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Calendar of Events

December

12/5: Math Family Night,
6 PM

12/9-12/13: PTA Holiday
Shop

12/12: SAC/SAF Meeting,
7:30 AM

12/12: Holiday Chorus
Concert, 7 PM

12/13: Field Day, 4th
Grade @ 8:30 and 1st
Grade @ 11

12/16: Field Day, 5th
Grade @ 8:30 and 2nd
Grade @ 11

12/17: Field Day, 3rd
Grade @ 8:30 and
Kindergarten @ 11

12/17: Student of the
Month Ceremony, 7 PM

12/18: Polar Express Day

12/20: Early Release Day,
12 PM

12/23-1/6: Winter Break

1/6: Teacher Planning
(No School)

1/7: Return to School!

Administrator's Corner

It is so hard to believe the Holiday Season is upon us. Where does the time go? As always, this time of year brings many blessings and reasons to be thankful; but it can also be a stressful time of year for families. Please remember to reach out to us if you are in need of support or if you see signs in your children that may create additional stress.

Over these last few months we have had so many wonderful activities. I first want to thank all of the 600 plus families who were able to come out and celebrate with us for Thanksgiving. This was our largest turnout yet and it was a HUGE success. We truly hope you and your families were able to enjoy a good meal and some quality time with your children. It is a blessing that we are able to have you in and let you be a part of this special occasion. I want to send a BIG thank you out to our cafeteria staff and the district staff who came out to assist us with this event. They did a terrific job on the food and the service. We hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving this Thursday as well.

We want to thank the Coral Springs Police Department for donating Thanksgiving Baskets to several of our families. We also want to thank many of you for donating items to our annual Harvest Drive, which also feeds many families in our community.

All students received their first quarter progress reports about a week ago and believe it or not, we are halfway through the second quarter of school. It is so important you stay connected to how your child is doing academically. We know how busy this time of year can get, but please remember to always place your child's education at the top of the list.

Throughout this month we will have several events going on: Field Days, Polar Express Day, and PTA Holiday shop. Please pay close attention to the weekly parent links to stay connected.

Just a friendly reminder about cell phone use in the car loop, please refrain from using them at all during dismissal or arrival. Our SRO's have been giving verbal warnings, but will start to give tickets out. This is a new law and could lead to a \$200 ticket. We have still had several of you on your devices during this time. Our main priority during arrival and dismissal is to ensure that your children are safe and when cell phones are being used, these can cause distractions. We appreciate your support with this situation.

We hope that your Holiday Season is a joyous occasion and you enjoy time with our family and friends.

Lanea Hall, Principal



Jackets and Sweaters

We have many items in our lost and found that can not find their owners! As the weather cools down, please remember to label jackets and sweatshirts with your child's name. We keep items in the cafeteria so that students always have the opportunity to look through them. We will be donating unclaimed items to charity. Thank you for your help!



**SAFETY
MUSIC & ART
ATHLETICS
RENOVATION
TECHNOLOGY**

**SMART INVESTMENTS
LEAD TO SMART STUDENTS.**

Please click below to view an important update regarding the progress of SMART Bond projects at Parkside Elementary. The SMART Program is an \$800 million bond that provides critically needed funding for Broward County Public Schools. SMART addresses elements of Safety, Music & Art, Athletics, Renovations, and Technology at schools across the District.

<https://www.smore.com/jqcfn>

Notes from the Teachers

Kindergarten

A big thank you to all the parents who were able to make it to the Thanksgiving luncheon! Your support and participation is appreciated! We are now in the second quarter of the school year! Kindergartners will be busy the next few weeks as we prepare for holiday celebrations! In Reading, we will continue working on identifying characters, setting, and major events in a story. Students will learn how to read with purpose and understanding. Please continue practicing and reviewing sight words, as well as reading daily with your child. In Math, we are starting addition in chapter 5. In Science, we will be investigating things that move in different ways, such as fast, slow, etc. Your Kindergartner will also learn to recognize the importance of celebrations and national holidays! Please be sure to complete math and reading homework every week.

