



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### October

- 10/7-10/14:** PTA Book Fair
- 10/8:** Makeup Picture Day
- 10/10:** SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM
- 10/10:** PTA General Meeting, 6 PM
- 10/10:** PTA Ice Cream Social, Book Fair, and Fire Truck Night, 6:30 PM
- 10/17:** Early Release Day, 12 PM
- 10/18:** No School, Employee Planning
- 10/28:** Red Ribbon Week
- 10/29:** Student of the Month, 7 PM
- 10/31:** Halloween Parade and Dance (during school)
- 11/1:** Author Visit: Henry Cole

### Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon week is coming up starting on October 28th. This week will be full of activities and projects that teach students to live drug-free! We will be sending more information home regarding the day to day activities. You can find out more at [redribbon.org](http://redribbon.org).



## Administrator's Corner

Happy Fall Yall!! It is already October and this year is flying by. These past few weeks have been extremely busy for your students and our staff. They have been working to finish up all the beginning of the year assessments, get reading groups up and running and getting to better know your children to ensure we are providing them with the highest quality education. We are seeing so many parents on a daily basis here for their child's conference. Thank you for taking the time to come in and discuss his/her progress. This is a critical component in their success. If you have not had the opportunity to do this, please make sure to schedule this before the end of the first quarter.

October is such a busy month here at the school. We have several activities occurring throughout month. Coming up next week is the beginning of our PTA fall book fair. Students will have the opportunity to walk through the fair as a viewing day and they can also purchase that day. It will be open during the day throughout the entire week. On Thursday evening, we will be having our ice cream social, a little South Florida snow in the forecast and the book fair will be open as well. Please RSVP and come out to this event. At the end of the month we will be celebrating "Red Ribbon" week. Beginning on October 23rd-October 31st, students will have saying NO to drugs through many different activities. A list of the activities for each day will be coming home very soon. On the last day of October, the 31st, we will have our annual Halloween Parade. This is an opportunity for students to wear their costumes to school and parade around our car loop. Parents are encouraged and invited to attend this event. It will begin at 8:30 am. More information will be coming home soon about this event. Finally, PTA will be hosting a dance for ALL students on Halloween as well. This event occurs during our school day. Each grade level has an allotted time to come to the cafeteria and have a little fun. We hope you guys stay involved and participate in some or all of these events.

I want to take a minute to thank our PTA and our families for two wonderful fundraisers that occurred last month. First of all, the Popcorn fundraiser was a huge success bringing in one of the largest profits we have ever seen at Parkside. This allows our PTA to give more back to your children. Also, we had an evening event at 1000 degree pizza that raised about \$350. We could not have done this without our families.

During the next few months, our School Advisory Council and School staff will be voting on our SMART School Enhancements. This process began in the Spring of last school year. As part of the SMART bond voted in a few years ago, each school receives \$100,000 to use at its discretion to enhance the school. A few of the items that we are looking to consider are a new electric marquee, updated morning announcement equipment for our 5ht grade morning announcement crew, additional technology, and front office buzzer/camera system. Please look for more information coming home this month about the process.

We hope that you have had enjoyed the first few months here at Parkside and please remember, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Laneia Hall, Principal



## Notes from the Teachers

### Kindergarten

October is here! The Kindergartners are in full swing. We are working on blending letter sounds, parts of a book and beginning writing stages. In Math, we are comparing numbers 1 through 5. And in Science, we are learning about and will be experimenting with science tools. We will also be learning about the change in seasons now that it is officially fall! It is also Fire Safety Month so we will be doing activities that align with this and are planning to take a field trip to the fire station! Your child's teacher is now conferencing with parents to update you on their progress thus far. So keep a look out for conference requests coming home in your child's folder if you haven't had one already. Just a reminder to check your child's daily folder every day and read each night!

### 1st Grade

Wow, we are already half way into the first quarter! First graders have been very busy. We've been learning about respect and cooperation and have worked hard to build a classroom community. This creates a positive learning environment! We completed the first math chapter on addition, and started learning about subtraction. In Science, first graders will begin learning about scientists. We will discuss what scientists do, and how they use their five senses to observe, discover, and test. We will also take some time to familiarize ourselves with the tools they use. Writing time has been great fun as we began our unit on Narrative writing. The children are learning how to write "small moment" pieces, by writing step by step and with lots of detail. Ask your child about George McClement's book, *Night of the Veggie Monster*. They loved it! Please be sure to read with your child nightly and have him/her share the reading strategies they are learning in class. Reading practice is the key to success!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

Happy Fall everyone from the second grade team. We are excited to learn about weather on our first in house field trip on the Gabi bus. We are learning to recount stories and identify the main topic of informational texts in language arts. In math we are continuing to master place value and counting numbers up to 1000. We are also learning different ways to write three digit numbers. In Social Studies, we are learning how citizens can make a positive contribution in their community. We are also learning about various symbols, individuals and events that represent the USA. We are looking forward to having a Halloween themed hands on science rotation day at the end of the month and learn all about matter at the same time.

