



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### December

**12/10-12/14:** PTA  
Holiday Shop  
**12/13:** SAC/SAF  
Meeting, 7:30 AM  
**12/13:** Winter Concert,  
7 PM  
**12/14:** Field Day K @  
8:30 and 4th @ 11:00  
**12/17:** Field Day 3rd @  
8:30 and 1st @11:00  
**12/18:** Field Day 2nd @  
8:30 and 5th @ 11:00  
**12/19:** Polar Express  
Day, 8:30 AM  
**12/21:** Early Release  
Day, 12 PM  
**12/24-1/7:** Winter  
Vacation (School  
resumes Tuesday,  
January 8th)

## Jackets and Sweaters

We have many items in our lost and found that can not find their owners! As the weather cools down, please remember to label jackets and sweatshirts with your child's name. We keep items in the cafeteria so that students always have the opportunity to look through them. We will be donating unclaimed items to charity. Thank you for your help!



## Administrator's Corner

Happy Holidays Parkside Families!!

'Tis the season to be filled with joy, happiness and the time of giving. As this season begins, we try to stop and remember the reason for the season and be thankful for what we have and be mindful of others during this time. We are wishing you and your families a joyous and peaceful Holiday Season.

I want to first begin by thanking all of our many families who came out to our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. We served over 1000 students, teachers, parents, grandparents and guardians. This was such a wonderful day for all. We hope you and your families were able to enjoy this special time with your children. I also want to thank my staff, custodians, kitchen staff, support staff and office staff for all of their support in making this a successful day. We hope that you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We also wanted to thank all of the families who were able to donate items for the Thanksgiving Harvest Drive. We collected over 12 boxes of food to help feed many families in need in our area. We appreciate your generosity during this time as we have several families within our own school who need our support.

The next few weeks will be very busy as we scoot through the Holiday Season. Please be mindful that your children are continuing to stay connected to school, completing homework and classwork. The 2nd quarter ends right before winter break. We also will have our annual Holiday Shop from PTA, Polar Express Day, Field Days and classroom activities. Stay tuned to the weekly updates through Parentlink to keep up to date on everything that is happening.

Over the past several months, I have been meeting with District personnel and outside vendors to discuss upcoming SMART projects for our school. Within the next few months, we are hoping to start and finish a few projects that have been on our list for a while. These include our single point of entry, which will securely close off any access to our campus except through our front office and our HVAC system. Even though these projects are in the works, there are always additional obstacles with permitting, contractors, etc. that may delay the process. I wanted to keep you all in the loop of what is happening here at Parkside.

Lastly we are beginning a new i-Ready Challenge over the next few months. I know you all have heard us push the students to complete their weekly required 45 minutes, but now you can help your child's class be the winning class for this year's competition. Beginning next week, I will be pulling I-ready reports and rewarding students who have met their goal. Remember anything beyond 45 minutes in each subject is too much. Over the course of the next several months we will be charting the classes to see which class will have the highest percentage meeting their goals. This year's surprise challenge is going to be fun so you don't want your kids to miss out. Please help us by encouraging your children to get on just a few minutes each day to reach their goal.

Hoping you all have a wonderful winter break and a Happy New Year!!

Laneia Hall, Principal



## Notes from the Teachers

### Kindergarten

A big thank you to all the parents that were able to make it to the Thanksgiving Luncheon! Your support and participation is appreciated! We are now in the second quarter of the school year! Kindergartners will be busy the next few weeks as we prepare for holiday celebrations! In reading, we will continue working on identifying characters, setting, and major events in a story. Students will learn how to read with purpose and understanding. Please continue practicing and reviewing sight words as well as reading daily with your child. In Math, we are starting addition in chapter 5. In Science, we will be investigating things that move in different ways, such as fast, slow, etc. Your kindergartner will also learn to recognize the importance of celebrations and national holidays! Please be sure to complete math and reading homework every week.

