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Calendar of Events

February

2/5: McTeacher's Night, 5-7 PM
2/6: PTA General Meeting, 8:30 AM
2/6: Kindergarten Roundup, 7 PM
2/7: Zone Showcase @ Sawgrass Springs Middle, 6 PM
2/8: Kindergarten Roundup, 8:30 AM
2/14: Day of Service
2/18: No School (President's Day)
2/21: SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM
2/21: Early Release Day, 12PM
2/23: Relay for Life Garage Sale, 7:45 AM
2/26: Student of the Month, 7 PM



If you have an incoming Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year, please join us for Kindergarten Round-Up! This is a chance to learn about Parkside, tour the Kindergarten classrooms, and get information on how to register your child and answer any other questions you might have. Join us on either February 6th at 7 PM or February 8th at 8:30 AM in the school's media center. If you have a neighbor or friend who may be interested, please spread the word. See you then!

Administrator's Corner

Parkside Families,

This week we celebrated the 100th day of school. Our students spent the day participating in activities with sorting 100 items, counting by 1's, 5's, 10's and 25's to 100, writing list of 100 things, and even drawing pictures of what we will look like when we are 100 years old. Several classes celebrated this special day. We also celebrated all of the students who received honor roll for the 2nd quarter of school. We are so proud of their efforts and we continue to encourage all students to work towards meeting this goal for the 3rd quarter of school. Even though we are already halfway through the quarter, students still have time to pull those grades up.

One of the BIG events we have going on this month is our Days of Service, which will be held on February 14th and 15th. We have three school-wide projects which include painting a new mural in the main hallway, building a butterfly garden and painting kindness rocks for the garden. Several of the classes will be doing additional projects to give back to community organizations, beautify the school and show kindness to our students and staff. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with these projects and any type of donations you may have. We are really excited about these days and look forward to spreading love around our school and community in commemoration of the tragedy that occurred last year. Please let our office staff know if you are willing to help.

Over the next few weeks, Parkside will be receiving our Single Point of Entry at the front of our school. Beginning on Saturday, February 2nd, an outside vendor will begin the process of the work needed for the new fencing and gates to be installed. This is going to cause a little bit of a disruption with our traffic flow for arrival and dismissal. Please know, our main priority is keeping you and your children safe during this time, so please be patient as we go through this process. I also highly suggest you to give yourself a little extra time for arrival in order to ensure your child does not get marked tardy. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

I want to thank our PTA for another great event last weekend at our "Movie Night." There were over 250 who attended the event even in the cold weather. We really appreciate you taking time to be a part of this evening. Over the next few weeks, PTA will be selling Valentine Grams. Information should have come home this week. Students can send to their friends, teachers or any other staff members here at the school. Parents can also send their children one if they would like. These will be delivered on February 13th. If you need additional forms, please contact the school or the PTA.

Wishing everyone a month filled with Love and Joy!

Laneia Hall, Principal

School Improvement Update

Our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum meeting will take place on Thursday, February 21st 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. 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

We have survived the first 100 days of kindergarten! We are now in the 3rd quarter of the school year and have less than 80 days left! We have our Safety Town field trip February 6-8th. Your child's teacher has the specific date for their class. In reading, we will continue to work on distinguishing common types of texts such as storybooks, poems, etc. In math, your child will learn all about counting and recognizing numbers 11-19 in chapter 7! We will continue to work on adding and subtraction within 5 so be sure to practice at home! In science, we will continue learning how some books and other media portray animals and plants with various characteristics and behaviors that they do not have in real life. We will also observe and compare different animals and plants. In writing, we will work on strengthening your child's writing skills by composing informative and explanatory topics. Please remember, reading bags are to be returned to school daily and homework is due every Friday!

2nd GRADE

Second graders have been busy learning about text features in reading. Take some time to read nonfiction books/ articles with your child so they can show what they're learning! *Time for Kids* online is a great resource. We are continuing our math lessons about adding and subtracting with regrouping. We encourage your children to practice these skills at home. Look for the field trip form labeled Bookin'-Cookin'. The money is due February 15th! This is an in house field trip. We appreciate your continued support!

