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Calendar of Events

November

11/6: Teacher Planning Day, No School for Students

11/7: Andrew Toffoli Author Visit

11/7: Title One Parent Night, 6 PM

11/8: SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM

11/9: Lunch for Veterans, 10 AM-1 PM

11/12: Veteran's Day, No School for Students

11/14: Report Cards Go Home

11/15: Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/21-11/23: Thanksgiving Break, No School



Welcome Veterans!

All veterans with a family member at our school are invited to Parkside to have lunch, courtesy of the district, on Friday, November 9th. We are glad for this opportunity to honor your service and celebrate with you. If you have any questions you can contact the front office at 754-322-7850. Please see the attached lunch schedule. Thank you for your service!

Administrator's Corner

Happy Fall Y'all!!

It has been nice this week, welcoming the month of November, with a little bit of cooler weather for South Florida. It would be great if it would stick around for a while. This makes us feel like we are actually in the Fall season. I wanted to take a moment and thank all of the parents who came out to our Annual Halloween Parade. We really hope you enjoyed seeing your children and their friends all dressed up in their costumes. We know it is just a short event, but the kids love parading around the school. We also want to thank our PTA for hosting a Halloween Dance for the students to attend. Halloween is always a crazy day and this was a nice way for kids to keep celebrating and make a little extra money for our school. Lastly, I want to thank all of the students who participated in all of the activities during our Red Ribbon week. Red Ribbon week is a fantastic way to encourage our kids to "Just Say No to Drugs". A BIG thanks to Mrs. Mastrianni for organizing the event and giving out the prizes to all of the winners throughout the week. The students really got into the spirit and hopefully learned a little bit about making healthy choices in life and staying away from drugs!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we have a lot to be thankful for here at Parkside. Each year, we take one day and invite all of our families in to celebrate all the many things we are thankful for. This year we will be having our luncheon on Thursday, November 15th. The cost for all is \$2.75. We can only accept cash for this event. If you have not RSVP'd for the event, please make sure you do this by November 5th. This way we can ensure we have ordered enough food for all of the families. We will be sending home the lunch schedule and another copy of the flyer. Please be on the lookout for this. You really do not want to miss out on this special day and once the sale ends, we cannot accept any more money. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or the front office.

I-Ready, Vocabulary City and Sum Dog are three computer-based programs that we offer for our students. All of these programs help to reinforce skills they have been working on here at school. Each program brings its own support for reading, spelling/vocabulary and math. Please encourage your children to take 15-20 per day to use one of these programs. I-Ready is the program I would try to get on at least 3 days per week at home so the students reach their 45 min per week goal. If you have questions or need to know their passwords to get on, reach out to your child's teacher.

Parents, I want to reiterate a concern we have been having in the mornings here at Parkside. Broward County Public Schools states, and we have several signs posted, there is no adult supervision prior to 7:30 am. On a daily basis, we are having anywhere from 10-20 students who are here as early as 6:50 am with no adult supervision. This is leading to behavior and safety problems prior to school even starting. If your children are walking from home, please make sure they are not leaving too early. If you are dropping off, please make sure the doors are open and the adults are supervising. The last option is for you to sign up for our before care beginning at 6:30 am. This is a very inexpensive way to ensure that your children are adequately supervised prior to arrival. We have started making phone calls home and will continue to get our school social worker involved if this continues to be a concern. We truly appreciate your support in handling this situation.

Have a safe fun filled November!
Laneia Hall, Principal



Notes from the Teachers



How time flies! We have completed the first quarter of the school year! Kindergarteners have been learning a lot about apples, pumpkins, bats, and spiders oh my! During the next few weeks in reading, we will be working on identifying characters, setting, and major events in a story. Please continue practicing and reviewing sight words as well as reading daily with your child. In Math, we are starting chapter 4 and learning to compare numbers to 10. In Science, we will be learning about objects that can either be pushed or pulled. Students will explore these concepts using hands on experiments! With holidays fast approaching, your kindergarten will also learn about families from the past and present! Please be sure to complete math and reading homework every week. A big thank you to all the parents who helped with our very first field trip to the fire station! We had an awesome time!



