



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

April

- 4/2:** No School, Good Friday
- 4/6:** Third Grade FSA ELA Testing, Session 1
- 4/7:** Third Grade FSA ELA Testing, Session 2
- 4/8:** Early Release Day, 12 PM
- 4/8:** SAC/SAF Meeting, 12:30 PM
- 4/13:** Fourth Grade FSA Writing Testing
- 4/14:** Report Cards Issued
- 4/14:** Fifth Grade FSA Writing Testing

Breakfast and Tardies



Breakfast is served every day from 7:30 to 7:50. If your child is having breakfast at school, he / she must be at the school between these times. Instructional time begins promptly at 8:00, and students need to be in their rooms and ready to work. Students are marked tardy if they are not in their classroom at 8:00. Thank you for your cooperation.

Administrator's Corner

Happy Spring Parkside Families. Welcome Back from what I hope has been a wonderful Spring Break for you all. I hope that you all enjoyed the time with your children. Now we are kicking off the 4th and final quarter of the school year and this one is the busiest of them all. Please pay close attention to the parent links and the messages going out from your child's teacher to stay informed of all the happenings.

Next week we will begin the testing season. Even though this is not our favorite time of year, it is very important for our students and staff to have this information to show the students' strengths and weaknesses. This, in turn, helps us to prepare and place students in the right environment for next school year. We will begin on Tuesday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 7th with our 3rd grade students and FSA reading. On Tuesday, April 12, our 4th grade and Wednesday, April 13th our 5th grade will be taking the FSA writing portion. We will finish the remaining FSA in May. All students will be coming to school to take this assessment face to face. It will all be paper-based. All parents in grades 3-5 should have received a copy of the letter from the district. Please read over the letter. It does state very clearly, there is NOT an "opt out" option. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the school.

Parents, we continue to get more and more students back face to face, which we are so very happy about, but with more students there are more chances to spread COVID. Please remember all of the guidelines we have established during this time. DO NOT send your child to school if they are experiencing any COVID like symptoms. Please keep them home and as a safety precaution, consider getting them tested. If they come to school with symptoms, we will place them in our isolation room, they must be picked up and they will have to have a negative test to return school or quarantine for 14 days. If your child tests positive for COVID, you MUST quarantine for 14 days from the positive result. Even if the child is asymptomatic, they cannot come back until they receive a negative test AFTER 14 days of quarantine. I receive all information from the health department with these results and we do check to see if the child is in school. If they come to school, positive for COVID, then we MUST quarantine the entire class. I apologize if it seems I am repeating these same guidelines over and over, but we continue to have students being sent to school with positive results. If your child has been in close contact, as defined by the CDC, they also must quarantine for 14 days and return with a negative result. Our responsibility is keep all students safe at all times. Thank you in advance for your help.

Finally, since we just finished our 3rd quarter of school, we will be planning our honor roll celebrations soon. Please be on the look out for this information. We also will be looking for ways here at school to celebrate all of our students at the end of the school year, of course, we are not yet permitted to invite families to participate in these celebrations as we will continue to follow CDC and Broward guidelines until the end of this year.

Hope you all have a wonderful month of April! Happy Easter!

Laneia Hall, Principal



Please complete our Annual Parent Survey! We need everyone's participation! Please visit <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/158337/p568> and complete this brief anonymous questionnaire. We need every parent to participate! We appreciate you and we appreciate your feedback!



Hello Kindergarten Parents! We have been very busy growing and learning daily. Please take time each day to read with your little ones. Reading is crucial to your children. Continue practicing sight words as well! We are learning about many new, interesting things this month. We are going to discuss weather, life cycles, and ways to keep our planet safe and clean. In math, we are going to be learning about shapes. Please continue working on addition and subtraction problems! Practice makes perfect. I-Ready is another great learning tool for both reading and math. Try to get your child on I-Ready for at least 45 minutes a week. As always, thank you for the continued support in your children's learning!! We could not do it without all of you.



The last few months have been very exciting here in first grade. In math, we began to work with double digit numbers, and are learning how to add using tens and ones. We are even learning to regroup! If you would like to practice at home with your child, you can use your own manipulatives. For tens, you could use things like a pencil, a toothpick, or straws and for ones you can use things such as cereal, buttons, or even pennies. Practice makes perfect! Which way are we heading? During the month of April we will learn about gravity and force and motion. The children tend to love this science unit. We hope during this unit your children have lots to tell you about! As we begin the last quarter of this school year, all the first grade teachers will heavily focus on reading, and reading comprehension. We are diligently trying to prepare the children for the End of the Year Reading Test. The passages we've been completing at school and at home, is one way to practice, but please do not forget that simply reading with your child and having conversations about what they've read is just as powerful! As always, thanks for all you do to be part of your child's learning journey!



Wow! It's the fourth quarter already! We hope everyone had a great spring break!!! We are now in the long stretch until summer. Continue to monitor your child's reading and ask them questions about what they read (who, what, when, where, why, and how). iReady is a great resource for individual remediation and enrichment. Second grade will be finishing up Chapter 7 and going into Chapter 8. Our focus in Chapter 7 was on Time and Money. Did you know a sundial shows the time using the position of the sun? It has numbers around it like a clock face. Reviewing time and money at home using real coins and a clock will help reinforce these skills for better understanding. Chapter 8 will focus on length in customary units. Did you know the Missouri River is the longest river in the United States? Some tools to have on hand at home would be a ruler, measuring tape, and/or a yard stick. Make sure your child completes math work that is assigned in ThinkCentral. Thank you parents for all you do to help your second grader!!



