



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### March

**3/14:** SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM

**3/14:** School Wide Exhibition, 6 PM

**3/15:** PTA Spring Dance

**3/19:** Publix Math Night, 5 PM

**3/21:** Early Release Day, 12 PM

**3/22:** Teacher Planning Day, No School

**3/25-3/31:** Spring Break (No School)

### Publix Math Night

Join us for Publix Math Night on 3/19 from 5 PM-7:30 PM. This annual event is always fun for the students as they move from aisle to aisle to apply some real world math concepts. See you there!



## Administrator's Corner

Parkside Families,

We are nearing the end of the third quarter of school and are in the final stretch of this school year. This is a very busy time of year; so please pay close attention to the updates we send out as a school as well as your classroom teachers' communication. We want to make sure you are up to date and informed at all times.

Over the next few weeks we have several activities and events taking place here at school. On March 14th, we will be having our annual School Wide Exhibition and Spaghetti Dinner. This night is a great opportunity for families to come out and see all of the projects your children have been working on throughout the year. We also offer a free spaghetti dinner for our families. Please make a note of this date so you don't miss out on this event.

On March 19th, we will have our Title I Math Night at Publix. This is a great night filled with real world math problems for the students to solve. Our PTA will also be hosting a Spring Fling on the 15th of this month as well. We hope you can participate in all of these events.

As many of you can see, we are in the final phase of our single point of entry in front of our school. Over this weekend, they will complete the interior portion. With this addition we will continue to have the students enter in the morning on the right side of the gate and parents will stay behind the teal fence. If you need to go to the office, you enter the same way you have been. We are very excited to have this project fully completed. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

The School Board SMART Bond monies are in their final year of work and distribution. With this, our school is beginning the process for determining how we will utilize the \$100,000 School Choice Enhancement monies. Over the next few weeks, we will be meeting and discussing with our School Advisory Council and staff ideas for items to be placed on the ballot. Once the ballot is created and approved by our SAC committee, we will begin the voting process. Parents, volunteers, and staff will all be allowed one vote to determine which items the school will move forward with in the process. If you are interested in learning more about this process, please plan on attending our next SAC meeting where we will share more information.

Finally, I wanted to take a moment and thank all of the many parents, teachers, high school students, and volunteers who helped us make February 14th and 15th's Day of Service a huge success. Both days were filled with so many activities throughout the school where kids showed kindness, love, giving and hope. We hope that you will have a chance to stop by and see the beautiful mural that was created by Mrs. Mastrianni, but painted by several students and staff and visit the butterfly garden where every student had a chance to clean, dig or plant. We hope your children will forever remember these days and how great it felt to give back to our school and community and truly be planting seeds of kindness. Thank you for all that you continue to do to make our school the "BEST."

Laneaia Hall, Principal

## School Improvement Update

Our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum meeting will take place on Thursday, March 14th 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](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

Let the March madness begin! A big thank you to all the chaperones that were able to help on our Safety Town Field trip! Your time and devotion is greatly appreciated! In reading, we are learning how to identify basic similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic. In math, we have completed chapter 7 and are on to chapter 8! We will work on counting and writing numbers beyond 20. In science, we are learning about community helpers. We will discuss what jobs they have and how they help our community. In writing, We will learn how to create stories with a beginning, middle, and end. Please remember reading bags are to be returned to school daily and homework is due every Friday!

### First Grade

February came and went in a snap! Thanks to all the families that made us feel super special on Valentine's Day with all the cards, flowers and gifts. It made each of us smile! The children had a blast exchanging Valentines. It was truly special to see all the children thank each other and show their appreciation and love for their friends. In math, we are working on reading, writing and modeling numbers from one to 120. The children learned all about place value, and are anxious to celebrate the "120 Days of School". We have been reviewing reading strategies on our CAFÉ Menu, and adding new ones every couple of weeks. Please be sure to always read the Parent Pipelines. They have amazing information on how you can help your child practice the strategy at home. In reading, we've also started some important practice for the end of the year reading test. Be on the lookout for reading passages with questions that are going home for homework at the beginning of the week. These passages are similar to what will be on the test, and they are great practice! We spent a lot of time in January and February recognizing people from the past that have made an impact on our world and our lives. Ask your child to tell you about one of the historical people we learned about, and to include "facts" about what they learned. On March 14, Parkside will have Exhibition Night. The first grade classes are so excited to share all we have learned through our project-based learning (PBL). All the classes have been working hard on a product to sell on Exhibition Night, and the proceeds will go to help with improve the first grade garden. As always, thank you for everything you do at home to help your continue to make progress in all the academic areas!

### Second Grade

Hello second grade parents! Has your child been practicing tying their shoes? Please take the time to help them master this. We've been busy in reading learning how to compare and contrast characters and events in stories. We've also been working on describing characters and their traits. This is a great car ride activity. Math has been super challenging with three digit adding and subtracting with regrouping. Ask them to show you what they've learned so far. Please note that when your child is tardy, those minutes add up to hours. Those hours add up to unexcused absences. Thank you for all of your support!

### Third Grade

Third grade is busy preparing for the reading FSA. In Math, we are working on fractions. We are studying plants in Science and making CHIA pets. We also will be learning about historical woman figures since March is woman's history month.

### Fourth Grade

The trip to St. Augustine was incredible. The students who went learned so much about Florida History. The students who stayed behind enjoyed seeing, touching, and learning about reptiles, and their place in the ecosystem. Our students have been focused on citing evidence, giving supporting details, and elaboration, along with organization and focus in order to develop a good essay. There will probably be additional writing homework as we prepare for the Writing FSA. Please note that this State Assessment will take place on April 2nd. This happens to be the day after we come back from Spring break. Although your child will not physically be in school, please keep him/her in the academic mode by having them go on i-Ready Reading and i-Ready Math daily during Spring break. We hope you are able to spend some extra time with you child during the up coming break.

