



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### May

**5/4:** 5th Grade ELA  
FSA, Session 1  
**5/5:** 5th Grade ELA  
FSA, Session 2  
**5/6:** SAC/SAF Meeting,  
7:30 AM  
**5/6:** 3rd Grade Math  
FSA, Session 1  
**5/7:** 3rd Grade Math  
FSA Session 2  
**5/7:** Honor Roll  
Ceremony, 3rd @ 7  
PM, 4th @ 7:30, 5th @ 8  
**5/10:** Kindergarten  
Roundup, 7 PM  
**5/11:** 4th Grade ELA  
FSA, Session 1  
**5/12:** 4th Grade ELA  
FSA, Session 2  
**5/13:** 5th Grade Math  
FSA, Session 1  
**5/14:** 5th Grade Math  
FSA, Session 2  
**5/18:** 5th Grade  
Science, Session 1  
**5/19:** 5th Grade  
Science, Session 2  
**5/20:** 4th Grade Math  
FSA, Session 1  
**5/20:** 4th Grade Math  
FSA, Session 2  
**5/31:** Memorial Day  
(No School)  
**6/9:** Early Release  
Day, Last Day of  
School, 12 PM  
**6/21:** Summer School  
Begins at Parkside

## Administrator's Corner

April Showers brings loads of testing in May for us here at Parkside. Well, we have made it to May and we are just a few weeks away from the end of the year. This is a very exciting time for all students but it also can be a bit stressful. Even though we are required to assess our students to measure their progress, please know it is our intent to make these as stress free as possible. Your children have had a tough year of learning and we want to continue to praise their efforts. Thank you all for your continued support.

Next week we celebrate our wonderful staff here at Parkside. This week is the National Teacher Appreciation Week. Throughout the week we would love for you to shower our staff with lots of love. These gifts are intended to share with your child's teachers how special they are to your children. A kind note or a poem, bringing in a piece of fruit or flower are all great ways to say thanks. PTA did put out a flyer with some wonderful ideas for each day of the week. Our staff works tirelessly for your children and this is a great way for them to say "Thank You."

Believe it or not, we are already in the next phase of planning for the fall. We will be having our Kindergarten Round-Up on May 10th for any new and incoming K student for the fall. If you know of anyone who may need this information, please pass it along or if you have another child coming into K next year, we'd love to have you a part of this conversation. You can also register at any time for next year.

As the year is coming to an end, we want to celebrate your children. This year end, like last year, we will be adjusting the year end celebrations. Even though we will not have our traditional ceremonies, we will be having virtual celebrations for your children. Your teachers will be reaching out with these dates soon. Also, we do have a few exciting things planned for our 5th graders. Please look for more information coming our soon.

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the customer survey for our school. We are required to have a certain percentage of our parents complete these each year. I am happy that Parkside has met the goal! We appreciate your help.

Enjoy this last full month of school!

**Laneia Hall, Principal**



Kindergarten Roundup is your chance to get all the information you need for incoming Kindergarteners for the 2021-2022 School Year. Please join us on May 10th for an information session on Zoom! Also, please spread the word to your neighbors and friends who may be interested! [Zoom meeting ID: 870 5160 1275](#) Passcode: JsWJg2

**Kindergarten**

Hello families! We can't believe this crazy year is officially coming to an end. We have a lot to look forward to in the month of May. In Math, we are wrapping up 2-D and 3-D shapes and moving into measurement. Please continue working on simple addition and subtraction facts! In Reading, please continue practicing CVC words, sight words, and of course, read with your child each night! We will begin administering the reading assessment in the middle of May. They need to know all 52 letters and 26 sounds. In Science, we are going to be learning about plants and life cycles. These Kindergarteners have grown so much this year and we thank you for supporting all of us and your children in this journey. We wish you all a happy, relaxing, safe summer!!

**First Grade**

Is it May, already? It's hard to believe, but the school year is nearing the end!! In Math, we learned to compare numbers and use the correct math symbol to show what we know. In the coming weeks, the children will learn to use a standard ruler to measure items in inches and centimeters, tell time to the hour and half hour, be able to collect data and graph information using various types of graphs, and count money. We have been practicing many of these skills at calendar math throughout the year, so many of the children will breeze through this information. In Science, the children learned about gravity, magnets, microscopes, and force and motion. We are going to study about the earth's resources, and some landforms and how they change either fast or slow. We will also investigate natural and manmade resources. First graders will stay on the right "direction" as we begin learning about maps and how useful they are in our everyday lives. You will be able to ask your child to tell you about a compass rose, or maybe how a map key is used. They will be enjoying discovering maps and learning where other places are located in comparison to where we live.

Lastly, we hope you'll continue to encourage your child to read nightly! The more they practice, the more fluent they will become!

