



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

November

11/1-11/12: PTA Popcorn Online Fundraiser
11/2: SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM
11/11: No School, Veteran's Day
11/12: Report Cards Issued, Honor Roll and Student of the Month Assemblies
11/22-11/26: No School, Thanksgiving Break
12/1: Picture Retake Day

Please check out our updated Meal Viewer Page on our web site. Click here or visit <https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/ParksideElementarySchool> to view the cafeteria menu for the whole year. You can view our breakfast and lunch menus so you can make smart choices daily.



Administrator's Corner

Parkside families, we have made it to November. I continue to be amazed at how quickly time goes by. The month of October was filled with a lot of fun and excitement for our staff and students. We ended the first quarter of school, students enjoyed fun activities with "Just Say No to Drugs," our first Title I night and training for parents and we ended the month with our annual Halloween Parade and Halloween activities. Then all of those who Trick or Treat, enjoyed lots of candy and excitement on Sunday. We could all see how exhausted the students were on Monday morning. Hopefully everyone had a great month.

Now we are off into the month of November and before we blink it will be winter break. By this time you all should have had or be in the process of scheduling your first conferences with your child's teacher. If these have not been scheduled, I highly encourage you to reach out to the teacher. For your child to be successful, it takes a team and you are a key factor in this team. Progress reports will be available through Virtual Counselor. For those who do not know how to access this, we will be sending home directions to help you through this process. The district will not be sending out hard copies of the progress reports.

I really want to take a moment to thank all of the families who were able to come out to our Title I/Parent Training night. It was really a very successful night. The feedback we received from the families who attended was very helpful to us as we continue to plan our next event as well as how we can better communicate as a school to our parents. The children whose parents attended had a really fun, sugary afternoon with pizza, movie, cookies and soda. They deserved the reward.

PTA has gotten off to a great start. They had a successful book fair, started their Friday cart and now have long sleeve shirts and the popcorn fundraiser taking off. They are definitely keeping busy. Please make sure you support our PTA by joining the organization as well as participating in the fundraisers. The popcorn one is a GREAT one! The popcorn is really good and we receive 50% of the profits. You just have to send out the link to friends and families and encourage them to support your child. The popcorn is delivered right to their homes. The top class receives a party as well as students will get prizes. We hope you will help our school.

This year we seem to continue to have an excessive amount of tardy children each day. We all have days where we struggle to get where we need to be on time, but there are some who are repeat daily. Routines and schedules are helpful in getting our kids up and ready and here at the right time. A student is considered tardy at 8 am if they are not in the class when the second bell rings. Please try to get an earlier start if possible. If you are having issues or need to discuss your situation, please feel free to reach out to the school. While we want all students to be on time, we do understand there are family circumstances that could be impacting your life.

Please remember we have the entire week off for Thanksgiving. Hope you enjoy these next few weeks and have time to say Thanks for your blessings whether they are large or small.

Laneia Hall, Principal



Kindergarten

It's hard to believe it is already the 2nd quarter. We will really be focusing on blending letter sounds and sight word recognition. Reading fluency is a big confidence builder with the young readers, and the more they are exposed and feel comfortable starting to read independently the better they will do. In Math, we will be comparing numbers up to 10. Please make sure to review the math vocabulary with your child. (Greater, less than, equal). In Science, we will be learning about plant life cycles which is always a fun unit! We will continue to talk a lot about family traditions and comparing families of today with those in the past during this month. We're excited for the holidays coming up so we wish a very Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

First Grade

We have been very busy in First Grade. Reading groups are in full swing and the children are working hard learning reading strategies to make them better readers. Please take some time to read the *Parent Pipelines* we send home. They are full of information that can help you help your child with reading at home. In Math, we have completed the chapters on addition/subtraction concepts, and are now learning about different strategies to help us solve a problem. We are also working hard on math fluency to ten, as well as doubles and doubles plus one facts. In Science, the students have learned about scientist tools, their five senses, and the scientific method. The students will be learning about plants and how they grow during November! We will be going to Flamingo Gardens to explore more about plants. We are continuing to write narrative stories during writing time. We are focusing on writing small moments, and adding lots of detail to our pieces of writing. We are also learning to edit our work, especially by adding correct punctuation. As always, keep up the great work!

Second Grade

Second grade is sailing smoothly into second quarter. We had our Halloween Parade on Oct 29. It was nice to return to some traditional activities. We had some fun dressing up for Red Ribbon Week at the end of October and most classes took on Ms. Mastrianni's No Paper Day challenge and entered the recycled animal art contest! In Reading, we are learning to retell and summarize stories including folktales and fables and determine the moral or lessons they try to teach. In Math, we are learning about place value and different ways to add two and three digit numbers. Math fact fluency is key to making this process easier. Please practice your math facts at home daily using flashcards or flashcard apps. Remember to spend some time on iReady for Reading and Math each day for a total of 45 min each week per subject. In Social Studies, we are learning about various Native American regions and the tribes living in each region including the types of homes, clothing and lifestyle. We are also learning how immigrants or settlers affected the Native American way of life. In science we are learning about Earth Systems and Patterns in Nature including severe weather conditions and how we can prepare for them. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving this month.

Third Grade

In Third Grade this month, we will be been working hard on many activities. Students need to be able to do a Close Read, which means they should be going back in the text and underlining the responses to questions after reading the text three times, as well as answering in complete sentences with capital letters, and punctuation. Please check your student's homework daily to ensure completion. We will be continuing doing Multiplication. It is imperative that students learn their facts and have automaticity. Math builds on having this foundation throughout the year, and onward. Also, we will be working on Plants, and the Life Cycle in Science. In Social Studies, we will be continuing our Map skills and working on cultures around the world. Don't forget, it is necessary for all students to have forty-five minutes of iReady for each subject per week. Make it a great month!

