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Calendar of Events

April

4/6: Relay for Life, 5 PM

4/9: Publix Math Night, 5-8 PM

4/11: SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM

4/12: PTA Bingo for Books, 6 PM

4/16: Report Cards Go Home

4/19: No School (Good Friday/Passover)

4/22: Honor Roll Assemblies, 3rd @ 8:20, 4th @ 9:00, 5th @ 9:40

5/3: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Publix Math Night

Join us for Publix Math Night on 4/9 from 5 PM-8 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 at the Publix on the corner of Sample Road and Coral Ridge Drive!



Administrator's Corner

Welcome Back from Spring Break! I hope you and your families were able to enjoy some quality time together and rest and relax. We are now into our final quarter and there are a lot of things happening from now until the end of the school year so make sure you pay close attention to your weekly updates.

Right after we returned from break, all of our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students began their FSA testing. Our 3rd graders started with the English Language Arts session and our 4th and 5th graders finished the writing portion of the FSA. We know these students worked extremely hard and we are sure they performed well. We have a few weeks of preparation and beginning of May, we will finish will all 3-5 Math, ELA and Science that is remaining. Please again, pay close attention to the dates and weekly parents links so your children come to school ready and prepared for their assessments. We truly believe these assessments are just one small indicator of a child's ability, but sadly these are requirements are used for promotion. Thank you for your continued support with all that you do for your children.

This month we will also be bringing awareness to our students, staff and community on Autism. April is Autism Awareness month and here at Parkside we have our own special program for students with Autism. We do many activities with our general education classes and our special programs to develop an understanding of sensitivity with students with unique qualities. Throughout this month, we encourage you to "Light It Up Blue" by wearing light blue or becoming more involved in ways to spread this awareness.

We want to take a moment and thank all of our PTA board members and all of our active volunteers here at Parkside. Without the support, time commitment and passion for our school, we would not be able to do many of the projects and fun activities for our children. We want to thank these individuals as well as all of our volunteers, mentors and listeners who are here each week or throughout the year to help us succeed. In May we will have our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast to recognize all of you and your efforts. Please be on the lookout for more information coming home soon.

As we finish this last quarter of school, please make sure you are communicating with your child's teacher on their academic progress. This is when we will be conducting our final conferences, assessments and collecting data to make decisions for next school year's placement for the students. It is critical for you to make sure you understand how your student is progressing and where he/she needs to be in order for them to continue to be successful. If you have not already reached out to your child's teacher, please do so within then next two weeks.

Throughout April and May, there are not many breaks off from school, so please make sure your children are here everyday unless they have an illness. Attendance is critical to their success. Enjoy this month and Happy Passover and Easter to those who celebrate.

Lanea Hall, Principal

School Improvement Update

Our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum meeting will take place on Thursday, April 11th 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. This month we will discuss our school-choice enhancements and our plans for the \$100,000 of funding that we discussed last month. 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

Join us in the final stretch!! We are now in the fourth and final quarter of the school year! Our first group of kindergartners have started swimming at the two-week Swim Central water Safety Education Program. This is an exciting time for them as well as a very important opportunity for the kindergartners to learn water safety. The final group will begin their session at the end of the month. In reading, we are learning how to compare the adventures and experiences of characters in stories, as well as apply grade level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. In math, we have completed chapter 8 and are on to chapter 9! This chapter is all about shapes and positions of objects. In science, we are learning about all about weather! We will explore extreme weather, water cycle, clouds, and seasons. In writing, we will learn how to collaborate with peers to write and publish stories. In Social Studies, we will learn about cardinal directions, bodies of water, and people and places located in different areas on Earth. Please remember reading bags are to be returned to school daily and homework is due every Friday!

1st Grade

We were all very excited that the products from our Project-Based-Learning sold so quickly during Exhibition Night. The children worked hard to make their ideas come to life, and the project was a success from start to end. Thanks to all the Parkside families that supported us! We are working on two-digit addition in math, with regrouping. The students are asked to show models of their work so they get a better understanding of this concept. Regrouping is a difficult skill, so please make sure to help your child practice daily. As we begin the last quarter of this school year, all the first grade teachers are very focused on reading, and reading comprehension. We are diligently trying to prepare the children for the End of the Year Reading Test. The passages we've been sending home for homework and completing here in class, is one way to practice, but please do not forget that simply reading with your child and having conversations about what they've read is just as powerful! As always, thanks for all you do to be part of your child's learning journey!

2nd GRADE

Happy Spring! We hope that you all enjoyed spring break with your children. It is hard to believe, but it is already the fourth quarter. Your children will be learning about poems, economics, body parts, plant growth, heredity measurement, shapes, point of view, and author's purpose. Please continue to read with them at home as this helps to improve their fluency and comprehension. We are going to Butterfly World on April 5th. We're sure you have heard about our in-school butterfly study. Remember to have your child in school and at their classroom before the bell rings (7:55). Thank you for all that you do!

THIRD GRADE

This will be a busy month for our 3rd graders. On April 2nd and 3rd, we will be administering the FSA ELA state test. The makeups will be April 4-12. In math, we are finishing up fractions. We will be going into Geometry, as well as measurement. Some of the content includes telling time, shapes, angles, and lines. In reading, we are working on Fables, and will be taking our last Portfolio of the year based on this Genre. We will also be preparing for the FSA Math test, which will be in the beginning of May. During the month, each individual class will be doing projects for Earth Day.

