



Panther Paws

Office: 754-322-7850

<https://www.browardschools.com/parkside>

Lanea Hall, Principal
Mark Andriesse, Assistant Principal

Volume 21, Issue 7
March 2021

Calendar of Events

March

3/2: Virtual Honor Roll for 2nd Quarter, 3rd @ 7PM, 4th @ 7:40 PM, and 5th at 8:20 PM

3/4: SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM

3/4: Virtual Student of the Month Ceremony, 7 PM

3/16: Virtual PTA General Meeting, 6:30 PM

3/18: Early Release Day, 12 PM

3/19: No School, Teacher Planning Day, 12 PM

3/22-3/26: No School, Spring Break

Afternoon Pickup

For afternoon dismissal, please make sure that you pull your car all the way forward in the car line to help the whole process move more smoothly. Thanks!



Administrator's Corner

Happy Spring Parkside Families. We officially have a few more weeks until we are really in the spring season, but March always reminds me that it is very close. This month will also mark the end of our 3rd quarter of school this year. We begin to get really busy over these next few months as we prepare for upcoming standardized testing, budget planning, the end of this school year and the start of next school year. Students will be assessed during the end of this month and into April/May to determine their academic progress that has been made this year. These assessments will also help us determine student placement for next year. Please keep an eye out for more information on these dates.

I wanted to take a minute and thank all of our students and staff for the wonderful service projects they did throughout the month of February. We dedicated the entire month to providing service, love and giving back. Our teachers came up with some great ideas for the students and they really enjoyed getting involved around the school. Thank you for continuing to support us in every way.

As many of you are aware, we now have over half of our student population back face to face. Our staff is very happy to have these students back in their classrooms with them, as we know this is the best possible type of learning. But, with more students in our school, we know this creates more opportunities for students and staff to get sick. Please continue to remind your children to follow the protocols we have in place: wear mask at all times, keep physical distancing, wash their hands often, and stay home when not feeling well. We appreciate your support with this and helping us keep everyone safe.

Next week we will celebrate all of our students who have worked to achieve honor roll for the 2nd quarter and Student of the Month for the last few months. We will again be doing these virtually through TEAMS. On Tuesday, March 2nd we will have the Honor Roll assemblies: 3rd at 7, 4th at 7:40, and 5th at 8:20 pm. A link will be sent out through your teachers or individually through your child's Canvas. Student of the Month will be held on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 pm. Again, a link will be sent out to the families who will need these before the event. We hope you can take a few minutes to hop on and honor your child for their work.

Just a reminder that we will be off the week of March 22nd-28th for our Spring Break. There will be an Early Release Day on March 18th and a teacher planning day on March 19th. Please make sure you have marked your calendars for these dates.

If your phone number or email address has changed, it is so important to make certain that the teacher and the office have current and accurate information in the event of an emergency or if your child becomes sick during a school day. Have a great start to this month.

Lanea Hall, Principal



 Kindergarten

We can't believe we are already coming up to Spring Break and the end of the 3rd quarter! This past month, the Kindergarteners have been busy reading and working on CVC words. We will continue working on CVC words this month. Please practice writing these at home. In Math, we have just finished up chapter 7, which is about teen numbers. We will be learning numbers up to 100 in chapter 8. Please take time to practice addition, subtraction, number recognition, and counting daily! In Science, we are looking forward to learning about the weather and living things, such as animals and plants. As always, keep reading every night and practice your child's sight words. Be on the lookout for homework in your child's folder each night as well. Thank you all so much for being a part of your child's education!

 First Grade

February came and went in a snap! Thanks to all the families that made us feel super special on Valentine's Day with all the cards, flowers and gifts. It made each of us smile! The children had a blast exchanging Valentines. It was truly special to see all the children thank each other and show their appreciation and love for their friends. In Math, we are working on reading, writing and modeling numbers from one to 120. First graders need to be able to count by 2's, 5's and 10's to 120. The children learned all about place value and are anxious to celebrate the "120 Days of School". We have been reviewing reading strategies on our CAFÉ Menu, and adding new ones every couple of weeks. In reading, we've also started some important practice for the end of the year reading test. Be on the lookout for reading passages with questions going home. These passages are similar to what will be on the test, and they are great practice! We spent a lot of time in January and February recognizing people from the past that have made an impact on our world and our lives. Ask your child to tell you about one of the historical people we learned about, and to include "facts" about what they learned. Thank you for everything you do at home to help your child continue to make progress in all the academic areas!

 Second Grade

Hello Parents! Second grade has been busy growing and learning. Reading is so important to your children. Take time each evening to read with your little ones. You can take turns reading and asking questions. They will remember these small moments of time spent together. Did you know you can make math fun? Take a few minutes each day to have math challenges with your children. Write 5-10 problems on a white board and take turns answering them. We encourage you to write two and three digit problems with and without regrouping (carrying and borrowing). This is a fun way for them to practice their newly learned skills. We just went in a "virtual field trip" and saw a play based on the book "The Diary of a Wombat". Ask your child about it. Although this has been a "different" year, we want you to know that your children are happy and learning! We thank you for your continued support!

