



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### October

**10/4-10/8:** Scholastic Book Fair

**10/5:** SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM

**10/19:** Early Release Day, 12 PM

**10/20:** Teacher Planning Day, No School

Thank you for helping us to reinforce our behavior expectations with the students! Small hands can change the world and so can great behavior! At Parkside we expect the students to:

- 1. Always Do Your Best**
- 2. Cooperate With Others**
- 3. Manage Yourself**
- 4. Respect the Rights and Property of Others**
- 5. Try to Resolve Conflict.**

So far, we are off to a great start with outstanding behavior across the school. Thank you for your support!



## Administrator's Corner

It is October and we are almost through the first quarter of school. I am amazed at how fast the year is already moving. I hope you all have had a nice start to the school year. The students have been off to a great start.

Over the next few weeks, we will have a few different activities we hope you and your children will participate. Next week our PTA we be hosting our Scholastic Book Fair. This is one of our students favorite events. Flyers were sent home this week for you to take a look over and help your child decide which books they may like. Teachers are always putting out their wish list for classrooms books. This is a great Holiday presents for students and the teachers. The students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the day with their class. ONLINE shopping is available starting October 1st through October 14th by following the link <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/parksideelementaryschool40> Please get an early start and load up on some books for the holidays for your children and your child's teacher. This is a great way to give back to our school and your child. They are also looking for any parent who may be able to volunteer a few hours throughout the week. This is a big event and it takes a lot of support from our families. Please sign up on the link below if you are interested. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ba5a72ba3f58-book>

Please remember unless your child is sick, they need to be in school every day. Students need to understand that being in school is not an option, but an expectation. This is their job. Please help to re-emphasize the importance of school to our children. The more value you place on this the more your children will as well. In addition, please remember that our doors open at 7:30. Breakfast is available until 7:50 and students arriving after 8:00 AM will be marked tardy. We do offer Beforecare from 6:30 to 7:30. To register for Beforecare you can visit Parkside's web site and click on [Aftercare and Beforecare](#) under Students and Parents. Thank you for your support!

Have an awesome October and thanks for being a part of Parkside where Small Hands can Change the World in a Big Way.

Laneia Hall, Principal



The School Board of Broward County and the Florida Department of Health, Broward has partnered in a project to reduce the number of uninsured children within our schools by assisting parents to enroll their children into one of the programs under the Florida KidCare Program. If you are in need of health insurance, information about this program will be shared soon from FLDOH. [Click here for more information about KidCare!](#)

 Kindergarten

October is here! We are in the full swing in Kindergarten. We are working on letter sounds and applying them to reading and writing, learning parts of a book and beginning writing stages. In Math, we are comparing numbers 1 through 5. And in science, we are learning about and will be experimenting with science tools. We will also be learning about the change in seasons now that it is officially fall! It is Fire Safety Month so we will be doing activities that align with this and learning about fire safety! Your child's teacher will be conferencing with you to update you on their progress thus far. Keep a look out for conference requests coming home in your child's folder or on the class app. Just a reminder to check your child's daily folder every day and read each night!

 First Grade

Wow, we are already halfway into the first quarter! First graders have been very busy. We've been learning about respect and cooperation and have worked hard to build a classroom community. This creates a positive learning environment! We completed the first math chapter on addition and started learning about subtraction. In Science, first graders will begin learning about scientists. We will discuss what scientist do, and how they use their five senses to observe, discover and test. We will also take some time to familiarize ourselves with the tools they use. Lastly, we will be using our science skills to examine apples and pumpkins! Writing time has been great fun as we began our unit on narrative writing. The children are learning how to write a "small moment" writing piece, by writing step by step and with lots of detail. Ask your child about George McClement's book, *Night of the Veggie Monster*. They loved it! Check out the homework journals daily for homework and the black folder for important information. Please be sure to read with your child nightly and have him/her share the reading strategies they are learning in class. Reading practice is the key to success!

 Second Grade

Wow, we are already halfway into the first quarter! Second graders have been very busy. We completed the first math chapter on Number Concepts and learned about place, as well as different ways to show a number. Chapter 2 is on Numbers to 1,000 and is a bit new to the students. You can help by taking some time to practice counting on within the hundreds. We are spending some time in Reading, working in the new Reading series, *Benchmark Universe*. The books have finally arrived at school, and soon will be distributed for student and teacher use. We can't wait to dig into learning. We've also learned many new phonics rules to help with reading. There's always phonics practice during homework time! Keep it up! Writing time has been great fun as we began writing narratives, and exploring expository writing. The children really love to write informational text! Please be sure to read with your child nightly and have him/her share the reading strategies they are learning in class. Reading practice is the key to success!

 Third Grade

In Third Grade this month, we will be doing exciting things. We will be continuing doing Multiplication. Please ensure that your children are memorizing their facts for automaticity. Also, we will be continuing Vertebrates and Invertebrates in Science. In Social Studies, we will be continuing our Map skills. Don't forget, it is essential for all students to have forty-five minutes of iReady for each subject per week. On a final note, the Book Fair will take place from 10/4-10/8 in the media center. Students can bring cash to buy books. Let's make it a great month!

 Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade has been hard at work this past September. We are in the middle of working on novels. Students are reading books such as, "*Chocolate Touch*," "*Clementine*," and "*Because of Winn-Dixie*." As we are reading, we are working on character traits as well as summarizing. Our grammar focus is identifying types of nouns and using correct capitalization. We will be moving on to homophones such as "to, too, two" soon. In Math we are working on multiplying three- and four-digit numbers by one digit numbers. Students are using multiplication strategies such as distributive property, partial products, and the regrouping method. We are also continuing to work on mastering our multiplication facts. Our focus in Social Studies continues to be geography and map skills. In Science, we are learning about behaviors, adaptations, and traits. We have also done a few experiments along the way, so our little scientists can practice going through the scientific process. We are excited to see what October holds!