We have been very busy in First Grade. Reading groups are in full swing, and the children are working hard learning reading strategies to make them better readers. Please take some time to read the Parent Pipelines we send home. They are full of information that can help you help your child with reading at home. In math, we have completed the chapters on addition/subtraction concepts, and are now learning about different strategies to help us solve a problem. We are also getting ready to start math fluency. Please be on the lookout for more information about math fluency coming home soon. Science has kept us busy as well. We are currently learning all about scientists and properties of matter. Ask your child to tell you about some of the tools scientists use and how scientists use their senses to observe. In the next couple of weeks, we will be planting our herb garden, and figuring out how to make it a "peaceful" place to read, write, or just take a mindful break. Thank you to all the families that have donated items/money for our garden! We are continuing to write narrative stories during writing time. We are focusing on writing small moments, and adding lots of detail to our pieces of writing. We are also learning to edit our work, especially by adding correct punctuation. As always, keep up the great work!



Hi parents! We have started second quarter! We started learning about main topic in reading, basic facts and relationships in math, and writing our opinions. Please be sure to ask your child if they need headphones. Headphones are very important because they keep distractions to a minimum during independent computer time. Thank you for the many things you have done to help us so far this year. We really appreciate it. The information becomes a bit overwhelming this time of year. Respectfully Yours, The Second Grade Team



Third Grade Happenings! Third graders have been busy learning about sequencing and employing transition words within their writing. They have also been learning how to identify cause and effect within text and how one event builds upon the other. In math, our students are learning how to break apart multi-step word problems and looking for key words within the question to determine which mathematical operation to perform. Since multiplication fluency is pivotal in third grade and beyond, third graders (and all grades) have been given access to Sumdog, a fun and engaging online mathematical program that will help promote automaticity. Pertaining to science, our third grade students are learning about vertebrate and invertebrate animals. Students will become the scientist as they embark upon and announce their new discovery of an animal never before seen. And lastly, as part of a culminating activity in social studies, students will be using varying materials to design and create their own original landmark. As you can see, there is a plethora of good stuff happening in third grade. We look forward to a fun-filled, successful year of learning with your students!



Our first field trip to Sawgrass Recreation Park was an exciting Everglades experience. Students had an air-boat ride, saw native Florida plants, saw and learned about alligators in the wild, along with other animals that are both native and non-native to Florida. Be on the lookout for permission slips for our next field trip, "School House Live Rock Live". In Math we are focused on double digit multiplication using regrouping and partial products. Please make sure that your child is practicing his/her math facts at home daily. You can use flash cards or playing cards, playing with your child to see who can say the fact first. Our ELA focus is theme, poetry, summarizing, and always comprehension. Remember, your child should be going on i-Ready at home to practice both math and reading skills. In Science we will be starting magnetism, while in Social Studies we are studying Native Americans and Florida resources. Please come out to our Title I parent training on Wednesday, November 7th. Watch for the flyer that will be sent home shortly. We look forward to seeing you at Parkside's Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 15th. Make sure you make your reservation.



Fifth grade had a great time on our field trip to *We the People*. Our Halloween dance and rotation activities were also a blast! In Reading, we are working on finding the theme of a story and summarizing it. In Math, we have become experts in the addition and subtraction of decimals. We are beginning our unit on multiplication of decimals. In Science, we have completed our studies of atoms and will begin to learn about energy.



Greetings from the **Parkside PTA!**

Thank you to all our parents and faculty who came out to support our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. We raised \$6,500 for our school to use in books, other media and technology for our classrooms. We are excited welcome Author Andrew Toffoli back to Parkside on November 7th. Mr Toffoli will share his latest book with our student and create an illustration while he describes his process to create his amazing Histories Series. Our students have the opportunity to purchase a personalized signed copy of any one of this series at a special rate of \$12. Mr. Toffoli will donate \$1 of his book sales back to Parkside Elementary PTA.