Third grade has been getting ready for the FSA ELA test on the 6th and 7th. Please make sure your child is well rested and that they arrive at school promptly before 8 AM on those days. If your child is learning from home, please make sure they are present in school for the test. Please communicate with your child's teacher regarding whether your child will be staying for the day or if they will get picked up after testing around 10:15. As always continue to read with your child and help them complete their reading and math lessons on iReady. You can also take the school survey using the link on the front page. We appreciate your support and we are looking forward to a great 4th quarter. Thank you!



Fourth Graders can't wait to show off their writing during the upcoming FSA assessment. We have worked very hard on organization, sentence structure, and using text evidence, among other skills. We continue to analyze non-fiction texts in Reading as well as dabble in some poetry. Our young scientists are finishing up their unit on energy and moving into the movement of Earth and the Moon in Space. In Math, we have completed fractions and are learning how fractions are related to decimals. It is incredible how much we have learned considering the adjustments the children, their families, and their teachers have made. 4th grade continues to be Parkside Proud!



April will begin state testing for 5th grade students, students will take the writing portion of the ELA assessment on April 14, 2021. All classes have been working on writing informative and opinion essays in their classes. The 4th quarter will be chock full of dates to remember, starting with the 14th. Please make sure that your child is at school on time each day and ready to learn. 5th graders will begin participating in J.A. Biztown, where students will learn about the economics and how businesses are run. This is an exciting learning opportunity for students to learn how to apply mathematical thinking in the real world.



State Testing will take place at Parkside in April and May. If you are the parent of a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader, you should have received a letter informing you about our testing procedures. If not, you can [view these letters on our web site](#). Students who are learning virtually, will come to school to take the test on the assigned days. If you plan on staying longer than the testing times for that day, please let your child's teacher know so we can plan for adequate safety and spacing considerations. On the days that your child is expected to be testing, they must be in school for the test in order to be marked present.

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 April 8th at 12:30 PM on our art patio (on the 29th street side of the school by our bus loop). Please join us! If you cannot join us face to face, you can also 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 PTA Update



Happy Spring from the PTA! Welcome back from Spring Break! We have two fundraisers coming up that we think everyone will enjoy. The first one will be a Family Fun Night at Chipotle on April 6th from 4pm-8pm. We are encouraging everyone to either do take out, either by ordering on the app/website, or ordering there and taking it home. We will be emailing all PTA members the flyers and sending them digitally to all teachers. If ordering on the app/website please use the code:ZRL8XYV. We will also be selling limited release shirts for Mother's Day! We will also have shirts for all the dads and anyone else that has a loved one attending Parkside. They will be found on this website, but are not up yet. <https://info3512689.wixsite.com/parkside5>

We are still looking for people that would like to get more involved on the board next year. Please email us for more information. We will be having our next general meeting very soon so be on the lookout for the info. Our email is ParksidePTACS@gmail.com.



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PARENT TRAINING ACADEMY

**2021 FULLY CHARGED:
JUMP-START
SUMMER
LEARNING**

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 AT 7:00PM



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Counselor's Corner- April's Character Trait: Tolerance



Dear Parents,

Why Does Humor Matter? The ability to see and understand humor is increasingly important as your child moves through school. As early as preschool, kids with a strong sense of humor are better liked by their peers, have more friends, higher self-esteem, and a more positive outlook on life. They're better able to deal with their own quirks and are more tolerant of others. Most important, kids who can smile at their own mistakes are better equipped to handle teasing bullies and the adversities of childhood, both big and

small.

For an adult, school-age humor can get a little tiresome. But there's really no downside to your child's love of jokes, riddles, and puns. Playing with language introduces new words and meanings and builds vocabulary. Repeating the same jokes or riddles helps to develop memory skills. And poring over joke books teaches the value and enjoyment to be found in reading. So what can you do? Keep your child well supplied with material. Buy or check out joke books from the library. Look for jokes, riddles, and puns together online. And best of all, make your own. Play the "Make Me Laugh" game – everyone takes a turn trying to make their group laugh using facial expressions and funny body movements. Memorize riddles and try to stump each other. Tell jokes and see who can keep from laughing the longest. Not only will you and your child share enjoyment, You'll be working on your own mental agility. And don't forget those good old standbys you remember from childhood: staring contests, tickle fights, and pillow battles. Whatever gets you giggling – the most important thing is to have a playful attitude.

Beyond simply enjoying jokes with your child, be a good humor model. Look for the humor in everyday situations. Laugh at yourself and deal lightly with irritations. Use humor as opposed to scolding; crack a joke to ease tension. You'll not only be giving your child the tools needed to handle difficult situations in the future, you'll find that you feel better too.

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

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Panther Aftercare News



Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope that you enjoyed your time away from school. We had several new students join us for the last 9 weeks of school and we are so happy that you decided to return. To reach us in the afternoon during Aftercare, remember to call 754-322-7893. That is the direct line to the Aftercare program. Yes, it's that time again! PAYMENTS are due! It is available now through April 4th at 11:59

pm. You would really help me out if you could go on the e-store and take care of that before Monday. It is hard to determine who is still enrolled if I can't see it on Monday morning. If you wait until Monday to take care of it then I have to add another step. Let's make this the most accurate pay period yet! I am thanking you in advance for your adherence to this request. There are only 4 payments left after this one. YEAH! REMINDER: PLEASE PACK A WATER BOTTLE WITH YOU CHILD EACH DAY!

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

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