1st Grade

The month of November went by quickly! We spent time discussing family traditions and talking about the things we are truly thankful for. We also took some time to look at how the life of the Pilgrims in the past is so different from the life now in present time. Ask your child to share some of the differences and similarities they learned about the past and present. In Math, we are finishing the chapters on addition and subtraction strategies. After these chapters, we will be learning how addition and subtraction are related! Remember, practicing math facts helps build math fluency. Please encourage your child to practice nightly. Using i-Ready or Sumdog are smart ways to practice math, too! Our visit to Flamingo Gardens was a success! The children enjoyed learning about different plants and animals native to Florida, as well as others that were not. The trip is a great introduction to our new science unit, Living and Non-living things. December will be full of learning! Please continue to support your child's progress by reading nightly!

2nd GRADE

We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving break! We are excited to get back and plan our second Science Experiment Day focusing on force and motion. This month we are learning how to identify and use text features within an informational text in Language Arts. In Math, we are working on 2-digit addition and subtraction. In Social Studies, we will be exploring and identifying the reasons why people came to the United States throughout history and the cultural influences and contributions of immigrants today. We are also looking forward to field day and our Polar Express Day towards the end of this month!

THIRD GRADE

Our third graders will be having a very exciting December! First, we will be attending a play at Coral Springs Performing Arts Center titled, "Henry Ford's Innovation Nation". It is based on the Saturday morning television show. It focuses on how one person's simple idea AND perseverance can make a difference. In addition, you have an opportunity to attend our Title 1 Math Night on December 4th. It is a great night to bring your child to make math activities you can do at home together and learn about your child's math curriculum. Finally, our field day will be held on December 17th at 8:30. This is always a fun event in which kids have opportunities to compete against friends in other classes. It is always a very busy time of year, but the Third Grade team wishes you a Happy Holiday and encourages you to enjoy all the special moments with your family.

4th grade

We hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. In Math we are presently working on division. As multiplication and division are inverse operations, it is important that your child know their multiplication facts. In Reading we are comparing and contrasting the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first and third person narrations. As we get ready for the busy holiday season and vacation, remember it is important that your child continue to go onto i-Ready Math and Reading for 15 minutes daily. The 4th Grade Team wishes you all a happy and healthy holiday.

Grade 5

The fifth grade wanted to share how much they enjoyed the Thanksgiving Luncheon and thank everyone involved. In Math, students have been delving into the world of decimals including multiplication and moving full steam ahead into dividing decimals. Students are working on answering real world problem questions, while using multiple strategies to justify their thinking. In science we are deep into the study of matter, including properties and mixtures and solutions. They are enjoying many hands-on activities to deepen their understanding of the content. In Reading, we are completing comparing and contrasting characters, settings and events in a story or drama, and moving into finding the main idea of informational texts. The fifth grade is very excited to spend a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family.



Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

We gave back almost \$2,000.00 to Parkside students by sponsoring an amazing school-wide author visit with Henry Cole last month. We hope you heard all about it from your student. He was an amazing presenter! Thank you for supporting the PTA's second Family Night at Larry's Ice Cream. \$59 was donated because of your purchases!! i9Sports also donated supplies for our Compliance Committee. Our general membership voted in November to approve our updated bylaws, and they are now on file and available on request.



This month we are excited to host our Holiday FUN Shop from December 9-13th. Students will be able to find something for everyone on their list in a wide range of prices. We will also be handing out hot cocoa during Polar Express Day. Volunteers are always needed and welcome if they have a current BCPS security clearance.

We are still seeking PTA members who speak languages other than English to help translate for families attending fPTA events. Contact us on MemberHub, in the Front Office, or by email 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: December's Character Trait –



Dear Parents,

The Development of Close Friendships: Parents often become very concerned when their child reports that he or she doesn't have any close friends, and rightly so. Friendships are an important part of elementary school and without a good friendship circle, it is hard to develop the skills needed to get along with others. As elementary school children grow, they relate to their close friends more deeply. Parents can help to encourage individual friendships, which later grow into friendship circles. Typical development of close friend-ships by grade and gender:

Grade	What they do with close friends	How they view close friends
<i>Kindergarten and First Grade</i>	They will play with anyone. Closer friends are determined by how often they get together after school.	Close friends share activities and toys
<i>2nd & 3rd grade</i>	Boys and girls often publicly avoid each other. BOYS: Start to organize into small group games with rules. They form temporary clubs with a leader. GIRLS: A closer group of 4 or 5 friends sometimes become a friendship circle.	Close friends begin to cooperate and adjust to each others' actions and thoughts. BOYS: sometimes exclude others from their clubs but it's only temporary. GIRLS: sometimes threaten each other with "not being friends" but they don't mean it.
<i>4th grade</i>	Best friends begin to emerge. BOYS: Small groups begin to hang around with each other. GIRLS: Friendship circles are more constant, and begin to center on interests-bike riding, ballet, soccer, theater group, etc.	Close friends have common interests, likes and dislikes, similar abilities, compatible personalities.
<i>5th grade</i>	BOYS: Hang around exclusively with a group of other boys with similar interests. GIRLS: Longer telephone calls and sharing secrets make their debut.	Close friends are intimate and support each other.

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Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us for our Thanksgiving luncheon. It is wonderful to celebrate with our families. We hope you enjoyed the family time. We are thankful for all that you do!



School Improvement/ Title One Update



Our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum (SAC/SAF) meeting will take place on Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 AM in the media center. This is the best way to get involved and support our mission of school improvement. This is the place where we will craft and monitor our school improvement plan. The plan was recently submitted so we will be reviewing the components and looking at our plan going forward. 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. The plan includes our Executive Summary, Title One Plan, Attendance Plan, Family and Community Engagement Plan, Behavior Plan, and our Social Emotional Learning Plan. This year our academic goals focus on math achievement and targeted interventions for struggling students. Thank you for taking a look at our plan and joining us for SAC and SAF this year.



Parkside's Winter Concert will take place on December 12th and it will feature our choir of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. All are welcome to join us for this holiday celebration! The show will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.



Panther After Care News, December 2019

The Month of November went by so fast! December is a very festive time of year and we want to be the first to wish you a Happy Holiday Season with the many celebrations that will be taking place. In the city of Coral Springs, the holidays kick off with a parade. The parade will be held on Wednesday, December 11th. It is very important that you plan accordingly because many of the normal routes to get to the school will be closed. The road closure begins at 5:00p.m. I urge you to find an alternate route if you usually come after 5. We will be charging late pick-up fees if you do not arrive by 6:00. It might be a good ideal to find a route that does not include Sample Road, Coral Springs Drive, or Royal Palm Blvd.



This month's payment is due Tuesday December 3, 2019. The on-line payments close out at midnight on the due date. You can pay online or in person at the school. I will not be able to call you to remind you that your payment has not been received, so please be on time with your payment. School Board policy 3411 states that all payments MUST be received before services are rendered. Payments are: \$194.00 for aftercare, \$48.00 for before care and 2nd sibling fee of \$184.00 Fees must be paid by the close of the day on Tuesday December 3rd. There are no exceptions. We have a waiting list of students who will be invited in if your spot is not secured. *Families who received a scholarship, you can no longer pay on-line. Your payment must be made in person at the school site. If your payment is late, you will forfeit your scholarship and will have to start the process all over again.

This month we will continue the Financial Information section that we started in October: To re-enter the program, the parent/guardian must re-register the student by completing a registration form and paying a re-registration fee. All fees due, including any late pickup fees owed, must be paid in full before a student can continue. Any unpaid fees will be made a "student obligation". Student obligations must be paid before the parent will be able to use the e-store (online payments) for any future school purposes. If payment is not made by the last day to pay three times, the program may exit the child from the program. Please refer to your payment schedule for the payment due dates. In addition, a magnet with payment dates has been provided to you for reference. The program cannot accept checks. Payment may be made online through the e-store, with cash, money order, cashier's checks, credit card, or debit cards. Parents are responsible for keeping their receipts. If you claim child care expenses on your tax return, the Broward County Public School Tax ID number is 59-6000530.

***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 you can help us out and make sure they return to school with their tag, it will help our afternoon run smoother.

Please remember to review our Schoolwide Behavior Goals with your child: *Always Do Your Best, Cooperate with others, Manage yourself, Respect the rights and property of others, and Resolve conflicts* (Be a problem solver)

Thanks for all of your support!

Mrs. Lakay Wilkerson, Supervisor BASCC

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