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Calendar of Events

January

1/12: Early Release Day, 12 PM
1/12: SAC/SAF Meeting, 12:30 PM
1/13: First day of the 3rd Quarter
1/18: MLK Holiday (No School)
1/28: Class Picture Day



Meal Distribution Suspended at Parkside

We are no longer providing meal distribution at Parkside for students learning virtually from home. Other school sites in our area are providing meals and you can view the list of schools at <https://www.browardschools.com/food-service>. You can view our menus by visiting <https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/ParksideElementarySchool>



Administrator's Corner

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope you all had a wonderful break and tried to enjoy the holidays. We know this year was different for us all. Now we are back in the swing of things and ready to tackle 2021.

As you all know, next week we will begin our 3rd quarter of school. With this we will also reintroduce another batch of students into our school. Please know that with this increase, we will be at about 50-60% of our students returning. With this increase, we will continue to do our best to maintain the suggested guidelines of 6 feet of physical distancing. There is a possibility these could be adjusted slightly to meet the needs of our population. We are also doing our best to keep our students with the same teachers; but this may change for some students in certain situations, where necessary. You will receive a call if this pertains to your child. Please remember ALL students and staff must wear a face mask at all times while on campus. Students should always have an extra one in their backpack. On Wednesday, all students who are returning need to ensure they have their computer and charger brought back with them to school. Only students in the intermediate grades will be taking their computers home on a daily basis. I will be sending out a ParentLink to all new families returning on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Beginning next week those families who have chosen face to face learning will be expected to have their student at school every day for learning unless he/she is ill. This commitment does not allow you to go back and forth between face to face and e-learning at home. If your child does not show up from face to face, he/she is considered absent. If absences continue, this could lead to truancy. This is not a hybrid model. Should you have any concerns with this, please feel free to reach out to the school.

Parents, there has been a surge in the number of cases of COVID over the winter break across the country. It is important that if you or your children have been around someone not feeling well or who has tested positive, you must contact the school and follow the proper protocol. We have staff and students who are here every day and some may be high risk or have friends/family members who are in this category. Please help us keep all of your children and our dedicated staff safe. Thank you for helping us with this.

I hope you all have a great start to 2021 and that we all have a wonderful year.

Lanea Hall, Principal

Laptop Care and Use

Just a friendly reminder to take care of your school laptops!

- Don't eat or drink while you are working.
- Place your computer on a desk or table
- Make sure your headphones are unplugged if you walk away
- Make sure your charger is unplugged if you carry your laptop away



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Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful winter break. We can't believe the second quarter is coming to an end. Report cards will be sent out soon to your child's Virtual Counselor. We will welcome some more students joining us for face to face learning on January 13th. Check with your child's teacher to see if there's any materials they may need. These Kindergarteners have been working hard the past few months! Please remember to take some time every day to read with your child at home. In Math, we have been working on addition and are now starting subtraction. Keep practicing simple addition facts up to 10, as well as simple subtraction problems. Writing has been a little challenging throughout our distance learning journey. Try to work on writing at home when possible! Parents, thank you all for supporting your children with work at home... we wouldn't be able to do this without you all!



It's hard to believe we are half way through the school year! We hope everyone had a nice winter break! As we begin the third quarter, we are focusing on a few new things. To begin with, in Reading we are busy practicing reading strategies so that all the first graders continue to make progress. Our focus has been checking for understanding, retelling the story using details, using text features, cross-checking, as well as practicing sight words. These strategies are super important for comprehension and fluency! In Math, we are continuing to learn about numbers and how they are related. Soon we will begin a math chapter place value. As we settle back in from the break, we plan to revisit Living and Non-living things and then launch our "plant" unit. As always, please continue to read nightly, practice spelling and sight words, and have conversations with your children about what they are learning!



Welcome back 2nd graders! We hope you had a wonderful winter break! Our next math unit will be on subtracting 2-digit numbers with and without regrouping. Please continue to practice your math facts at home. As always take the time to curl up with a great book!



Dear 3rd Grade Families,

It is hard to believe that half the year is over! During the second and third week of January, our students will be taking the i-Ready Diagnostic Tests in both Reading and Math. It is very important that each student do his/her best WITHOUT assistance. These scores will be used to measure academic growth, as well as help us see what skills may need remediation. After completion, teachers will notify you of your child's results. This month we will complete division in math and begin learning about fractions. It is critical that all 3rd grade students have multiplication facts memorized by February. Also, students are excited to begin leaning about plants. We will focus on the parts of a plant and the roles of each, and how photosynthesis works. We have been notified that students will be taking the FSA at the end of the year. To better prepare students, we will be assigning longer reading passages and continue to use a spiral review approach in math.



Happy New Year! Fourth Graders are hard at work learning multiple ways to divide. This is an exciting new skill for us! In Reading, we are analyzing non-fiction texts to learn lots of interesting information as well as to become strong writers. Our focus in Writing is learning the structure of the multiparagraph essay, and what better way than to use our reading as a model. Matter and Energy are our focus in Science over the next several weeks. We will be exploring the process of Scientific Inquiry as we learn about these topics. Finally, in Social Studies we are wrapping up our studies of Native tribes and looking at the time of exploration when Florida was claimed for Spain.