### Fifth Grade

We are busy in Fifth Grade working on honing our craft as writers. We have been working diligently writing informational prompts and diving into opinion writing. In Math, we are finishing up the world of fractions and are learning to divide them. In science, the curriculum focus is on the Phases of the Moon and the Solar System; take a look up at the night sky together and make some observations. As we head into March, students are buzzing about upcoming field trips, such as Magic Kingdom and an in house trip from the Museum of Science and Discovery. Please ensure your child continues to utilize iReady in reading and math each week, as it provides reinforcement for concepts taught in class.



### Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

The PTA will be hosting our annual after school Spring Dance on March 15th. Ticket information will be going home with students the first week of March. We will also have food and drinks for purchase during this event. We will be having our 2nd General PTA meeting in March as well. This will be a morning meeting. Light breakfast will be served for our members who attend. Date and time will be posted soon.



Sincerely, Parkside PTA Board

### Counselor's Corner: March's Character Trait – Self-Control

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

#### *How to Inspire Your Kids to Be Generous*

I love the news stories that highlight inspiring acts of generosity. These stories are moving because they seem to be about ordinary people being extraordinarily generous. Sharing stories like this with your children will help them to see the importance of giving. If you want to nudge your child toward generosity, recent research offers some insights and practical tips.



1. Read books about people showing generosity— Children's stories have long been used as a way to teach kids about what their culture values. The following children's books are a good read about generosity: *Thank You, Om!*, by Oge Mora, *Biblioburro* by Jeanette Winter, *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen, *The Trees of the Dancing Goats* by Patricia Polacco, and *Something Special for Me* by Vera Williams.

2. Tell your kids to "do the right thing"— Research has found that children were more generous when they had seen and heard an adult saying the "right" thing to do compared to other messages. These findings suggest that kids are both aware of and act according to what are considered the social standards of their culture. If your family values generosity, explain to your children why it is the right thing to do. Show them what it means to be giving within the family and community, such as by supporting a local animal shelter or food bank.

3. Teach your children to practice gratitude— To help your kids notice generosity from others, teach the older ones to make a habit of spotting times that they are thankful and write about them in a gratitude journal. Prompt them to think about three instances from their day – a person, an experience, an event- for which they feel thankful. For younger kids, adopt a family gratitude practice of talking about three good things that happen to you each day.

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 and Love: Thank You, Friends of Parkside!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Days of Service and Love on February 14th and 15th. These were very special days and we did many projects throughout the school including a creating a beautiful mural and planting a butterfly garden. We would like to recognize the following businesses who made donations for this event.

Home Depot – Wiles and 441  
Home Depot – University and Atlantic  
I-9 Sports, Northwest Broward  
Publix  
Broward Health – Coral Springs

We appreciate everything that you have done for our school community. Thank you!





### Relay for Life Garage Sale at Parkside

Parkside's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Relay for Life Garage Sale took place on Saturday, February 27th, and we would like to thank everyone who came out in support of this event. We raised about \$600 for the American Cancer Society. Thanks to Ms. Williams and Ms. King for organizing this event and look out for more information regarding the Relay for Life which is coming up on April 6th.

It is time for our Title One Parent Survey. Please take a moment to give us your feedback. The survey is short and you can access it by following this link: <http://bit.ly/2twJf5l> As a Title One school, we receive federal funding based on how many students that we have who receive free or reduced price lunch. Annually, we ask our parents how we are doing and this is a great opportunity to share your opinion. Thank you for participating!



Yearbooks are on sale online for \$25. If you would like to purchase ads, you must submit and pay for these as soon as possible. Please see the information that was sent home regarding how to submit and pay. Thanks for supporting our school.



### Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

Please remember that during arrival and dismissal, all students must be dropped off and picked up in the car loop. If a parent needs to park, please use a designated parking spot and walk your student to the building using the crosswalk. If cars are parked anywhere other than a designated parking space, our School Resource Officer will write a citation. No cars are permitted in the bus loop/staff parking lot on the 29th Street side of the building. Please remember that our school opens at 7:30 and students should not be lined up waiting outside before then. We offer Beforecare for a reasonable rate if you are unable to adhere to this drop off time. Finally, make sure that your children are picked up from school on time daily. Dismissal is at 2:00 and afterschool clubs and camps end promptly at 3:10. Thanks for your assistance with keeping our school safe and secure.

### Aftercare Courier, March 2019

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 Friday March 8th. The new payments are due on Friday March 8, 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 11:59 p.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).

This month we will revisit our safety information. Drills: Several types of drills occur throughout the year. These include: Fire, evacuation, tornado, and lockdown. If you arrive to pick up your child during an active drill, you will be asked to wait until the drill has concluded and the "All Clear" has been announced. Please be patient, these drills are conducted to ensure the safety and security of your child. Active Emergency: If you arrive during an active "Lockdown", no one will be allowed to enter or leave the building. You will be asked to wait off campus. Once the children have been secured, the program will attempt to contact you via text, email or phone to keep you informed. Once the "All Clear" has been called, you may enter the school to sign out your child. During an active "Evacuation," if a severe safety issue exists, students may be moved to an alternate location off campus, for their safety. Once the children have been secured, the program will attempt to contact you via text, email or phone to keep you informed as to where you can come to pick up your child. For safety reasons, the program does not disclose the location in advance.

Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC

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