### First Grade

The month of November went by quickly! We spent time discussing family traditions and talking about the things we are truly thankful for. We also took some time to look at how the life of the Pilgrims in the past is so different from the life now in present time. Ask your child to share some of the differences and similarities they learned about the past and present. In math, we are finishing the chapters on addition and subtraction strategies. After these chapters, we will be learning how addition and subtraction are related! Math fluency tests have begun. Remember, practicing math facts helps build math fluency. Please encourage your child to practice nightly. Using i-Ready or Sumdog are smart ways to practice math! Our visit to Flamingo Gardens was a success! The children enjoyed learning about different plants and animals native to Florida, as well as others that were not. The trip is a great introduction to our new science unit, Living and Non-living things. December will be full of learning! Please continue to support your child's progress by reading nightly!

### Second Grade

Hi parents! We hope you take the time this holiday season to enjoy your children. Be sure to laugh and play with them. We're starting to learn about story structure (beginning, middle, and end). Have them explain, and/or write, about the structure after they read to you. We've started learning about regrouping double digits in math (carrying and borrowing). Please practice this at home. Please ask your child if their headphones are working. They need these for their computer work. We ask that you label all of your children's belongings. We have a field trip to Young at Art on December 12. Please pay, and fill the form out as soon as you receive it. Remember that if you pay online, the forms are still required. Your child will need to bring a bag lunch that day. Second grade teachers wish you a happy holiday season!

### Third Grade

Third-grade students are working hard to master multiplication. As they are in the process of memorizing their facts, they are learning strategies to help them become fluent. Third-grade teachers have created fun lessons where students built landmarks with arrays! Doctor Distributive Property has been another popular lesson where students solved complex equations by dissecting the question into two smaller equations. In December, the students will be working on continuing Keystone lessons where they will demonstrate their knowledge of the culture and history of Canada and Mexico. Students will busy working on the following reading standards: main idea, compare & contrast, sequencing and text structure. Please continue to assist us by reviewing your child's homework nightly. Also, students will begin writing opinion passages, so be on the lookout for groundbreaking work! We will be having our Field Day December 17, so please check with your child's teacher for class colors. Finally, field trip forms to Lion Country Safari have been sent home. Please return as soon as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity for all students to learn about animals and their habitats.

### Fourth Grade

We hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. A reminder, make sure that the permission slip and payment for our upcoming field trip to School House Rock Live on January 16 are returned in a timely manner. The final payment for St. Augustine will be \$123.00. Payments will be accepted from January 7th thru January 20th only. In Math we are presently working on division. As multiplication and division are inverse operations, it is important that your child know their multiplication facts. In Reading we are comparing and contrasting the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first and third person narrations. As we get ready for the busy holiday season and vacation, remember it is important that your child continue to go onto i-Ready Math and Reading for 15 minutes daily.

The 4th Grade Team wishes you all a happy and healthy holiday.

### Fifth Grade

We are so excited that BIZTOWN is approaching. We can't wait to experience running our own businesses! Please make sure to let us know if you are able to volunteer. In Reading, we are completing theme and starting to summarize stories. In Science, we are working on our unit of study on energy, food chains, and food webs. In Mathematics, we are calculating decimals and learning how to divide them. We've been really busy!



Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

We will be hosting our annual Holiday Fun Shop Dec 10-14th. Students will be able to purchase gifts for their family members, teachers and friends. Large selection of items under \$3! Our school will receive a portion of the sales earned. Volunteers to help our students shop are needed! Contact Staci at (330) 459-2101 to sign up.

Sincerely, Parkside PTA Board



### Counselor's Corner: December's Character Trait – Kindness

Dear Parents,

**The Development of Close Friendships:** Parents often become very concerned when their child reports that he or she doesn't have any close friends, and rightly so. Friendships are an important part of elementary school and without a good friendship circle, it is hard to develop the skills needed to get along with others. As elementary school children grow, they relate to their close friends more deeply. Parents can help to encourage individual friendships, which later grow into friendship circles. Typical development of close friendships by grade and gender:

