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Calendar of Events

September

9/2: Labor Day (No School)

9/4: Open House
-3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
@ 7 PM (Tentative based on storm)

9/19: SAC/SAF Meeting
7:30 AM

9/25: Dads Take Your Child to School Day

9/26: 1000° Pizza Family Night

9/30: No School (Rosh Hashanah)



Parkside will be participating in "Dads Take Your Child to School Day" on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. This statewide initiative encourages fathers and other male role models to become involved in their children's education as a means for increasing student achievement. Research shows a child's father or male role model can have a significant effect on enhancing a child's educational experience so please join us at Parkside on the 25th. Thank you!



To access student online resources using Clever from home, visit sso.browardschools.com. The students will log in the same way they do at school and all their programs including iReady will be available through this single sign on.

Administrator's Corner

Parkside Families,

Thank you so much for a wonderful first two weeks of school. We have really had a wonderful opening and a great start to this school year. We are so excited to be welcoming so many new friends to our Parkside Family. These two weeks have been a lot of fun learning their names and faces. We hope that both you and your children have been getting acclimated to our school and are feeling like a part of this wonderful place.

It is really hard to believe we are already entering the month of September. Teachers and students have gotten right into their routines and curriculum is going strong in all classes. Please pay close attention to your child's daily communication folder and the different communication apps your child's teacher are using. This will help to ensure your child is completing all necessary homework and any additional information the teacher might want you to be aware of. The best way to make sure your child is making progress is to be in constant communication with their teacher. Beginning in September and October, teachers will begin setting up their first conference of the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you to all of the many parents who were able to attend the first Open House for all of Pre K-2nd grade and Special Program students. We had such a wonderful turn out of families. Next Wednesday, we will be having our grade 3-5 Open House again at 7:00pm. We encourage all parents to come out for this important evening to hear all about your child's teacher and the expectations for the year. There will be a lot of very important information given about curriculum. There will be child-care available for all school aged children.

Throughout the year, our wonderful PTA will be having events to help support our school. The first family night will be on September 26th at 1000° Pizza. This is a great opportunity to take a break from cooking, meet some great families and help Parkside earn a few dollars. These events always have a portion that will go back to the school. PTA has done a wonderful job of selecting places that give a great percentage back with reasonable pricing. Please consider helping out school out and coming out for this special event.

Just a few reminders as is pertains to arrival and dismissal. Now that we are in the swing of things, our afternoon dismissal is moving extremely faster. We are now finishing much faster in the car line so please make sure you are here on time. We have several cars not entering car loop until after 2:20. Please help us out and arrive on time to pick up your children. Arrival is going very smooth as well. Just please remember you must pull all the way forward to the cross walk and your children should be able to open their own car door. If they need assistance, please ask one of our staff. Also, please remember all students MUST be in their classrooms by 8:00 am. Please do your best to arrive on time. If you are running late, you MUST get out and sign your child into the front office to receive your tardy pass. Thanks in advance for all your help with this situation.

Thanks again for all you do for Parkside. We are so lucky to have such a great group of families. Here at Parkside we are Proud to Be Panthers.

Laneaia Hall, Principal

Notes from the Teachers

Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten! Thanks to all the parents who came to open house! We encourage you to be a part of your child's academic success here at Parkside. We will be working with your child on recognizing letters and sounds. We are starting chapter 1 in Math and homework pages will be sent home along with homework journals beginning in September. In Science, your child will be learning about their 5 senses. Please be sure to check your child's blue Parkside folder and return it everyday.

First Grade

First Grade is off to a terrific start! As you know, the first few weeks of school have been quite busy. Your child has been learning and adapting to the new routines and procedures of first grade. It is amazing to see the progress that has taken place in such a short time. Keep up the awesome work, families! We have also been spending time getting to know each other and making our classrooms feel like home. Please make sure you complete and return the beginning of the year forms as soon as possible. In addition, please check your child's "Go Home" folder on a daily basis. We look forward to a fantastic year!

Second Grade

Welcome back, second graders. We are so excited to start a new year here at Parkside. We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. All second graders got right to work during the first few weeks of school. From learning new classroom procedures to getting homework in Reading and Math. During the month of September, we will be focusing on a reading strategy: Ask and Answer questions. Parents can help with this strategy at home by using their library book or reading bag books and asking questions about the story read. In math, we are starting with even /odd, place value and making ten. If help is needed with the math homework, your child can sign onto Clever by visiting <https://sso.browardschools.com>. Then click ThinkCentral, 2nd grade, Go Math, Reteach or Math on the Spot. Just In Social Studies, we are learning how to become a good citizen. We hope everyone purchases a Second Grade shirt! We will be wearing these on field trips and on Field Day! Thank you, parents, for all you do! Remember --KEEP ON READING!!