### THIRD GRADE

Third grade has been very busy learning about Main Idea and details while comprehending nonfiction and about themes while reading fables. We are encouraging all students to log onto i-Ready Reading and Math for 45 minutes a week. Our focus on vertebrates and invertebrates is coming to an end in science and our students' new knowledge on this subject aided on the first portfolio. As you are aware, we are really working on memorizing multiplication facts. We encourage you to practice with your child by playing games and accessing sumdog.com at home. As this quarter comes to an end, we hope you all have scheduled a conference with your child's teacher. The month of October will be an exciting one with many activities. Next week, the PTA is sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair. During the last week of October our students will "Just Say No to Drugs" by participating in various activities during Red Ribbon Week. Dress up information for these days will soon be sent out. Finally, PTA will be sponsoring a FREE Halloween Dance on Halloween during the school day.

### 4th grade

It is amazing how much we have done in the short time we have been together! Fourth graders are deep into multiplication, learning different strategies to multiply larger numbers. Students have enjoyed feeling a bit more "grown up" with the numbers they are using in their work. By the end of October we will begin division. Problem solving strategies continues to be a focus as we encounter multi-step word problems. In Reading, classes have finished their first novels and many are sharing a second one. Thank you for encouraging your children to read at home! In the area of Writing, we are beginning to look at Informational texts so that we can respond to questions in multi-paragraph essays. This is a process and we are in the beginning stages, but it is fabulous to see the children tackle it with enthusiasm. You will be very impressed with their growth by the end of the year! Science continues to be an exploration into plants, animals, and environmental impacts of humans. This ties in with our Social Studies focus on the Everglades. Please look for opportunities to have discussions about invasive species, pollution, metamorphosis, adaptations, and plant reproduction. Students who discuss these topics while learning about them are far more likely to understand them at a deeper level and be able to build on that knowledge moving forward.

### Grade 5

Fifth grade has gotten off to an exciting year. In reading, we are looking forward to finishing our first novel study, *Frindle*, which will conclude with the students completing a culminating activity. We are also delving into picture books to determine theme and summarize what we have read. In addition, we are using Core Connections to develop and enhance our writing skills. In math, we are deep into double digit division and problem solving. Finally, in science we are exploring the water cycle and learning about weather. Please encourage your children to do I-Ready Reading and Math at home, daily, to reinforce their skills.



### Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

Thank you for supporting the PTA Our first fundraiser was a whopping success thanks to you! This month we have our Fall Book Fair, along with some free events. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO GIVE AN HOUR OR TWO FOR FRIDAY BOOK SWAPS (FROM 10:15-1:00PM), THE FALL BOOK FAIR (OCT 7TH-14TH), THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL (OCT 10TH 6-8PM) AND THE HALLOWEEN DANCE (OCT 31ST 9am-2pm). Sign up on MemberHub, fill out an "I Want to Volunteer" form in the Front Office, or contact us at



ParksidePTACS@gmail.com.

\*\*\*WE ARE SEEKING A TREASURER FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR. If interested 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 and logging into Parkside Elementary PTA MemberHub.

Sincerely,  
The Parkside PTA Board

### Counselor's Corner: October's Character Trait – Responsibility

Dear Parents,

Raising Fit Kids

Kids don't need Fad diets, radical weight-loss plans, or extreme workouts. It's the little things they do every day that make the biggest difference. With the right habits, you can keep your child healthy. The key is to make good choices part of life for the whole family – parents included.

**Healthy Habit 1: Eat dinner as a family.** Families who eat meals together often have a better diet and lower rates of obesity, research shows. Why? When you cook at home, you control the menu, so it's easier for everyone to eat healthy.

**Healthy Habit 2: Switch off screens.** When kids spend too much time watching TV, playing video games, or zoning out with a smart phone, odds are they are doing that instead of something healthier, like being active or getting enough sleep. The best way to help your child stare at screens less is for you to also limit your time with your devices. Head outside to play instead!