Grade	What they do with close friends	How they view close friends
<i>Kindergarten and First Grade</i>	They will play with anyone. Closer friends are determined by how often they get together after school.	Close friends share activities and toys
<i>2nd &amp; 3rd grade</i>	Boys and girls often publicly avoid each other. BOYS: Start to organize into small group games with rules. They form temporary clubs with a leader. GIRLS: A closer group of 4 or 5 friends sometimes become a friendship circle.	Close friends begin to cooperate and adjust to each others' actions and thoughts. BOYS: sometimes exclude others from their clubs but it's only temporary. GIRLS: sometimes threaten each other with "not being friends" but they don't mean it.
<i>4th grade</i>	Best friends begin to emerge. BOYS: Small groups begin to hang around with each other. GIRLS: Friendship circles are more constant, and begin to center on interests-bike riding, ballet, soccer, theater group, etc.	Close friends have common interests, likes and dislikes, similar abilities, compatible personalities.
<i>5th grade</i>	BOYS: Hang around exclusively with a group of other boys with similar interests. GIRLS: Longer telephone calls and sharing secrets make their debut.	Close friends are intimate and support each other.

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### School Improvement/ Title One Update



Our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum meeting will take place on Thursday, December 13th 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.

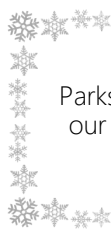
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Our County-wide Annual Parent Seminar will be held on February 2nd at the Signature Grand in Davie. This is a wonderful seminar with powerful guest speakers, great resources for parents, and lots of give-a-ways! Parkside is able to pay for 3 parents to attend this awesome event. If you are interested in attending please see the details on the attached flyer and email Mrs. Polacek so she can put you on the list. Her email is abigail.polacek@browardschools.com.



### Parkside's Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us for our Thanksgiving luncheon. It is wonderful to celebrate with our families. We are thankful for all that you do!



Parkside's Winter Concert will take place on December 13th and it will feature our choir of 3rd, 4th, and 5th. All are welcome to join us for a musical wonderland! The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

### Aftercare Courier, December 2018

We want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. On December 12th, the City of Coral Springs will have their annual holiday parade. This parade will shut down many of the main streets that lead to the school. Please plan a different route to get to the school if you come after 5:00. The streets will close down at this time and you will need to have an alternate route to get here. Aftercare will still close at 6:00 and you will be assessed a late fee if you are not here on time. Please practice taking an alternate route that will get you to the school. I know that Sample Road and Coral Springs Drive will be closed at a certain point. **PLAN AHEAD** so you will not be caught up in the traffic. The last day before the holiday break will be Friday, Dec. 21st. That day is an early release day. We have planned a Nerf action carnival for the students on that day. The activities will be from 12:00 until 2:00. The carnival will set up an ice cream stand for the students to purchase ice cream. The students will need to bring between \$3 to \$5 if they want to buy ice cream. Please let us know if your child will NOT be here on that date so we can coordinate the activities and adjust personnel.



THE NEXT PAYMENT IS DUE BY DECEMBER 5TH. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR PAYMENT IS POSTED BY THAT DATE. The fees are; **AFTERCARE \$194.00 BEFORE CARE \$48.00**

Our Schoolwide Behavior Goals are: Always do your Best, Cooperate with others, Manage Yourself, Respect the Rights and Property of Others, Resolve Conflicts (Be a Problem Solver)! Please review these goals with your child so that our students make good choices daily.

Thank You,

**Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC**

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# 2019 Title I Annual Parent Seminar

## Parent and Family Engagement: Cultivating A Rich Future!



**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Manuel (Manny) Scott**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**SIGNATURE GRAND**  
**6900 STATE ROAD 84**  
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*Dr. Manny Scott is an original Freedom Writer whose story is featured in part, in the 2007 hit movie, "Freedom Writers," Manny Scott has energized more than a million leaders, educators, volunteers, and students worldwide with his authentic, inspiring messages of hope and how he was able to overcome the odds that were stacked against him. Dr. Manny Scott is the founder/CEO of Ink International, Inc., an education consulting firm, that has empowered nearly two million people to improve the quality of not only their own lives, but also the lives of those around them. Ink has helped hundreds of organizations raise student achievement and leader effectiveness in 48 states and four continents. In addition, Ink has helped prevent thousands of dropouts and suicides.*

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