Third Grade

Welcome to 3rd Grade! We are excited about the school year and strongly encourage you all to attend our Open House on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 PM. You will hear very important information that is critical for success. We are planning some fun activities this fall. We will be attending a play and inviting a robotics expert to the school. Academically, this is a challenging year for your child. We will be applying various reading strategies to comprehend longer passages and even novels. In Math this quarter, students will be expected to round numbers, use graphs to answer real-world math problems, and begin to master multiplication facts. In science, our classes will learn the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates and become zoologists to classify an animal they discovered. Finally, in Social Studies we will be focusing on reading maps and staying current by reading Scholastic News each week. We ask that you check the planner daily, as well as, ensure that your child is reading at least 20 minutes a day.

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders have been busy getting to know one another and their new teachers. We are excited to get started on a year full of growth and exciting activities! To begin the year, we are studying Life Science with a focus on a special Florida treasure, the Everglades. Students are researching the location, issues, and different animals in the ecosystem and will use technology to create presentations on the topic. Our trip to the Everglades on October 25th will be a culminating activity for that unit. In Reading, we are diving into class novels. We are focusing on the development of characters, plot summaries, and the structure of fiction. It is nice to have a character that we "get to know" as a class. Students are also being individually assessed to determine small group instructional levels moving forward. Most classes are wrapping up Chapter 1 in Math (Place Value). Students are working with numbers to the hundred thousands place in addition, subtraction and word problems. We will be moving into multiplication later this month. Please be sure to practice your basic facts so that you are able to recall them quickly and accurately! Classes who are "Multiplication Masters" will be rewarded with a prize every other Friday beginning on August 30th!

Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade is so excited about this year now that we are the positive leaders of the school. We have already begun our fabulous Reading curriculum, learning about character traits through picture book explorations. In Science we are delving into the scientific process using many hands-on activities, and in Math we are focusing on a strong foundation in number sense and operations. It is imperative that your students know their multiplication facts fluently. We are looking forward to a successful year.



Greetings from the **Parkside PTA!** For our first fundraiser, we are selling gourmet popcorn! Orders will be taken Sept 9th-20th. Our first Family Night is Sept 26th 2-8pm at 1000^o Pizza. Please bring your flier to the restaurant for your purchase to count towards the fundraiser. PTA memberships (\$10 basic/\$20 deluxe) and Spirit Shirts are still available(\$12 for both youth and adult sizes). To order, go to Parkside's homepage and follow the PTA link under School Quick Links on the left side of the page. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR FRIDAY BOOK SWAPS FROM 10:15-1:00PM AND THE FALL BOOKFAIR OCT 7TH-14TH** Sign up on MemberHub, drop us a note in the Front Office, or contact us at ParksidePTACS@gmail.com . Don't forget to log into the Parkside PTA Memberhub. If you



are a member but haven't received an email link to your PTA card, please contact us at ParksidePTACS@gmail.com. Stay up to date with all of the PTA's events and activities by following us on Facebook.

Sincerely, Parkside PTA Board

Counselor's Corner: September's Character Trait – COOPERATION

Ready to Learn ~ Setting Up Routines/Continuing to Keep Kids Moving

Bruce and John are close friends with similar abilities. Bruce does well in school, but John struggles. He often seems tired and misses assignments. Why the difference? One reason is that Bruce's family establishes daily routines to help him do his best. Consider the routines below to make your child feel more. . . Relaxed. Music can help your child avoid the morning rush. Play a soothing tape and ask him to be dressed and ready by the time it's over. Tip: On Sundays, have him put each day's outfit for the coming week on hangers labeled Monday through Friday. Energized. A good breakfast increases concentration. Offer your youngster healthy choices. Examples: a whole wheat bagel with peanut butter; orange juice blended with fruit and yogurt; instant oatmeal.



Connected: Talking about the school day lets your child know you care. Ask him to share two good things that happened during the day. Prompt him with specific questions, such as "Which multiplication facts did you practice?" *Prepared.* Studying a little every day is the best way to learn new material. Help your youngster choose a time for homework when he is most alert – and try not to change it. *Rested.* A set bedtime helps kids fall asleep more quickly. Suggest that your child get in bed 15 minutes early to read, make up stories, or talk quietly with you. If I can be of any assistance for your child or family please give me a call @ 754-322-7850. Have a mindful day!