Look for information going home the first week of November. **Sincerely, Parkside PTA Board**

Counselor's Corner: November's Character Trait – Citizenship

Dear Parents, Building Resiliency in our Children!

Pain is a part of life and comes in a million different varieties, so it's important for kids to learn how to deal with it. The everyday stings of disappointment, discouragement, and frustration provide opportunities for children to build resiliency. Overprotected kids become emotionally fragile and never learn to bounce back from adversity. All parents want their children to be able to handle adversity and grow into individuals who can bounce back from tough times. Resiliency is the quality that enables them to do that. Just as we teach our children to be respectful, we also have to teach them to be resilient. When our kids learn to deal with little setbacks as they grow up, they are better prepared to deal with bigger ones later in life. We all learn how to cope through failure and mistakes. If a child never loses, she/he will never learn how to deal with loss. If they are never disappointed, the child never figures out how to deal with disappointment. If he/she is never frustrated, he/she never discovers how to overcome frustration. If the child never has to struggle, he/she will not develop the traits of persistence and determination. Sometimes, the most uncomfortable situations present the biggest opportunities for our kids, helping them to forge the internal resources they need to succeed. Resilient children will be willing to take on big challenges and take appropriate risks because they will be less afraid than kids who have never had painful experiences. Practicing how to handle disappointment appropriately will lead them into becoming healthy productive citizens!



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Congratulations to our National School Lunch Poster Contest Winners! Mila Sylvester, Zoe King, and Ahlia Idorvil received an Honorable Mention for their grade level group. Isabella Dreyfuss was chosen as the County Grade Level Winner for Fifth Grade! Way to go Parkside!. A big thank you to Ms. Mastrianni for assisting the students with their posters and organizing their entries.

Harvest Drive

It is that time of year again to help support families in need. Last year's Harvest Drive was an overwhelming success thanks to you and your hard work and dedication to this event! Our community thanks you for being part of the Harvest Drive again this year! Westglades Middle School is excited and proud to continue being our area's distribution site. Our **goal** this year is to provide 10 - 12 bags of non-perishable groceries to 200 families within our community. Please ask your students to bring in the following items starting the week of 10/23/18 through 11/13/18. I will have grade labeled boxes placed in the main hallway starting Monday.

Please ask each student to bring in some of the items listed below, by grade:

- Pre-K-K:** large toothpaste, napkins, canned cranberries
- K:** dish soap, peanut butter, jelly, shampoo
- 1st:** Juice (apple or grape), cereal, oatmeal, cookies, deodorant
- 2nd:** canned gravy, shampoo, canned tuna/meat, canned fruit
- 3rd:** stuffing, spaghetti sauce, soap, body wash
- 4th:** canned vegetables, laundry detergent, canned soup
- 5th:** pancake mix, syrup, pasta, rice, aluminum foil



Thank you so much!



Please make sure that all students and parents utilize our crosswalks on both sides of the building during arrival and dismissal times. We have noticed several parents walking across 29th Street without observing the crosswalk. This is a serious safety concern and we need everyone to cross with the crossing guard. This will ensure a safe process for all. As you come through the car loop, please also remember to put your cell phones away so that you are fully aware of your surroundings. Thanks for doing your part to keep Parkside safe!

School Improvement/ Title One Update

Our Title One Parent Training will take place on November 7th at 6:00 pm. Please attend to learn about many facets of our curriculum and the best ways that you can support your child's learning at home. Our teachers will be leading multiple sessions on a variety of topics. Please join us!