Happy New Year! Fifth grade is flying by.... Be on the lookout for the 5th grade t-shirt flyer. You will be able to order them online and will be picked up at school. In math, we are finishing up learning about decimals and will be moving along in the wonderful world of fractions! Please make sure that your child continues to use i-Ready for 45 minutes per week in reading and math every week. In the area of reading, we are focusing on Point of View and continuing to analyze non-fiction texts. Students are busy bees continuing to learn the process of informative writing and will be moving onto persuasive writing in the coming months. In Science, we will start learning about energy transformations ... The Native American projects turned out amazing! We will continue to dive deep into history in the months to come. Please make sure to continue to check your child's Canvas to see their course progress in each subject. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Aftercare Courier January 2021

Welcome back and let's get started on a brand new year! Welcome back to all of our returning families. We are so happy to see you. As you know we have been making payments weekly this year for the aftercare program. Beginning January 19, 2021, we will go to Bi-weekly payments. Weeks 13 & 14 Jan. 19th-Jan. 29, 2021.

Payment for the 5-day week of January 11-Jan. 15 is already posted to the on-line payments and will remain up until January 11th at 11:59pm. This payment will include 1-early release day. Payments for students returning on 1/13/2021 for the 3-day week will NOT be posted on-line. If you are returning for those three days, you will need to call me so that I can process it via phone. The fee for those 3 days will be \$42.00 for the 1st child and \$40.00 for any other siblings. Remember this payment cannot be made on-line, it has to be called in to me before the start date. If you decide to apply for a scholarship, you will need the school location number which is 3631.

When you arrive to pick up your child, we will bring the child out to you. Please have your ID available for us to cross check the sign out I-pad. If you call a head we will move a little faster. The aftercare number is 754-322-7893.



Sincerely, Lakay Wilkerson

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Greetings from the Parkside PTA!



Greetings from the PTA! We hope everyone had a great break and are ready for the second half of the year. On January 20th we will be starting a new fundraiser. It will be done 100% virtually so keep your eyes open for the link. We will be selling the Domino's Pizza Slice the Price card. This will be a great way to raise money for the PTA and save money on some family meals. As soon as they send us the link, we will get it out to everyone.

Sincerely, the Parkside PTA Board



Counselor's Corner: January's Character Trait— Respect

Dear Parents,

Take a stand on Video Games!

Don't expect your child to set his/her own limits on the amount of time he/she spends with this form of entertainment. You are responsible for your child's well being and must set appropriate limits for your child. If the rules are broken, deny your child access to the game for a day or more. Insist that homework and chores be completed before your child can play video games. Game time can even be used as an incentive for finishing these tasks properly.

- Limit video game time. Allow an hour of play on school nights and two hours on weekends. Some parents allow the video games only on weekends. If your child is doing poorly in school, temporarily eliminate video game time on school nights. Some parents allow their children to earn video game time by putting in equivalent reading time.
- Don't allow your child to postpone bedtime because he/she wants to finish a video game. Remember that children who stay up late are usually too tired the next day to remember what they are being taught in school. Don't allow your child to have a video game set in his/her bedroom, because this eliminates your control over time spent playing.
- Encourage your children to settle their own disputes over using the video game. Try to stay out of disagreements, as long as they remain verbal. Children can't go through life having a referee to resolve their differences. If the dispute becomes too loud, remove the game until your children can work out a solution.
- Help your child choose video games that are not excessively violent. Encourage your children to play games that include sports, puzzles, mazes, or adventure games. Avoid games that contain lots of murder, combat and destruction. Research suggests that video games encourage more aggressive behavior than violent TV shows because your child is an active participant in the destruction and not just an observer.

In partnership,

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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.

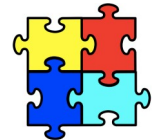
School Advisory Forum (SAF): SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF has no official membership and our SAF meetings 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. This month we will be holding a face-to-face meeting with the option to join online. Please consider joining us however you can. Our next meeting will take place on **January 12th at 12:30 PM. Please join us! You can follow this link at the time of the meeting:** <https://rb.gy/xiazom>

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. We look forward to seeing you there!



ASD Corner!



Happy New Year! Hoping that 2021 brings you all good health, happiness and memorable times with your children and families! I just wanted to take a moment to thank all our parents and families for your support. 2020 will most likely go down as one of the most memorable years of our lives! With it came E-learning and many challenges. Without your support, we couldn't have done it! I also wanted to give a special thanks to all the teachers and staff who work with your children. I am honored and blessed to work with such a phenomenal group of educators. They have all dedicated countless hours, an exuberant amount of energy and creativity to make learning engaging and fun for your children. As we venture into 2021 and continue on our E-learning journey, please know that you are not alone! Here at Parkside, we are family! If you need anything please feel free to contact me at 754-322-7850 or by email @ marie.ritchie@browardschools.com.

Thank you, Marie Elena Ritchie, **ASD Coach**



ANNUAL PARENT SEMINAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

8AM-3PM



2021 FULLY CHARGED:

KEEPING PARENTS ENGAGED VIRTUALLY

ANNUAL PARENT SEMINAR





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