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

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Aftercare Courier, September 2019

We're Back! We hope that everyone is getting back in the groove of things! Welcome to another exciting year of afterschool care. We try our best to give your child a variety of activities to keep them engaged and energized during our program. Please be sure to check out our parent handbook which can be found on our school's website. Just in case you can't easily access it, we will be highlighting certain sections each month in our newsletter. The phone number to reach us during the program is 754-322-7893. You can find this number in the handbook as well.



One important fact that we need everyone to know, is that we expect all students to practice our school wide discipline goals daily. You will be reminded of these as well each month. You can help in that area by asking your student how they go about self-monitoring themselves to make sure they are doing the right thing. Our list of 5 school wide behavior goals are: Always Do Your Best, Cooperate with others, Manage yourself, Respect the rights and property of others, and Resolve conflicts (Be a problem solver).

If you did not pick up a payment calendar, please ask at the aftercare desk. As a reminder our next payment of \$194.00 for aftercare, \$48.00 for before care and 2nd sibling fee of \$184.00 are due on Monday September 9, 2019. Fees must be paid by 11:00 p.m. on-line or by 6:00 in person. There are no exceptions. We have a waiting list of students who will be invited in if your spot is not secured.

All students will be scheduled for structured homework time. Not all students will complete their homework during the allotted amount of time. If you wish for your child to miss an activity to complete their homework, please discuss it with the supervisor of the program. While your child is attending the program, we encourage you to allow them to participate in all activities. We believe this will encourage creativity and help to build self-worth. Our activities give children an opportunity to develop social skills.

If your child accidentally brings their name tag home, Please put it in their backpack so that they will have it the next day. Students are required to wear name tags all day including aftercare. If your child does bring their tag home by mistake, you can help us out and make sure they return to school with their tag. This will help our afternoon run smoother.

Thanks for all your help!
Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC



Code Red Drills have been mandated for all schools by the State of Florida to ensure the safety of our students and staff. These Code Red Drills will be implemented on a monthly basis, similar to fire drills. The date of the drill will not be pre-announced due to potential security and attendance issues. Instead, our school will send families Parent Link messages via phone call, text message, and/or e-mail approximately 20 minutes prior to the drill to alert everybody that it is only a drill. Our school will then send a second message to families notifying you that the drill is completed. Parkside prepares for building lockdowns, evacuations, severe weather, and other emergency situations. In the event of an emergency, it is important that parents monitor Parent Link messages to ensure that they have the most up to date information. If you have any further questions regarding our safety plan, you can contact the school at 754-322-7850.

School Improvement Update



School Advisory Council (SAC): SAC is a committee of parents, community members, and teachers who meet to discuss and monitor our School Improvement Plan. The focus of SAC is primarily student achievement but many issues are discussed that affect the school. SAC has an official elected membership but all are welcome to attend each meeting.

School Advisory Forum (SAF): SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF has no official membership and our SAF meetings are held back to back with our SAC meetings.

How can parents get involved and participate in the SAC/SAF committee? Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC/SAF at our school, usually on the first Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 19th at 7:30 in the media center. Please come join us!**

Why is it important for parents to be active participants? The SAC committee provides a place where parents can voice their opinions and suggestions. They have an active role in making decisions that will best serve the students. SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate.

Dear Parents,



Parkside is designated as a Title 1 school. This means more than 50% of our students receive free or reduced lunch. Being a Title 1 School means that we receive extra federal funding to supplement teacher salaries, paraprofessional support, and teaching materials. In addition to our parent events throughout the year, the Broward Title 1 office also organizes events and trainings for parents. To find out more, visit their web site at <https://www.browardschools.com/title1>. We have some very important documents you should look at to familiarize yourself with Parkside and how we work together as a school-parent team. Below is a list of these documents and where to find them. If you have any questions about Title 1, please email abigail.polacek@browardschools.com.

Sincerely, Abigail Polacek, Title One Liaison

- School Improvement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at <http://www.browardschools.com/parkside> under *Our School/School Information*. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mark Andriessie at 754-322-7850.
- School Parent Involvement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/parkside> under *Our School/School Information*. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mark Andriessie at 754-322-7850.
- District Parent Involvement Plan:** District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent program. You can access this plan at https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/5806/LEA-Plan16_17.pdf. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.
- School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), School grades, State Assessment Reports:** The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/data-sys/edu-info-accountability-services/pk-12-public-school-data-pubs-reports/index.stml>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Mark Andriessie at 754-322-7850.

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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