Our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum meeting will take place on Thursday, November 8th at 7:30 AM in the media center. This is the best way to get involved and support our mission of school improvement. The councils will craft and monitor our school improvement plan. The plan was recently submitted so we will be reviewing the components and looking at our plan going forward. 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. The plan includes our Executive Summary, Title One Plan, Attendance Plan, Family and Community Engagement Plan, Behavior Plan, and our Social Emotional Learning Plan. This year our academic goals focus on Balanced Literacy and targeted interventions for struggling students. Thank you for taking a look at our plan and joining us for SAC and SAF this year.

Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 15th. We look forward to seeing all of our families come out to the school and enjoy some delicious food with us. It is always one of our favorite events. We are so thankful for all that you do throughout the year so we truly hope that you can come in and celebrate with us. We know you will enjoy this event for the great food, fun atmosphere, and special time with family! Please look for the schedule to come home with your child soon. We hope to see you there!

Aftercare Courier, November 2018

Don't forget that your next payment is due by Friday November 2, 2018. Any and all late fees must also be paid at this time. You can pay on line or here at the school. We accept cash and credit/debit cards. We do not accept checks. The fees are as follows: Aftercare \$194.00 Sibling \$184.00, Beforecare \$48.00. Remaining payments are due as follows:

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.

I hope you had an opportunity to complete our program survey. If you have not so already, please take a copy and return it at your earliest convenience. Each month we will be reminding you of our School Wide Behavior Plan. We have 5 goals that we expect all students to adhere to, and we encourage our parents to discuss these goals with your child and help them to make them a part of their daily routine. The 5 goals are: Always do your best!, Cooperate with Others!, Manage Yourself!, Respect the Rights and Property of others! Resolve Conflicts (Be a problem solver)!



You are encouraged to go on the Parkside website and review our parent handbook. One of the parts that we will restate this month is on Discipline: All students attending the program are expected to follow the "Code of Student Conduct" for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), and School Board of Broward County (SBBC) Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9. Inappropriate behaviors, including but not limited to, bullying and cyberbullying, are not acceptable. Students who cannot follow the daily acceptable behaviors will be placed on a "Behavior Plan." The consequences for misbehaviors will vary from time out, missing an activity, suspension, or being exited from the program. If a student's behavior endangers or injures another individual, the student may be immediately exited from the program.

Students who have been suspended from the program due to behavior, may not attend until the supervisor has had a conference with the student and the parent. Fees will not be refunded for absences due to suspension. After three referral incidents, of which the parent has been notified, a student may be exited from the program. Students suspended from the school may not attend the program during their suspension. Fees paid for those days will not be refunded. Students who are placed on "Internal Suspension" for the school day, may attend the program.

Please review these important discipline procedures and talk to your child about these expectations.

Thank You ,
Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC

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Dear Parent and /or Guardian:

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Office of Family and Community Engagement is proud to announce the launch of Community Connections. Community Connections is a collaboration between BCPS and local organizations that provide workshops, trainings, and other learning opportunities for families. These learning experiences are designed to promote academic achievement, enhance parenting and advocacy skills, and provide families with the tools they need to grow.

View the online catalog: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/39006>

For more information, contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement at 754-321-1599



*Close Up Foundation & Bilingual/ESOL
Department cordially invite you to the:*

CLOSE UP – BROWARD YOUTH POLICY SUMMIT EXPO

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2018

LOCATION: NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM WITH LUNCH
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXPO

Three hundred immigrant high school students from throughout Broward County will be exhibiting and presenting their Florida Legislative Policy Proposals and share their ideas on how to improve their communities.

Please join us to honor these students who have worked so hard to develop a youth agenda for Florida policy action. This event is a follow up to our 2017-18 Close Up – Rally to the Tally where students presented their legislative agendas to state elected officials in Tallahassee. We look forward to seeing you. Mark your calendars!

Please register at <https://bit.ly/2Q5dFVN>

For more information contact, Vicky Saldala, ESOL Director, at victoria.saldala@browardschools.com or 954-552-6474.