Fourth Grade

This past October has been a fun month of learning. In Reading, we are working on summarizing and point of view. Students are learning the difference between first and third point of view. Our grammar focus has been on distinguishing the use of different homophones such as "there, their, they're" and "your, you're." In Math we are working on multiplying two-digit numbers by two-digit numbers as well as learning about factors and multiples. Students are using multiplication strategies such as distributive property, partial products, and the regrouping method. As we move through our lessons we continue to work on mastering our multiplication facts. In Science, we just recently finished learning about food chains. Students learned about food chains found in the Everglades. We are excited to see these animals when we go on our field trip to the Everglades in November! Currently, we are learning about reproduction of plants and life cycles. Many teachers have brought in habitats of beetles and butterflies to bring learning more to life. We are excited to see what November holds!

Fifth Grade

We can't believe that it is November already. Time is sure flying in 5th grade! The students are excited to participate in the GRADE program with Officer Mulvey, where they will be learning important lessons about topics such as cyberbullying, gangs and drugs. The Fifth Grade has just completed division of whole numbers and are jumping into adding and subtracting decimals. In Science, we will be finishing up with weather and moving on to matter. The students have been working hard on their Native American projects in Social Studies, along with their weekly geography activities. Finally, in Language Arts, we are busy planning essays using two sources and reading literature to compare and contrast characters, plot, and settings. Please make sure your child is reading for at least 20 minutes per day to increase their fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills. Reading is the center of All Learning!

School Counselor's Corner

Thanksgiving is within sight and the Parkside staff is very thankful to be a part of your child(ren)'s educational journey. The collection for the annual Harvest Drive is underway and will continue up until 8am on November 15, 2021. Certain non-perishable items have been requested by the Harvest Drive organizers. Moreover, the Harvest Drive organizers have requested that all the non-perishable items be boxed, canned, encased in plastic, packaged and/or bagged (**i.e. NO GLASS JARS**). Collection items have been separated by grade level and are as follows:

- Pre-K/Kindergarten:** Cereal, Powdered Milk, Pancake Mix, Syrup
- 1st Grade:** Mac and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Apple Sauce
- 2nd Grade:** Cookies, Crackers, Canned Vegetables, Canned Black Beans
- 3rd Grade:** Canned Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Rice, Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- 4th Grade:** Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Canned Soup
- 5th Grade:** Canned Corn, Stuffing, Gravy in Cans or Packets, Cornbread Muffin Mix



Lastly, the character trait of Citizenship is celebrated throughout the month of November; the Harvest Drive collection is just one example of Citizenship at its finest, i.e. *A Cooperative Effort to Help Those in Need*. The school counselor, Miss Cerra, will provide an interactive guidance lesson to all classrooms on concepts of Citizenship (e.g. importance of obeying laws, importance of respecting/cooperating with others, etc.) The lessons will be grade level/developmentally appropriate and will be delivered to grade levels throughout November and December. For more on the character trait of Citizenship visit: <https://charactercounts.org/c7/>

Sincerely,
 Tracy Cerra, School Counselor

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY



Parkside PTA Update

Hello from the PTA and Happy November!

We have another exciting month! But first, we would like to thank all of you who attended our Book Fair! We had our biggest year in over 3 years!! We couldn't have done it without ALL OF YOU!




- November 1st -12th we will be starting our Poppin Popcorn fundraiser! We will be getting 50% back to our school! Please share with your friends and family! This fundraiser is ONLINE ONLY!! (see attachment).
- Our Holiday Shop is Back! It will run from November 29th-December 3rd! Your kids will be able to come and shop for their families! Be on the look out for more information!
- PRE-ORDER ALERT! We will be selling long sleeve shirts and Hoodies! Order forms coming home soon!
- Did you know we had a Facebook page!? <https://www.facebook.com/coralspringsparksidepta/> 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


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

Sincerely,
 Parkside PTA


INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING REPORT CARDS




GO TO YOUR CHILD'S CLEVER ACCOUNT AND CLICK ON VIRTUAL COUNSELOR.



CLICK ON "GO TO VIRTUAL COUNSELOR".



1. ENTER YOUR CHILD'S 06----- NUMBER.
2. PASSWORD IS COMPLETE DATE OF BIRTH INCLUDING FORWARD SLASHES MM/DD/YYYY.



CLICK ON "2022 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT CARD-MARKING PERIOD 1".


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, November 2nd 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!




Panther Aftercare News

As we begin this new month, please know that we are thankful for you being here with us. We also want to remind you to please log on and complete our customer satisfaction survey that we put out last month. Thank you to the families who have already completed it! Please let us know if what we are doing is meeting your expectations. This survey is used to help us continuously improve our quality of service to all families.

The next payment is due by Friday, November 5th by 11:59 pm. Please have your payment in on time to avoid losing your spot. We still have a waiting list of over 30 families who would like to join us, any payments not received on time, will be offered to the next family. Payments are: \$194.00 for aftercare, \$184.00 for any siblings, and \$48.00 for Before Care. If you received a scholarship remember that you must pay me directly! You can not complete that transaction on the e-store. The address for the e-store is: <https://estore.browardschools.com>. If you have problems call the Business Support Center at 754-321-0600.

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor



Small Hands Can Change the World in a Big Way!

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