 Third Grade

We are very busy in 3rd grade. We will be completing our Keystone Assessments shortly and gearing up for the FSA Reading Test the first week of April. In Math, we are beginning fractions and will be learning how to name and compare fractions. At this point in the year, we are working towards reading independently for at least 45 minutes at a time. Towards the end of March, we will focus on types of energy in Science. We ask that you continue to have your child complete 45 minutes a week for i-Ready Reading and Math.

 Fourth Grade

Fourth Graders had a blast in the Vocabulary Parade last week and continue to work on growing their vocabulary in all subjects. In Writing, we are well into our multi-paragraph essays and beginning to write opinion pieces based on multiple sources. Reading is focused on skills needed to analyze non-fiction texts. Students are finding main ideas, analyzing text structure, and finding evidence that authors use to support their claims about informational topics. This goes hand in hand with Science as we look at the interaction between humans and animals and the environment. Additionally in Science, we are moving toward discussions about Energy and Forces like magnetism. Our Math time is filled with fractions!!! We have learned equivalent fractions, simplest form, common denominators, and will be learning how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers next month! A shout out to PTA for the Valentine's treats. The kids loved them!

 Fifth Grade

5th graders have been hard at work! All of the students have been learning about famous African Americans and their contributions to the world during the month of February. In addition, our budding writers have been working on creating multi-paragraph essays using their elaboration to make their essays come to life. In Reading, we are wrapping up working on multiple accounts of the same event, there are so many juicy stories to look at from various perspectives. As we move on in Math, we continue to work on fractions. We are multiplying fractions and learning how to solve problems in the real world. In the wonderful world of Science, we are learning about electricity! We will conduct online investigations using circuits to determine how energy flows. If you have not yet purchased a 5th grade t-shirt please do so by the 28th.



Greetings from the Parkside PTA!

The PTA had a great month of February! The Slice the Price fundraiser was great! We hope everyone enjoyed their Valentine's gifts, and had an extra sweet day. We will be announcing our next general meeting soon (virtually) and hope to see many parents there. If you would like to run for a position the PTA Board for next year, feel free to email us at parksideptacs@gmail.com for more info. We especially need a treasurer. With so many students recently returning to school, we also wanted to remind everyone it isn't too late to order your spirit shirts and masks. Here is the website if you'd like to get your student this year's spirit wear.



<https://info3512689.wixsite.com/parkside5> Finally, please join us on **March 16th at 6:30 PM for our General Meeting**. It will be virtual and we will send out the link ahead of time. Check our web site for the latest information.

Sincerely, the Parkside PTA Board

Days of Service and Love:

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Days of Service and Love in February. Many classes helped with beautification projects in our garden. It looks amazing!



Counselor's Corner: March's Character Trait— Self-Control

9 Calm Down Ideas for Kids

1. Go outside and kick a ball or run around: the physical activity is great outlet for overwhelming emotions and nature is a great healer.
2. Punch a pillow: A safe way to let off steam when managing angry or frustrated feelings.
3. Listen to music or sing a song: good for children who find music comforting
4. Close your eyes and think of a calm place: a great relaxation tool for kids, this is one to practice with them at other times (before sleep is a great time) so that they can call on it when they are struggling with emotions
5. Draw a picture: encourage your child to use their creativity to symbolically represent how they are feeling
6. Write a letter or a story: this technique provides a creative outlet for their feelings
7. Read a book: reading may provide a sense of relief from other pressures
8. Talk to someone: talking to a friend may help your child when struggling with big emotions, this support can help them process what they are feeling
9. Ask for a hug: some children will find comfort in close physical contact when they are feeling overwhelmed

If I can be of any assistance for your child or family please give me a call @ 754-322-7850.

Ms. Engle, School Counselor

marjorie.engle@browardschools.com

754-322-7856



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. 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 **March 4th at 7:30 AM. 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!



Parkside is a Title One school. This means that we receive federal funding based on the number of students that receive free or reduced price lunch. Please view the Title One Parent resource guide to learn more about Title One. Click [here](#) or visit <https://www.browardschools.com/title1>. On their web site, you can find their monthly newsletter, special resources, and information about various activities and programs throughout our school district.

Aftercare Courier March

The next aftercare payment is due on Sunday February 28th. Please try to have your payment in by 11:59 p.m. The online access closes at that time and you will have to call the school to speak to me and I'm not always available. This is a 2 week payment (19 & 20) for March 1-12th.

This year the school does not have water fountains for the students to use. We do, however, have filling stations for students to fill and refill their water bottles. The problem is the students are not bringing in bottles. Please pack a cup or a water bottle in your child's backpack so that they can have water whenever they want it.

The county is now providing snack and supper bags to our students. They now have the opportunity to receive these each day of aftercare. Lastly, they can bring books in their backpack to read or word search items to do when homework is done. Stay safe!

Sincerely, Lakay Wilkerson
lakay.wilkerson@browardschools.com



The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and / or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

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