



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

September

- 9/1:** SAC/SAF Meeting, 6:30 PM
9/1: 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Open House, 7 PM
9/6-9/7: No School Labor Day/Rosh Hashanah
9/13: Individual Picture Day
9/16: No School, Yom Kippur

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.

Please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/free-lunch> to apply for Free and Reduced Price Lunch, get menus, and make meal payments. Also remember that breakfast at Parkside is free daily for the 2021-2022 School Year.



Administrator's Corner

Welcome Back to the 2021-2022 school year! We are so very excited to have so many of our students returning and many new friends joining us this year. There are also several faces that were with us last year that we are finally getting to meet for the first time. We want to take a minute and thank you for entrusting us with your children each and every day. We are so very thankful they are all back with us here at the school. While we know this year will continue to have its challenges, we will work together to make this a safe a productive year for you and your children.

Already, we have gotten off to a great start with our year. Students have quickly taken the their routines and procedures and will continue to get better and better each day. It is really important that you also establish these at home so your children start their day off right. Getting to school on time is very important to a child's success. We have had an excessive amount of tardies over these last few days. Students should be in their classrooms by 7:55. Instruction begins promptly at 8:00 am. They are considered tardy and minutes begin to calculate towards absences after this bell. If you leave your house a few minutes earlier, your child will make it to class on time. We appreciate your help with decreasing the number of tardies.

Thank you to all of the parents who showed up for the Pre-K-2/ASD special program Open House. We had a very nice turn out of families. On September 1st, we will be having our Open House for grade 3-5 at 7:00 pm. We highly encourage all of these parents to come out to this event. These grades have a lot of curriculum information and they do discuss standardized testing which begin in grade 3. Our School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum will be meeting prior to the Open House at 6:30 pm. All parents are welcome to come out and be a part of this meeting. If not, we do hope you all come to the Open House. Please remember this is a Parent Only event and we are trying to keep it to one parent. Thank you in advance.

Please continue to follow the guidelines we have in place for sick children. It is better to be cautious during these times. If your child has a fever or multiple COVID symptoms, please do not bring them to school. IF we send them home from our isolation room, they will need to stay out 10 days or get a negative COVID test to return sooner. We appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone safe here.

We are really looking forward to an amazing year and in order to have this happen, we will continue to need your support. My staff is always here to help you in any way. Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Laneia Hall, Principal



Welcome to Kindergarten! Thanks to all the parents that came to open house! We encourage you to be apart of your child's academic success here at Parkside. We will be working with your child on recognizing letters and sounds. Please practice having them writing their name. We are starting chapter 1 in math and homework pages will be sent home along with homework journals beginning in September. Please be sure to check your child's black Parkside folder and return everyday.

We look forward to a great year!



First Grade is off to a terrific start! As you know, the first few weeks of school are very busy. Thank you so much for helping your children through this venture. Your child has been learning and slowly adapting to the new routines and procedures 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 classrooms feel like home. We look forward to a fantastic year! It was so nice to meet all of you and having an opportunity to tell you all about your child's year in first grade during our Open House. You can always reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions! 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/get 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.



It is that time of year again and the second grade teachers are so excited to see everyone face to face this year. We know it has been challenging but we can get through it. This year we have lots of exciting events and field trips planned. Make sure to check out your teacher's communication app, sign all required papers for school, bring in your school supplies, and get involved. Don't forget to take a look at your teacher's wish list. All help is greatly appreciated.



We are so excited to have our students back face to face! The month of September will be a very busy one. First, each teacher will be assessing all the students in reading and math using I-Ready, BAS, and a math Prerequisite Test. As soon as we have gathered data to determine areas of strength and areas that need improvement, we will begin conferences. This month our reading focus is story structure focusing on characterization, sequencing, and problem/solution in the genre of fiction. It is imperative that our students read a minimum of 20 minutes a day. In math, we will learn how to estimate or round to the nearest ten and hundred, as well as, review addition and subtraction requiring regrouping. Science is an exciting time for students this month because our focus in on animal classification and its interaction with the environment. Finally, in social studies we will begin with reading, using, and designing maps. Your child will have homework each night, Monday-Thursday. It is essential that each child complete it nightly. We will work TOGETHER to make sure we have a FABULOUS year!



Fourth Grade is extremely excited to be back to face-to-face learning. This group of fourth graders are special and are just as elated to be back at school as the teachers are. 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. We are beginning in place value in math and we 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. 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, inferencing, classifying, comparing, communicating, and using data. We are looking forward to a great year!



