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## Calendar of Events

### September

- 9/3: School Advisory Meeting, 7:30 (Virtual)
- 9/7: Labor Day (No School)
- 9/11: Interim Reports Issued
- 9/28: YomKippur Observed (No School)



Meals will be available for all Broward County students at Parkside each Tuesday and Thursday between 11 AM and 1 PM and Again from 3 PM to 5 PM. Please bring something to confirm that your child is a BCPS student such as a report card, or evidence that they have logged into Canvas. Student meals are \$2.00, \$0.40 if you qualify for reduced price lunch, and breakfast is free.

Please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38107> to view our Student Code of Conduct. This is required for all students. While you are there, you can complete all of the required forms for us. It doesn't take long but each student must acknowledge that they have viewed it. Thanks!



## Administrator's Corner



Welcome to the 2020-21 school year. I want to take a minute to say thank you to all of the many families and students who are making Parkside your home for learning. I know this year will definitely be a year we never forget.

The new year has really gotten off to a pretty good start despite the challenges of E-Learning. We are very proud of all of the students, parents, and staff for their hard work and efforts in making all of this run fairly smooth over the past week and a half. No matter what this year brings, we will continue to be Proud, Powerful Panthers and get through this as a team!

Over the next few months, we will continue to work through the many obstacles that may be thrown our way. Please know we are here on campus answering calls, handing out textbooks, and handing our computers to those who need on a daily basis. My staff is here Monday-Friday 7:30-3:00. If you need textbooks or a computer, you MUST first call and schedule an appointment to pick up the items needed. If you need any kind of technology support, you can call the District's Virtual Call Center at 754-321-0569. We know at this time the call center is experiencing a very high call volume and the wait may be long, but this should start to slow down soon. I want to remind parents to please monitor your children and their use of the school laptops. Our school has given out almost all of our laptops and still have some students who have not received one at all. If you have a school laptop, you should be treating it as though it were your own. We are having a challenging time with some students who have broken their computers by dropping them, spilling drinks on them, forcing chargers into the computers or using it for the wrong reasons. We understand accidents do occur and we are here to support you, but we are just asking for you to kindly remind your children what the expectations should be and monitor throughout the day if possible. We thank you in advance for your support.

Parents, we really need your help in completing the Back to School Online forms. These are the normal forms we would physically hand you and have you fill out within the first few days of school. It is important we receive all of your updated information. Please take a few moments to click on to this link <https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts/>. We appreciate your help with these.

I hope you take this year and embrace what we have been given. Our goal for you and your children is to making this process as smooth as possible and make learning as fun as we can for all. Wishing you a wonderful start to the year and Thanks for Being a part of Parkside where we are Proud to be Panthers.

Lanea Hall, Principal

## Family Social and Emotional Learning and Mindfulness Toolkit

Here are some fantastic resources for you and your children from the School Counseling Department. The SEL and Mindfulness Toolkit for Families provides help for parents and guardians to help children adjust during reopening of schools with an emphasis on Social & Emotional Learning and Mindfulness. Parents, guardians and families will find a list of social & emotional learning and mindfulness resources to support you, your child and family during these challenging times. Click below to access the Toolkit.

[https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/1061943/pages/family-social-and-emotional-learning-and-mindfulness-toolkit-welcome?module\\_item\\_id=56941328](https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/1061943/pages/family-social-and-emotional-learning-and-mindfulness-toolkit-welcome?module_item_id=56941328)



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## Kindergarten

Welcome to Parkside, Kindergarten Families!! Although this is surely not the way we had hoped to start our year, we have enjoyed meeting each and every one of your children through our Teams meetings. We want to take the time to thank the parents and daycare workers for their support during digital learning. We could not do this without you all staying close to your child to help them navigate through it all. Our team has worked on schedules that we feel are best for our students and do not require long periods of time in front of the computer. Please remember that in addition to the Teams meetings, your child has assignments to complete in Canvas and Think Central while they are not actively on Teams. Soon we will begin our iReady lessons and diagnostic tests. Your child's teacher will contact you with more information on this. We will also soon begin our assessment of letters and sounds and concepts of print. We will meet with students individually to complete the assessment. Be on the lookout for a schedule from your teacher. This month we will continue our lessons on the letters of the alphabet and the numbers 1-10. Once the letters and sounds assessments are complete, we may begin to conduct small reading groups if a child is ready to read. In Science we are learning our 5 senses and energy. In Social Studies, we will be discussing rules, resolving conflicts, and making good choices. As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions!



## First Grade

First Grade is off to a terrific VIRTUAL start! As you know, the first few weeks of school are very busy. Thank you so much for helping the children through this new venture. Your child has been learning and slowly adapting to the new routines and procedures of e-learning in 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 virtual classrooms feel like home. We look forward to a fantastic year! \*Please make sure you complete and return ALL the beginning of the year forms as soon as possible. Your child's teacher will let you know where to find all the forms needed. \*Please continue to check Bloomz daily for any announcements or reminders from your teacher. Bloomz is a great way for us to keep in touch, but please be aware it is difficult to always answer back right away. Your patience is appreciated.