 Fifth Grade

The Fifth Grade has been hard at work in all their academic areas. In Reading we are deep into theme using picture books and writing summaries. In Math we have completed place value, multiplication, and expressions, and are diving into division with both feet. We are continuing to do exciting investigations in Science along with learning about the water cycle and weather. The students are learning about maps and will soon begin a research project on Native Americans in social studies. Finally, in Writing, we are writing "Million Dollar" sentences and learning how to add elaboration to paragraphs. The students are also very excited for the Book Fair next week. The PTA will have lots of wonderful books for them to choose from.

**Panther Aftercare News**

Back together again, and it feels so GOOD! We are so happy to have all of you back in school and a part of the Aftercare program. We are off to a good start and want to give you a few reminders for this month. Remember our school wide behavior plan. We have 5 major goals that you can continue to help us work on daily. Remind your child to: 1) Always do your best. 2) Cooperate with others. 3) MANAGE YOURSELF. 4) Respect the rights and property of others. 5) Resolve conflicts – Be a problem solver. The payment is due for period 3 on Monday, October 11th. It is available in the e-store now. Remember if payment is not received by midnight on the 11th your child will be withdrawn and students from the wait list will be invited to take their spot. If you decide to come back, there will be a \$30.00 re-registration fee. Pay online at <https://estore.browardschools.com>. If there are any payment concerns call 754-321-0600 which is the Business Support Center.

**Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor**



**Hispanic Heritage Month**

October is Hispanic Heritage Month and Parkside is celebrating with books! The students are reading about Hispanic Americans and Floridians, as well as stories from Hispanic authors and from Hispanic perspectives. Visit [National Hispanic American Heritage Month 2021 \(hispanicheritagemoth.gov\)](http://NationalHispanicAmericanHeritageMonth2021.hispanicheritagemoth.gov) to learn more.



**Parkside PTA Update**



Hello from the PTA!

Happy October!! We have some exciting things happening this month! October 4-8 will be our Book Fair!! It will be open during school hours for the kids to shop! ONLINE shopping is available starting October 1st through October 14th by following the link <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/parksideelementaryschool40>. The PTA has been busy little bees filling Spirit Shirts orders! We want to Thank EVERYONE who has purchased! If you have not received your Spirit Shirt, we promise you will soon!! Thank you all for your pa-



tience and understanding while we continue to fill all orders!! Parkside is happy to announce our involvement with Soldier Rush! Bring the whole family to get involved! Check out their website at [www.soldierrush.com](http://www.soldierrush.com). Did you know we had a Facebook page? <https://www.facebook.com/coralspringparksidepta/>. This is where you can find up to date information on all of our upcoming events! Calling ALL Broward County approved volunteers.. we are in need of your assistance!! We have chair positions available! Please reach out to the PTA at [parksideptacs@gmail.com](mailto:parksideptacs@gmail.com). 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-Gy1Z96AOdMTNEmmLW7zU5APPdMSpqo2c](https://parkside-elementary-pta.square.site/?fbclid=IwAR24mx29XPLuS3GNiSZFw_BeVV-Gy1Z96AOdMTNEmmLW7zU5APPdMSpqo2c)

**Sincerely,  
Parkside PTA**

**Out of Field Notice:**

The following teachers at Parkside are considered teaching "Out-Of-Field." This means that they do not have full certification in a certain area. These teachers are all in the process of obtaining the training and coursework to obtain the proper certification. These teachers and their certification areas are: Sara Alfaro – ESOL 1, Kirstin Colwell – ESOL 1, Luz Guerrero – Elementary Education and ESOL 1, Giselle McClymont – ESOL 1, Nicole O'Reilly – ESOL 1 and Gifted, Jethina Ovesen – ESOL 1, Ashley Taylor – ESOL 1, Tamara Vuckovich – Gifted.



### 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 on **Tuesday, October 5th at 7:30 AM.** Please consider joining us however you can. [If you can't make it in person, just click here to join the meeting remotely!](#)

**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 Corner



The month of October signifies that fall season is well underway; October also means that the end of Quarter 1 is near. Hence, all students should be settled in their classes, adhering to the rules of the school (e.g. consistent punctuality + attendance, listening to teachers/staff, keeping hands/feet to self) and demonstrating their utmost academic capacity. By October 31, 2021 each classroom/grade level will have received a Social, Emotional Learning (SEL) lesson by Miss Cerra, the School Counselor. The SEL lessons are specific to grade level and are used to facilitate a successful learning process. For the SEL lesson name and content given in your child's classroom by Miss Cerra, please email [tracy.cerra@browardschools.com](mailto:tracy.cerra@browardschools.com); put **"SEL Lesson"** in the subject box and in the content/body area of message, be sure to include your child's name, and grade level. You will receive a reply containing the SEL lesson information within 48 hrs.

The character trait of *Responsibility* is highlighted and celebrated throughout the month of October. *Responsibility* is when an individual takes initiative in completing duties/tasks (i.e. without having to be told and/or reminded to do so). For example, if a student usually relies on a parent/guardian to wake up on time for school, then the student could demonstrate *Responsibility* by setting an alarm to wake up on time instead. For more information on the importance of kids learning about *Responsibility* and for ways to infuse the concept of *Responsibility* into your households, please visit: <https://evolvreatment.com/blog/giving-kids-responsibilities/>

Sincerely,  
Tracy Cerra, School Counselor



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