**Second Grade**

Yay! We made it to the end of the year. WE CAN VIRTUALLY DO ANYTHING! This year has taught us a lot about perseverance, flexibility, and thinking outside the box to solve problems. We have successfully completed the End-of-the-Year Reading Test. The End-of-the-Year Math Test is coming soon. Our End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade celebration outside day will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be coming soon through email. Here are some summer suggestions to get ready for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- Keep a journal of your thoughts, practice addition and subtraction facts using flash cards, get a head start on multiplication facts, look into summer reading challenges at your local library, KEEP ON READING EVERYDAY! Have fun this summer, go outside and play, and stay safe.

**Third Grade**

As we head toward summer, we will have a very busy month of May. The first two weeks of May we will be completing end-of-the-year assessments to determine promotion. In addition, we will be working on new modules regarding mental health and relaxation exercises. We will continue to work on our multiplication and division facts because this is a necessity in 4th grade. Many classes will be doing novel studies and/or more hands-on activities. In the near future, you will be getting information regarding summer school and who will be eligible. We ask that you continue to have your child read daily.

**Fourth Grade**

Fourth graders have been on fire this Spring!!! We are reading machines attacking non-fiction texts about many different topics. We have analyzed authors' claims and evidence, as well as the visual supports included in their pieces. A few classes have started dabbling with poetry too! In Science, we continue to study natural resources, both renewable and non-renewable as well as rocks and minerals. We are having fun with decimals and geometry in Math as we start to wrap up and review for our year-end assessments. It is incredible how hard working and focused this 2020-2021 group has been. We are so proud of them!!

**Fifth Grade**

We can't believe it's May already; 5th graders will be heading off to their next adventure in middle school. May is full of important dates, including end-of-the-year testing. Fifth graders have FSA testing on the following dates: May 4th and 5th (ELA), May 13th and May 14th (Math), and May 18th and 19th (Science). All students need to take the assessments in person, please have them arrive to school on time. Additional assessments are ongoing to determine your child's promotion criteria in the areas of reading and math. Be on the lookout for fun activities to celebrate our 5th graders. There will be a picnic and outdoor day on June 4th. On June 8th, we will be celebrating with a parade for our 5th grade students! There will be more details coming soon regarding all of our end-of-year activities.

**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 May 6th at 7:30 AM via Microsoft Teams. Please join us by following this link at the time of the meeting: <https://rb.gy/xiazom> . See you then for our final meeting of the year. Everyone is welcome!



**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!



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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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**Parkside PTA Update**



Elections are coming up for the 2021-22 school year! All positions are available. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. Please contact us at [ParksideptaCS@gmail.com](mailto:ParksideptaCS@gmail.com) for

more information. The date for the election will be sent out soon. This is a great way to be involved with the school and help out with exciting functions and fundraisers.

There is still time to buy your school spirit T-shirts and the brand new limited release Celebrating Family shirts. They are the perfect gift for any Parkside family member. These shirts are only for adults and will be on sale until May 16th. <https://info3512689.wixsite.com/parkside5>

We would also like to thank everyone who came out to our Chipotle Family Fun Night. We raised over \$400 and were overwhelmed by the support of the faculty and parents of Parkside. We would like everyone to please check out our Facebook page, Parkside Elementary PTA. We have posted a very special letter for Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers of Parkside have gone above and beyond for the past year, and we hope you can partake in a fun way to say thanks. We look forward to closing out the year strong!

### Counselor's Corner Reducing Test Taking Anxiety



Test anxiety is when a student excessively worries about doing well on a test. This can become a major hindrance on test performance and cause extreme nervousness and memory lapses among other symptoms. The following are tips to reduce test taking anxiety.

- Being well prepared for the test is the BEST way to reduce test taking anxiety
- Space out your studying over a few days or weeks and continually review class material. Don't try to learn everything the night before.
- Try to maintain a positive attitude while preparing for the test and during the test.
- Exercise for a few days before the test will help reduce stress.
- Get a good night's sleep before the test.
- Show up to class early so you won't have to worry about being late.
- Read the directions slowly and carefully
- Stay relaxed, if you begin to get nervous this is ok. Your body is telling you this is important. Take a few deep breaths slowly to relax yourself and then get back to work.
- Stay focused and don't worry about other students finishing before you.
- Remember positive self talk... "I can do this." "I am prepared."

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

In partnership,

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### Panther Aftercare News

Payment reminder: We have 3 payments left for the school year. Payments are due Sunday May 2nd by 11:59pm. This payment will cover May 3-14th. The following payment is due on May 16th by 11:59 pm. It will cover May 17th – 28th. And the final payment of the year is due Sunday May 30th. This last payment will be for 7 days + 2 hours for the early release day. It covers June 1st – 9th. News for next school year: Before and Aftercare will be returning to our 18 day (monthly) pay schedule! Payment dates will be posted as well as given to each parent. If your payment is not received by the due date, you will be charged an additional \$30.00 re-registration fee per child. We did not do that this year but, we will return to it next school year. The fees will also go back to \$2.65 per hour instead of the \$3.50 per hour that we are paying this year.



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**Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor**



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.

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