4th grade

We hope that you all had a safe and restful spring break. As you know we hit the ground running with our Writing FSA on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. We are now back into the full routine of school and daily homework. Students should be reading at home for a minimum of 20 minutes daily. Statistics have proven that students who read for at least 20 minutes per day do better on standardized test than those who do not read daily. Remember to encourage your child to go onto i-Ready Reading and Math at home for at least 20 minutes daily. Students may also access Animated Math through Canvas, online textbooks at home. FSA is quickly approaching and it is important that all students be in school, and focused on learning. May 1st and May 2nd will be the ELA portion of FSA. Math will take place the following week on May 7th and 8th.

Grade 5

Fifth grade had a blast at Magic Kingdom! It was awesome! The kids who didn't attend loved the creatures from the on campus Museum of Discovery and Science trip. We learned so much! In Reading, we are working on text structure. We ROCKED our reading prompt!! In Math, we are practicing comparing and converting customary units of length, capacity, and weight. In Science, we are beginning our study of the water cycle. We've been really busy!





Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

April PTA Events: **Bingo for Books** is coming up on Friday April 12th at 6:15 pm. This is a free fun family night with Pizza and Drinks provided by the PTA, as well as New Scholastic Books at all student levels, as prizes for winning Bingo players. We always have a great turnout for this event. Please RSVP by April 9th. Flyers are going home now.



Jimmy John's Parkside Family Night is on Tuesday April 16th! Come out to support our school with a percentage of your Dinner order going back to Parkside. Take a night off from cooking and celebrate your students report card! Flyers are going home with students.

Although Mother's Day cakes have been discontinued by Publix, we will have new offerings in May as well as our Wooden Rose Bouquets. Information for this fundraiser will be coming come late April.

Sincerely, Parkside PTA Board

Counselor's Corner: April's Character Trait – Tolerance

-Talking to Kids about Tolerance "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

Teaching our children tolerance must begin with this Golden Rule, but it certainly does not end there. There are times when we must explain things that are painful and unfair –racism, sexism, stereotypes, hate. There are times when we must comfort our children, helping them learn that what some people do to others isn't always kind or fair.



-Speak Openly- When we are honest with children about our country's history of bigotry, sexism and stereotypes, we help prepare them to challenge these issues when they arise.

-Model Equity- As parents, we are our children's first teachers. When it comes to teaching tolerance, actions speak louder than words. If you say that boys and girls are equal, do your actions send the same message? Is there such a thing as "girls" activities and "boys" activities?"

Opportunities to teach about tolerance are offered frequently in our society. As parents we need to have the time, patience and desire to help our children grow into adults who value and honor diversity. We need to make sure our children are involved in activities where they have an opportunity to interact with people who aren't necessarily like them. Acknowledging the positive aspects of differences among people is important. We need to value each other's differences!

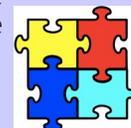
Have a mindful day!
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April is Autism Awareness Month!



People all over the United States will be lighting up their homes with blue lightbulbs starting April 2nd and throughout the month of April! If you would like to show your support of autism, you can purchase these blue lightbulbs at your local hardware stores.

Did you know? – Autism now affects 1 in every 68 children and 1 in every 42 boys? Autism is one of the fastest-growing developmental disorders in the U.S. Boys are nearly 5 times more likely than girls to have autism. Sadly, there is no medical detection or cure for autism. Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder that impairs social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication and restricted and repetitive behaviors. Symptoms in infants gradually begin after the age of six months and become established by the age of two or three years old. People affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can have repetitive behaviors, compulsive behaviors and ritualistic behaviors. For the month of April, Parkside Elementary will be participating in activities that bring sensitivity and awareness to our school community about autism. There will be many decorations, informational displays, book readings, activities, and classroom tours.



Light your heart up blue with us at Parkside to help us support autism awareness and research!



Relay for Life

Relay for Life will take place on Saturday, April 6th from 5:00 to 10:00 PM. This annual event is an opportunity to support families and survivors affected by cancer with several teams, including Parkside, walking and providing various activities for participants. It will be held at the Coral Springs Sportsplex (2575 Sportsplex Drive, next to Coral Glades High School). For more information, please visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/parklandandcoralspringsfl>, call 954-200-7532, or email RFLParkland@yahoo.com.



Our Title One Parent Involvement Plan is part of our School Improvement Plan and it outlines the various ways that we seek to increase parent involvement at Parkside. The plan is available for you to view on our [web site under Title 1](#). Please take a moment to review it and let us know if you have any questions or feedback. You are welcome to attend this month's School Advisory Council meeting on April 11th at 7:30 AM where we will discuss the plan and update it for next year.

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 April 30th. We will have the Parkside Painting Tile Night on May 16th, 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!

Aftercare Courier, April 2019



All payments that you make cover 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 Thursday April 11th. The new payments are due on Thursday April 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, Try to resolve conflicts

This month we will highlight the student's health information from our handbook: Students' allergy or medical information must be noted on the registration form and will be shared with staff. HIPPA and FERPA procedures will be followed to keep this information private. Minor injuries will be handled at the program and parents will be notified immediately if medical attention is needed or the injury is questionable. If the injury is serious, 911 will be called first and then the parents will be contacted.

Medication – Dispensing of medication follows School Board Policy #6305. No medication will be administered without an SBBC approved medication form. All medication is kept locked in a secure location.

Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC

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