you.

Lastly, I want to continue to thank all of the parents who have completed the online forms. After the forms went home last week, we have now received several more, but we still are missing many. If you received a form, and haven't yet gone online to complete the information, please take a moment and take care of that. It's so important for us to have that information. This is the only means we have for emergency contacts this year. The website is www.browardschools.com/bts. If you need help, please give us a call. Thanks so much for your cooperation with this.

Hoping you all have a great month and maybe we can get some of the fall temperatures soon!

Lanea Hall, Principal



Notes from the Teachers

Kindergarten

October is here! We are in the full swing in Kindergarten. We are working on blending letter sounds, parts of a book and beginning writing stages. In math, we are comparing numbers 1 to 5. And in science, we are learning about science tools and experimenting with them. We will also be learning about the change in seasons now that it is officially fall! It is also Fire Safety Month so we will be doing activities that align with this and are planning to take a field trip to the Fire Station! Your child's teacher is now conferencing with parents to update you on their progress thus far. Keep a look out for conference requests coming home in your child's folder. Please remember to check your child's folder every day and read each night!

1st Grade

Wow, we are already half way into the first quarter! First graders have been very busy. We've been learning about respect and cooperation and we have worked hard to build a classroom community. This creates a positive learning environment! We completed the first math chapter on addition and started learning about subtraction. In Science, first graders will begin learning about scientists. We will discuss what scientists do, and how they use their five senses to observe, discover, and test. We will also take some time to familiarize ourselves with the tools they use. Writing time has been great fun as we began our unit on Narrative writing. The children are learning how to write a "small moment" writing pieces, by writing step by step and with lots of detail. Ask your child about George McClement's book, Night of the Veggie Monster. They loved it! Please be sure to read with your child nightly and have him/her share the reading strategies they are learning in class. Reading practice is the key to success!

2nd GRADE

Happy Fall! We want to thank the parents who completed the required online forms. If you received a blue paper last week, please take the time to fill those out as soon as possible. Have you been practicing basic math facts with your children? Please provide time to practice writing their addition and subtraction facts to help improve their fluency. Continue practicing the who, what, when, where, and why's of a story at home. Please set aside time for your children to go on i-Ready reading and math each evening. In addition, please help your child practice tying their shoes at home. Thank you for your continued support!

THIRD GRADE

Third graders have been very busy digging deeper while reading nonfiction genres. We have been writing quality paragraphs that include main idea and details. All the third grade classes are exploring different ways to present math data while we are learning how to use and make a variety of graphs. Maps skills are being introduced and we are understanding why Geography skills are important to our lives. Our Science skill for this month involves the Scientific Method and the 3 stages of matter. Finally, we are looking forward to our first field trip to the Coral Springs Performing Arts Center where we will see the play, " We the People...America Rocks!"

4th grade

It's hard to believe the end of the first quarter is right around the corner. That being said, so is the first payment for the 4th grade trip to St. Augustine. This incredible trip will take place February 19th & 20th. Check your child's backpack for paperwork regarding this trip. In Math we are studying place value and single digit multiplication. It is important that all children master their multiplication facts. In Reading, we are working on summarizing and themes along with different genres, stories, poems, and drama. i-Ready Math and i-Ready Reading are both great resources and may be accessed from home. In Science we are stressing the Scientific Process, which will be continually integrated throughout the year. We wanted to share with you that we are a Digital 3, 4 & 5 school. This means that each 4th grade student has had a laptop assigned to them to use through-out the school day. Broward County is using Canvas which is a digital platform that allows teachers to personalize learning, post assignments, and assessments which students do on the computer. Students are able to access textbooks online, partake in class discussions, along with having access to several online educational websites.

Grade 5

Fifth graders have been very busy adjusting to their new schedules and making new friends. In Reading, we are continuing to dig deeper into story elements, and will begin our journey into comparing and contrasting characters and settings in a text. In Math, we are becoming experts in long division and mastering partial quotients. We will begin studying decimals shortly. In Science, we are finishing up our unit on the properties of matter. We will soon be diving into mixtures and solutions. SPLASH!



Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

October is our Fall Scholastic Book Fair Month. Did you know that 55% of Book Sales stay right in our school? This Fair we will be raising funds for Classroom Bluetooth Speakers for laptop lessons and Books for Bingo for Books coming up later in the year. The Enchanted Forest Book Fair will run October 8-12 in our Media Center. Students will attend the Fair on their regularly scheduled Media Center day. There will be a Family Night on October 11th featuring a reading event and ice cream sundae bar. We hope you'll mark your calendars and come out and join us for a fun evening!



Sincerely, Parkside PTA Board

Counselor's Corner: October's Character Trait – *RESPONSIBILITY*

Dear Parents,

Raising Fit Kids

Kids don't need Fad diets, radical weight-loss plans, or extreme workouts. It's the little things they do every day that make the biggest difference. With the right habits, you can keep your child healthy. The key is to make good choices part of life for the whole family – parents included.