The Fabulous Fifth Graders are so excited to be back in face to face school. They are busy fine tuning their procedures and routines and getting familiar with their new teacher and classmates. It is the second week of school and we are now in full swing into our curriculum. In reading we are learning about inside and outside character traits and teaching vocabulary skills to determine the meaning of unknown words. In math we have begun with place value of whole numbers and multiplication. In science we are diving into the Nature of Science and learning how scientists conduct investigations. The fifth-grade teachers are looking forward to Open House on Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 PM. We are excited to talk about this year's exciting curriculum.



Small Hands Can Change the World in a Big Way!





Being a Title One School means that we receive federal funding to support our students and families. In addition, there are several resources, community involvement opportunities, and special workshops sponsored by our school and the Title One Department of Broward County Public Schools to support parents and students. Please see below to view some of the resources and information regarding Title One and how Parkside is working to keep families involved. We appreciate your support and feel free to contact us if you have any questions throughout the year.

- 1. School Improvement Plan:** School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at <http://www.browardschools.com/parkside> under Our School/Title 1 Information. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mark Andriesse at 754-322-7850.
- 2. School Parent and Family Engagement Plan:** School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. You can access this plan at <http://www.browardschools.com/parkside> under Our School/Title 1 Information. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Mark Andriesse at 754-322-7850
- 3. District Parent Involvement Plan:** District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent can access this plan at https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13545/LEA%20PFEP%202020-2021_10.28.20.pdf. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact Linda Howard, Title I Program Specialist at 754-321-1410.
- 4. School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), School grades, State Assessment Reports:** The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/results/>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Mark Andriesse at 754-322-7850.

Panther Aftercare News



Welcome back for the 2021-2022 School Year. There are limited spots available at this time for Aftercare and Beforecare at this time so please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/domain/8252> for more information about our program. There you can find the fees, program specifics, and a link for registration and payment. The phone number to reach us is: 754-322-7893 between 2 and 6.

We are looking forward to a great year and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are so glad to be back face to face and start up our Beforecare Program. Safety and Fun are our top priorities! Thank you!

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

Parkside PTA Update



Hello from the PTA!

We hope you had a GREAT summer! We are so excited that everyone one is back IN person for the 2021-2022 school year! As we start this school year we would LOVE for everyone to get involved! Did you know we have a Facebook page! Don't forget to head over using this link <https://www.facebook.com/coralspringsparksidepta/> This is where you can find up to date information on all of our upcoming events!



Are you a member of the PTA!? Follow the link to join and also purchase other items from our store!
https://parkside-elementary-pta.square.site/?fbclid=IwAR24mx29XPLuS3GNiSZFw_BeVV-GyI796AOdMTNEmmLW7zU5APPdMSpqo2c

We look forward to giving back to our students and staff!!

Sincerely,
Parkside PTA

School Advisory 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 meeting right before our 3,4,5 Open House on **September 1st at 6:30 PM.** Please consider joining us however you can. We do not have a June Meeting this month but we want to welcome all of you to join us for our first School Advisory Meeting for next year! Thanks to all of our members for their support and participation this year!

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!

School Counselor's September Snapshot



A new school year has arrived and while it's a busy time for all, it's important to remember that the WELLBEING of SELF should always remain priority. Mindfulness is a form of self-care that has become quite popular in our society. The concept of Mindfulness is developing intrapersonal (i.e. self) awareness/engagement to reduce overall stress and add resiliency to one's personality.

The basis of Mindfulness is taking a few minutes each day to silence typical, divergent thought patterns and to shift the mindset to focus on the "here and now." Hence, when one allows ONLY the "here and now" to be of concern, one is helping to calm one's mind and body. Moreover, various research has shown that when the mind and body are calm, one can engage in and learn more from the given moment. Eventually, with consistent practice, Mindfulness has been said to enhance one's ability to manage life events with more confidence and positivity.

The Broward County Public School District encourages Social Emotional Learning via the Mindfulness concept. Social Emotional Learning incorporates the intrapersonal (i.e. self) awareness/engagement component of Mindfulness AND combines it with an interpersonal (i.e. self with others) awareness/engagement component. For more information please visit the district's school counseling weblink on Social Emotional Learning at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/35264>

Lastly, the month of September not only begins the school year, it's also the month in which we celebrate and explore the character trait of Cooperation. When a group of people work together *effectively* to accomplish a common goal, that is called Cooperation. Emphasize the importance of Cooperation in your homes this month! Take a Family Meal as an example...Assign each family member a duty (e.g. meal idea planning, shopping for food items, preparing/cooking items, setting out eating utensils, consolidating left-overs, cleaning the dishes, etc.) After the meal experience is complete, have a family discussion noting the effect of each person's cooperation ---or *lack thereof*—on the family meal experience.

Sincerely,

Tracy Cerra, School Counselor

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