**Healthy Habit 3: Make smart snacks the easy choice.** If your fridge and pantry are stocked with nutritious stuff, you won't have to worry about keeping kids away from junk food. Keep portions of cut-up fruits and veggies, trail mix, and cheese and crackers easy for kids to find.

**Healthy Habit 4: Make time for Zzz's.** Tired kids are cranky and moody. And it's harder for them to have the energy to make good choices during the day. Try to stick to a routine at bedtime.

**Healthy Habit 5: Be consistent.** The most important way to help your family practice good habits is to stick to your plan. Stay consistent about the foods you have in the home, about family exercise, and about bedtime.

If you do, your kids are more likely to accept rules in the long run. If you hesitate, they are more likely to argue and push back. With persistence, you will be able to help them embrace healthy habits, and that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

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### 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 second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 10th 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.

## Title I Parent and Family Engagement Resources



Did you know that the Title I department offers a wide variety of available resources to parents/guardians of Title I students? Here are just a few viable activities:

The Parent Training Academy (PTA) offers monthly topical workshops throughout the district. Instructional Coaches facilitate utilization of strategies and provide additional resources that the parents/guardians can use to enhance learning at home. Another great activity is the Parent Resource Center, a welcoming center for parents and families that are located at the Title I Office (701 NW 31st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311). It is a lending library that has many books and instructional games that can be used at home to reinforce learning. Families are given the opportunity to check out books, games and given viable information that can strengthen academics beyond school. In addition, the Parent Computer Classes are hosted twice a year. The participants learn to maneuver and access district resources (Pinnacle, Virtual Counselor, Teacher websites, online textbooks, instructional software programs, etc.) and other computer literacy skills during the sessions. (from the Title 1 October Newsletter). Parkside will also host a Title One Parent Training event. Please watch for flyers coming home with more details.

Here is an updated link to view our District's Title 1 Parent Engagement Plan. You can access this plan at [https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFEP%202019-2020\\_9-6-19%20ADA.pdf](https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFEP%202019-2020_9-6-19%20ADA.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.

The link for the School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) has also been updated. You can access these reports at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact (Mr. Andriess) at (754-322-7850). If you have any other questions about Title 1, you may contact Abigail Polacek at 754-322-7850 or [abigail.polacek@browardschools.com](mailto:abigail.polacek@browardschools.com).

### Aftercare Courier, October 2019



We are already nearing the end of the first quarter of school. We hope that your afterschool child-care needs are being met. We do value all feedback on how we are doing from both you and your child. The students will receive a survey to complete during aftercare and we are asking that you will take a few minutes out and complete one as well. Don't forget to check out our parent handbook on the school's website. Just in case you can't easily access it, we will be highlighting certain sections each month in our newsletter. If you need to reach us during aftercare, 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 child 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 Friday October 4, 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. If your fees do not reach us on time, you will be assessed an additional \$30.00 reregistration fee per child.

Financial Information part 1: Per Broward County School Board Policy #3411 and the Constitution of the State of FL, article VII, Section 10, all payments are due before services can be rendered. Payments made at the school location are due by the closing time of the program on the scheduled payment date. On-line payments must be made by 11:00PM of the scheduled payment date. Failure to pay by this time will result in the automatic withdrawal of the student from the program. Students cannot participate in the program until payment, including the required re-registration fee and any unpaid late pickup fees, has been paid. If payment has not been made, and a student has been removed from the program, the student will not be allowed to attend the program. Parents/guardians must make other arrangements for their child(ren's) care until the student has been reregistered in the program. If a payment has not been made and the student attends the program, the parent will be called to pick the student up. The student will remain at the designated sign out area until the parent/guardian arrives. If the program cannot reach the parent(s) / guardian(s), the program will follow the procedure established by Broward County Public School Board Policy for abandoned students.

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

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

9/25/2019

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:

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Current Certification</b>	<b>Out-of-Field For</b>
BOYLE	COLLEEN	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 ESOL ENDORSEMENT	GIFTED
BROMBERG	ALLISON STACI	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
DEDIG	KRISTEN	PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3	ESOL CATEGORY 1

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Current Certification</b>	<b>Out-of-Field For</b>
HALPERN	CHELSEY	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
MCCLYMONT	GISELLE	PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3	ESOL CATEGORY 1
OVESEN	JETHINA	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
SCHLENK	MICHELLE	ELEMENTARY ELEM 1-6 ESOL ENDORSEMENT PRIMARY ED PRIM GRADES SPECIFIC LRN DISAB VARYING EX GRADES K-12	GIFTED
TAYLOR	ASHLEY	PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3	ESOL CATEGORY 1