Healthy Habit 1: Eat dinner as a family.

Families who eat meals together often have a better diet and lower rates of obesity, research shows. Why? When you cook at home, you control the menu, so it's easier for everyone to eat healthy.

Healthy Habit 2: Switch off screens.

When kids spend too much time watching TV, playing video games, or zoning out with a smart phone, odds are they are doing that instead of something healthier, like being active or getting enough sleep. The best way to help your child stare at screens less is for you to also limit your time with your devices. Head outside to play instead!

Healthy Habit 3: Make smart snacks the easy choice.

If your fridge and pantry are stocked with nutritious stuff, you won't have to worry about keeping kids away from junk food. Keep portions of cut-up fruits and veggies, trail mix, and cheese and crackers easy for kids to find.

Healthy Habit 4: Make time for Zzz's.

Tired kids are cranky and moody. And it's harder for them to have the energy to make good choices during the day. Try to stick to a routine at bedtime.

Healthy Habit 5: Be consistent.

The most important way to help your family practice good habits is to stick to your plan. Stay consistent about the foods you have in the home, about family exercise, and about bedtime.

If you do, your kids are more likely to accept rules in the long run. If you hesitate, they are more likely to argue and push back. With persistence, you will be able to help them embrace healthy habits, and that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.



In partnership,
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Each year we report the names of teachers who are currently designated as *out-of-field*. This means that that they are working on fulfilling additional requirements for one area of their certification. This includes various training and coursework. Please view the document attached at the end of the newsletter with this list of teachers.



Our five Positive Behavior Expectations are the foundation of our behavior plan here at Parkside. They are:

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

*Our theme:
Planting Seeds of Kindness!*

Please review and reinforce these expectations with your child to develop good habits and character! Thank you for helping us to make Parkside a happy and safe place!



School Improvement/ Title One Update



This month, the **School Advisory Council** will be providing input into our School Improvement Plan which is due this month. Please come to provide valuable feedback and learn more about what is going on with our academic program. The **School Advisory Forum**, which will take place at the same meeting, will be a place to discuss other concerns. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 11th at 7:30 AM in the media center. Please come join us!**



Our Title One Parent Training night will take place in October. Please complete this short survey to assist us in planning this event. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVJYNNF>

We will send a separate flyer home with more information. Thank you for your feedback!



Please join our School Resource Officers and Special Investigative Unit Detective John Mastrianni at the Parkside Media Center to discuss issues of school safety and security in the Coral Glades Zone. This will be an opportunity for questions and answers about our safety plans, emergency preparedness, and more! This event will take place on **October 15th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**. This event will be for parents of students across our entire Coral Glades High School Zone. We hope to see you there!

Aftercare Courier, October 2018

Welcome FALL! October is upon us and we are planting seeds of kindness daily! We again welcome all of our new families to our aftercare program and a GREAT BIG Welcome Back to our returning families. We are quickly approaching our Third(3rd) payment period. It is very important that your payments are in on time to avoid the re-registration fees. At this time we have a waiting list for 1st, 3rd, and 4th grade. When your payment is not on time, your child will be withdrawn and their position will be offered to the next family.

Remaining payments are due as follows:

Period 3, October 8th. Period 4, November 2nd. Period 5, December 5th. Period 6, January 15., 2019.

Period 7, February 11th. Period 8, March 8th. Period 9, April 11th. Period 10, May 8th.



Please look for our customer satisfaction survey on the front table over the next couple of weeks. We ask that you fill it out and leave it with us or send it back the following day. The students will be doing their surveys as well. Please check out the school's website or ask for a copy of the parent handbook so that we will all know what is expected during the aftercare hours. No electronics should be brought to the program and no outside toys or balls.

Thanks for helping us grow!

Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC

Code Red Drills have been mandated for all schools by the State of Florida to ensure the safety of our students and staff. These Code Red Drills will be implemented on a monthly basis, similar to fire drills. The date of the drill will not be pre-announced due to potential security and attendance issues. Instead, our school will send families Parent Link messages via phone call, text message, and/or e-mail approximately 20 minutes prior to the drill to alert everybody that it is only a drill. Our school will then send a second message to families notifying you that the drill is completed.



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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

**OUT-OF-FIELD PARENT NOTIFICATION
for
PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY**

10/2/2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Our professional teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in this/these assignment(s), the teacher(s) will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teachers are:

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification	Out-of-Field For
BROMBERG	ALLISON STACI	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
DEDIG	KRISTEN NICOLE	PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3	ESOL CATEGORY 1
HALPERN	CHELSEY BLAKE	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
OVESEN	JETHINA B	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification	Out-of-Field For
RITCHIE	MARIE ELENA	SPECIFIC LRN DISAB	Elementary Education
SRITHARAN	THILAKA V	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
TEITEL	JAMIE MICHELE	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 EXCEPT STU ED GRADES K	ESOL CATEGORY 1
VUCKOVICH	TAMARA	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL category 1