4th grade

Hard to believe that we are over halfway through the school year! In the upcoming weeks we are going to be spending a lot of time working on fractions and decimals in Math. As these concepts may seem challenging for some of our students, we encourage parents to help reinforce these at home. Of course cooking is always a great way to practice fractions. It is so extremely important that your child practice their multiplication facts at home. Continue with i-Ready Math and Animated Math. These are all great programs to help with math fluency and skill concepts. We are also doing a great deal of writing these days. The type of writing that is expected of our students has changed over the years. They are expected to be able to read from 2-4 pieces of text, and then use the information from all pieces of the text to support their response to the writing prompt. You will notice more writing homework as we prepare for our FSA Writing test. Read, Read, Read! Your child should be reading almost every night for 30 minutes. We cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home. It helps build fluency and stamina. Students are getting excited about the upcoming St. Augustine trip. This is a wonderful educational experience for our 4th graders. Those students not going will be able to participate in a free in-house field trip presented by the Museum of Discovery and Science on February 19th. Please watch for those permission slips and return them in a timely manner.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

1st Grade

This past month, first graders have been busy reading, reading, and reading some more! As we begin the second half of the school year, reading will be our focus. The children will be taking the End of the Year Reading Test in May, and we are trying hard to get them prepared. Please be on the lookout for reading comprehension passages going home for homework. In Math, we are finished with chapter 5, *How Addition and Subtraction are Related*. Chapter 6, *Counting and Modeling Numbers*, is a tough chapter, so please take time to practice math on a daily basis. Please practice math fluency facts, as well!! In science, we are learning about plants. We've discussed plant parts and their jobs, how they grow and change, as well as what they need to grow. The children learned why we need plants and how they reproduce. We've pruned our garden, and many herbs are drying in our classrooms. We will soon begin creating our "product" using the dried herbs to sell at our School wide exhibition on March 14. We learned all about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the last couple of weeks. We discussed the importance of learning about history, and making sure we do not make the same mistakes in the future. The children are always VERY intrigued by history! In February, the children will learn about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, as the country celebrates President's Day. As always, we thank you for being a part of your child's learning!

THIRD GRADE

This will be a busy month for our 3rd graders. In math, we have finished up division and multiplication. We are now diving into area and perimeter. Students will be learning how to find the area and perimeter of different shapes using measurement. In reading, we are continuing to practice our informational standards while learning about the Three Branches of Government. On February 22nd, 3rd grade will be taking their extended day field trip to Lion Country Safari. If you have not made your 2nd payment, it is due on February 6th. Please get those into your child's teacher as soon as possible. Parents are asked to send their child with a bag lunch on this day. Please be on the lookout for more information as the field trip comes closer.

Grade 5

Fifth grade had a busy January full of excitement, including our trip to Biztown. Fifth graders delved into their jobs at Biztown to experience real-world situations in the workplace, including making financial decisions and on-the-spot job training. In reading, students are wrapping up learning about Point of View and beginning to analyze multiple accounts of events in non-fiction text. Fractions are in full swing in math; students are working diligently to learn how to solve real-world problems, involving addition, subtraction, and multiplication of parts of a whole. Our budding scientists are learning all about electric circuits. Next up is the study of the solar system. All fifth grade students are working hard in project-based learning; ask your child what they're working on! Lastly, students will begin GRADE; make sure you return a signed permission slip in order for them to participate.



Greetings from the **Parkside PTA!**

This month PTA will be again offering our Valentine Grams for parents and students to send to their children, teachers and friends. We will be offering Valentine Smencils and wooden roses for \$1 each. New this year, we also have Valentine plush animals that come with candy for \$5 each. Forms will be going home the first week of February. Additional forms can be found in the front office.



Our PTA will deliver Grams on February 13th. Orders must be received by 2pm on February 11th. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely, Parkside PTA Board

Counselor's Corner: February's Character Trait – Honesty

Dear Parents,

REMINDER – Your words and actions affect people's self-esteem... so be KIND!

Four Ways To Help Kids Manage Frustration—Learning to manage and overcome frustrations builds resilience but it can be difficult for parents to stand back and let children cope on their own.

1. Stay Calm – while you may feel anxious, angry, or even embarrassed when your child is crying, it's important that you model remaining calm yourself. It helps to remember that being a good parent doesn't mean that your child is always happy. Remind yourself that your child's age-appropriate frustration will eventually pass and both of you will survive it.
2. Be Consistent – All children need to know that they can count on their parent to guide them, support them, take care of their essential needs, and love them. Even in times of conflict, knowing how you will act when they are upset can lead to security and comfort in the relationship.
3. Pick the Right Time to Talk – You may notice that talking to your child when he or she is very emotional may not be very productive. However, children often want immediate answers and to gain what they seek instantly. It may be a relief to remember that you don't have to answer your child immediately when emotions are running high. Even if your child is frustrated it is best to wait until you are both calm to talk.
4. Practice Good Communication Skills - Listen to your child, restate your child's request and reasoning, logically explain your position, use "I" Statements... "I feel hurt when you keep leaving this mess, I want you to clean your room please.", ask your child to restate what you said



If I can be of any assistance for your child or family please give me a call @ 754-322-7850. Have a mindful day!

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Days of Service



**PARKSIDE
 GIVES BACK**



On February 14th and 15th, 2019 Parkside Elementary School is joining other Broward County Schools in participating in a Day of Service to commemorate the tragedy that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018.