## 2nd Grade

Welcome back to school, 2nd graders! We are all super excited to get back to school and learn, even if it is virtually. We hope everyone has a working computer or iPad and some school supplies. It is helpful to have everything you need right next to you in your E-learning spot at home. Soon we will be starting our reading and math blocks. Reading will be on Canvas. Math work has to be completed on ThinkCentral. This app is located on Clever. We recommend that you favorite this app on Clever by clicking the heart icon. Parents, we know it is your child's school time, however, please try to have an adult be around in case they need help navigating. This is new for some students. We will be taking breaks between learning online. School starts promptly at 8:00 AM. Breakfast should be eaten before school. All students should have school clothes on and ready to learn. It is great seeing everyone online. If you have any questions, please reach out to your 2nd grade teacher.



## THIRD GRADE

Welcome to Third Grade! We are so excited to see our students smiling faces eager to learn each morning at 8:00 a.m. This month we will be working on online procedures and learning how to navigate the various resources on Canvas. In our academic areas, we will be working on place value along with addition and subtraction in Math, story elements in Reading, and states of matter in Science. In the next few weeks, we will be administering beginning of the year assessments so we can establish small guided groups. Thank you for your support.



## 4th GRADE

Fourth Grade is so excited to begin this new adventure of e-learning. While Fourth Grade is always a year of emerging independence, this year will push us to new levels! We are starting the year by sharing novels together. Through these novels, students learn about the elements of fictional literature, the development of a character, summarizing, and theme. We continue to enjoy beautiful picture books as well to develop our vocabulary and recognition of figurative language. Our grammar focus is identifying types of nouns and using correct capitalization. Place value is the name of the game in Math! Students are using a variety of tools to practice decomposing and analyzing numbers to the hundred thousands. Also, we are working on committing our multiplication facts to memory. Again, students may choose different tools to practice their facts. While some like computer games, others enjoy clapping them out or verbal repetition. We say...Do what works! EVERY SINGLE DAY! Our focus in Social Studies right now is geography and map skills. In Science we are learning about the skills scientists use such as observing, classifying, comparing, communicating, and using data. A big shout out to our fabulous parents who have worked so hard to have our students Parkside Ready each morning!!!



## FIFTH GRADE

Fifth grade has started off the year getting to know their students and teaching them how to develop a growth mindset. Next week in Reading, we will begin our first novel study; we will be reading the book *Frindle*. In Math, we are starting the year reviewing geometry concepts and then diving into place value. Our budding scientists will learn all about the nature of Science and learn to conduct experiments. Fifth grade will be assigning students lessons in iReady for Reading and Math. Students will be responsible for completing these assigned lessons during the school day as part of our class time. Please make sure you continue to check in your child's teacher and look out for messages from them; communication is extremely important to ensure students' success during E-learning.

**School Improvement/Title 1 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 first meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 3rd at 7:30 AM via Microsoft TEAMS. Please 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.



Parkside is designated as a Title 1 school. According to the U.S. Department of Education the purpose of Title 1 funding, "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments." The basic principles of Title 1 state that schools with large concentrations of low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting student's educational goals. Low-income students are determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title 1 funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. The Broward Title One office organizes events and trainings for parents throughout the year. To find out more, visit their web site at <https://www.browardschools.com/title1>.

**All parents are asked to download the following mobile apps:**



**BCPS Mobile:** Stay informed, track your accounts with the school, and monitor your child's progress. Visit <https://www.browardschools.com/mobileapp>

**Safer Watch:** "If You See Something, Send Something." Use this app to communicate non-emergency concerns with the Broward Sheriffs Office. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/broward>

**FortifyFL:** This is a suspicious activity reporting tool that will help you contact law enforcement and school officials. Visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com>. Thanks for helping us keep our school safe and you informed!

**Reporting Your Child's Absence**



It's important that your child be present each school day during Virtual Learning. Teachers will take attendance based on your child logging into Microsoft TEAMS and Canvas each school day. However, we realize that there are occasions when your child is not able to be present. Please call in your child's absence any day he / she will be out at **754-322-7852** if your child is not able to attend virtual learning. It is also helpful if you send a message to the teacher explaining the absence. Thank you for helping us ensure that every child is learning!

**Greetings from the Parkside PTA!**



After a long summer, we welcome everyone back for the 2020-21 school year. We are eager to get the ball rolling, and help the students and staff as much as we can. This year the spirit shirts will be sold on a brand new website along with spirit masks. As soon as the site is up and running we will get that information out to everyone. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible, so we are working on some virtual fundraisers. These new and exciting experiences will be fun for everyone. We would love for everyone to join us, and help give



back to the amazing students and wonderful staff here at Parkside Elementary School. Membership is \$10.50 and you can sign up here : <https://ptaparkside.new.memberhub.store/store>. Join us for a great year and help make a difference. We are proud to be Panthers!

**Sincerely, the Parkside PTA Board**



Please remember that your first line of communication is your child's teacher. There are many ways to reach out to the teachers including mobile apps and email. Please be patient and understand that the teacher will respond as soon as they are able. If you have a technology concern, you can always call the district support line at 754-321-0569. Great communication will get us through this challenge as a team! Thank you!

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