



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

September

8/31: Open House for PreK-2, 6:30 PM

9/5: No School, Labor Day

9/7: Open House for 3rd-5th, 6:30 PM

9/13: SAC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM

9/26: No School, Rosh Hashanah

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. Even though breakfast and lunch at Parkside are free daily for the 2022-2023 School Year, we still need parents to complete this application.



Administrator's Corner

Welcome back Parkside Families to the 2022/23 school year. We are excited to get this year started and looking forward to a successful year. We'd like to welcome back so many of our returning families and are happy to have so many new Kindergarten families as well as other grade levels. Please know we are glad to have you as part of our family.

This year our theme is Exploring to the Stars. Our focus will be looking to dig deeper into our curriculum, with a focus on Science. Our teachers have been working tirelessly over these last few weeks and through the summer training and planning for this upcoming year. We want your children to love learning and to have learning experiences that are hands on, engaging, enriching and fun. Parents will learn more about what is happening in the classrooms at our two Open Houses.

On the first day of school, we sent home several different forms that we need you to please take time to fill out and return to school. The emergency contact forms (green card stock) is very important for us so we have updated information for you and your families. Should we ever have an emergency, these are the cards we physically take with us. The other really IMPORTANT form this year is new. This form is called "Parent/Guardian Consent For School Health Services." This is imperative we receive one of these for every child in order for them to be seen in our clinic. If your child does not have a form completed, he/she will not be able to be seen for any reason. Please take a few minutes to complete and turn these in to us as soon as you can.

We really want to thank you all for a great start this year. The routines and procedures for our arrival and dismissal have been running fairly smoothly. Just a few reminders for all. If you are walking your child to and from school, please remember you are required to use the crosswalks at all times. We understand that this may make you walk a little further, but you and your child's safety is first and foremost. In our car loop, please continue to remember you must pull all the way forward every time you are dropping off or picking up. This helps us to load and unload multiple cars at a time and get through faster. If your child needs assistance, please let the safety patrol or one of the adults assist you if needed.

This year we will be implementing a Progress Monitoring System called FAST, Florida Assessment of Student Thinking. This will be implemented three times throughout the year. The final PM will be used for promotion criteria and as well as the school accountability grade. The school grade will begin next school year as this year is considered a "held harmless" year since it's the first time giving this type of assessment. All assessments will be computer based. The first PM window is August 16th-September 26th. So we have scheduled these for the week of September 6th for grades 3-5 and September 12th for K-2. More information is on the website and will be coming home soon. Should you have any additional questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Please don't forget to join our wonderful PTA to help support our school. There are many ways to get involved if you are looking to help us out. Please check out our website for more information. Please know my staff and I are always here to assist you in any way. Don't ever hesitate to ask.

Mrs. Laneia Hall, Principal



Welcome to Kindergarten! Please make sure you join us for Open House on August 31st at 6:30 PM! We encourage you to be a part of your child's academic success here at Parkside. We will be working with your child on recognizing letters and sounds. Please have them practice 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! Reminders: First Grade Open House is this coming Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30pm. We look forward to meeting all of you and having an opportunity to tell you all about your child's year in first grade. 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.



Welcome back Second Graders! We are so excited to start the new year. Open House is on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30. Hope to see all parents there. Your teacher will be discussing their schedule, expectations, the new math series, and plenty more. Make sure to order your child's Second Grade t-shirt. Order form went home electronically through your teacher's communication app. Please read the directions on how to order on the form. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



Third Grade has made their launch to the stars with abundant enthusiasm! We have a lot of new experiences in store for our students this year. After a couple of weeks of acclimating our newly intermediate Panthers to classroom rules and procedures, we dive right into a brand-new Math curriculum focusing strongly on the problem-solving process and the understanding of using the mathematical concepts in real-life settings. In Reading, students will be reviewing basic skills for the first few weeks while teachers give each student a BAS testing to gauge their jumping off point since the end of the last school year. After Labor Day we begin our Benchmark Advance series in Reading and Writing. All standard assessments this year will be online at school and more periodic, so as to monitor the progress closely of each student. As soon as we have gathered data to determine areas of strength and areas that need improvement, we will begin conferences. It is imperative that our students read a minimum of 20-30 minutes per day. Your child's teacher may also be asking for a log of what he/she has read. In Math, we will begin with initial multiplication concepts and properties. Science is an exciting time for students this month because our focus is on animal classification and its interaction with the environment. Finally, in Social Studies we will journey into reading, using, and designing maps. Your child will have homework each night, Monday-Thursday. It is essential that each child complete it nightly. PLEASE check your child's Agenda and HOME FOLDER every day after school so as to maintain communication between home and the classroom. We will work TOGETHER to make sure we have a STELLAR year!



Fourth Grade is extremely excited to be back in school. 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, inferring, classifying, comparing, communicating, and using data. We are looking forward to a great year!



Fifth Grade is extremely excited to begin this year. We are so elated to see all the students smiling faces and their eagerness to learn. We are starting the year in reading with our first novel, Frindle. We are learning about author's purpose, and what it means to be a successful reader. In writing, we are working on finding the main idea and evidence of a text which will help us organize our writing especially when doing essays. We are working on place value in math and are using a variety of tools to practice decomposing and analyzing numbers from the hundred millions to the thousandths place. Our focus in Social Studies right now is geography of the United States and map skills such as latitude and longitude. We are becoming scientists and learning the scientific process as well as making observations and inferences. We are looking forward to a great year!



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. All of our home communications are available in multiple languages on our web site.

- 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 2022-2023 School Year. There are limited spots available at this time for Aftercare and Beforecare at this time so please visit <https://www.browardschools.com/bascc> or <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/67350> 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. 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 for the 2022-2023 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/coralspringparksidepta/> 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-Gy1Z96AOdMTNEmmLW7zU5APPdMSpqo2c

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 Tuesday of each month. This month, we will have brief information sessions before our Open Houses (8/31 and 9/7) and we will be having our first meeting on **September 13th at 7:30 AM.** Please consider joining us however you can. Thanks to all of our members for their support and participation this year! Please join us each month to provide your input and support the school's mission.

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!

September Counselor's Corner



There are two school counselors at Parkside Elementary this year! Nicole Hahn has joined the Parkside team and will be working alongside Tracy Cerra in ensuring the social and emotional health of Parkside's students and families. While the start of a new school year is 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 around in our society. The concept of Mindfulness is developing intrapersonal (i.e. self) awareness/engagement in order to reduce overall stress and add resiliency to one's persona.

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 the month in which we celebrate and explore the character trait of Cooperation. When a group of people work together effectively in order to accomplish a common goal, that is Cooperation. Emphasize the importance of Cooperation in your homes this month!

Sincerely,

Tracy Cerra, School Counselor

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