Our staff, teachers, and students have been making plans for the day and the projects they will complete. The Parkside Elementary Community will be working together to beautify the school in ways everyone can benefit. Among the projects being planned are a Butterfly Garden and a Mural. To that end, we are respectfully requesting any assistance you would be willing to provide; whether in the form of products (plants, gardening supplies, paint, paint brushes, cleaning items, food, drinks, etc.) or gift cards to be used to purchase the supplies. Your company will be listed on our website and communication to our parents and district leaders. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the front office at 754-322-7850. Thank you!



Relay for Life Garage Sale at Parkside

Parkside's 3rd Annual Relay for Life Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, February 27th, 2019 from 7:45 AM to 12:00 PM in our cafeteria. Please consider cleaning out your closets, drawers, and garages to donate some gently used items. Watch for additional information about drop off times. We really appreciate all of your support for this great cause! Take this opportunity to clean out your gently used items as a donation. The garage sale benefits Relay for Life, which is organized by the American Cancer Society.



Parkside is a Title One school. This means that we receive federal funding based on the number of students that receive free or reduced price lunch. Please view the Title One Parent resource guide to learn more about Title One. Click [here](#) or visit <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37523>. Don't forget that February 2nd is the Annual Title One Parent Seminar at the Signature Grand in Davie. In addition, parent trainings are offered monthly on various topics. See the link above for dates and times.

Congratulations to our classes who participated in the Martin Luther King Day Art and Literary Exhibit projects. We had a several winners and they received recognition on Thursday evening at the Coral Springs Museum of Art. Mrs. Mastrianni, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Sorbi's students won second place for all elementary schools across the district in this year's competition. Thanks for your hard work.



Student ID Badges



All students are **required** to wear a Parkside ID badge all day long while at school. We distribute them in the morning when they arrive and take them in the afternoon when they leave. Several students still have lost or broken their badges. We have two created for them at the beginning of the year, but once these have been used we must make an additional badge. There is a cost of \$5 per badge. Students must pay this obligation. You can either pay in cash or online. Please note this is a student obligation and will be added to the students account and this must be paid before the end of the year. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to the school. Please remember this is a safety issue and we must have all students, staff and parents wearing identification at all times while on campus. Thanks for your help with this situation.

Aftercare Courier, February 2019

Reminder that All payments that you make covers your child for 18 school days. It may seem like you are paying for days off, but you are not. There are 180 school days, they are divided by 10 payments which ends up being 18 days each pay period. With that being said, this period will end on Monday February 11th. The new payments are due on Monday February 11, 2019. You can make a payment in person when picking up your child or you can pay on line at: <https://estore.browardschools.com> You can use this service up to 11:59p.m. on the last day to pay. The service does allow you to pay on the day after the last day, but you will be assessed an additional \$25.00 re-registration fee in which you can pay while you are on the site, or when you come in the following day.



We really need you to help us out reminding the students about our school wide behavior goals. We purposely include them in each monthly newsletter because it is extremely important that our students make them a part of their everyday school culture: *Always Do your Best, Cooperate with Others, Manage Yourself, Respect the Rights and Property of Others, and Resolve Conflicts* (Be a problem Solver).

Each month we highlight part of our parent handbook which can be found on our school website. This month we will focus on the Parent's Role and Responsibilities. You are welcome to visit the program. Please let the supervisor know when you would like to visit. A staff member will accompany all adults visiting the program to ensure safety. You are responsible for picking up your child on time, notifying the supervisor if your child is going to be absent, following payment procedures, keeping the supervisor informed of a change in emergency contact information, notifying the supervisor, if your child is going to be withdrawn from the program, and notifying the supervisor of any change in the child's health, if participation is limited. A student may be exited from the program, if a parent does not meet the above responsibilities on a consistent basis. Toys or other personal play items from home may not be brought to the program. They are not the program's responsibility, if lost.

Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC

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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

Is your family part of Parkside's Legacy Tile Wall?
If not, here's your chance participate!

Several years ago, Parkside celebrated its 10-year anniversary and as part of the celebration, we created a legacy tile wall. Each student, staff member, community member, and alumni were given the opportunity to buy and decorate a tile that was later glazed, fired and hung up to become a lifetime memory here at Parkside. The tile wall currently sits just outside Parkside's Cafeteria door, but the goal is to add to the wall each year and eventually cover the whole wall stretching toward the primary playground.

This year we are selling the tiles for \$10.00 each online at estore.browardschools.com. The tiles will be sold until February 28th.

We will have the Parkside Painting Tile Night on **April 9, at 6:15 pm** in the Cafeteria. This is a fun night where families can come out and enjoy some quality time while painting.

**We hope your family decides to be part of
Parkside's Legacy for years to come!**



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

1/23/2019

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	ESOL CATEGORY 1

Last Name	First Name	Current Certification	Out-of-Field For
OVESEN	JETHINA B	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
SRITHARAN	THILAKA V	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1