

The Panther Scoop: February 2024

Stay up-to-date with our monthly newsletter of what's happening around Pasadena Lakes Elementary!

Janet C. Williams, Principal

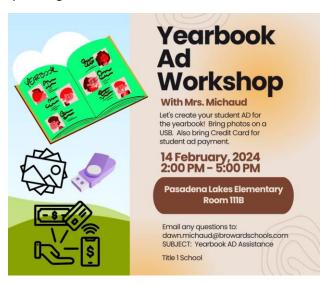
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February 2024



- 2/7: 100th Day Of School!!
- 2/8: Pre-K Cap & Gown Photos (ONLY day for photos! There is No make-up day!!)
- 2/13: Interim Reports Issued, Select students ONLY!
- 2/14: Early Release Day, Dismissal at 12:10 PM
 - Day of Reflection, Remembering Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Students & Staff
 - Valentines' Day: Wear Red, Pink or White
- 2/19: Presidents' Day, District Offices & Schools Closed, Holiday
- 2/20: GR 5 Field Trip, Zoo Miami
- 2/23: PK 5 In-house Field Trip, Water Safety
- 2/26: KG Field Trip, Butterfly World
- 2/27: School Advisory Council, School Advisory Forum meeting, Kids Of Character, 6:00 PM,
 Cafeteria
- 2/29: VPK Field Trip, Young At Art





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- Preserve the memories of the year in a book to be
- cherished forever!

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A Title 1 School



February is **AMERICAN HEART MONTH**



American Heart Month isn't just for lovers. February also reminds us to take care of our hearts and consider our risk factors.

Believe it or not, heart disease can happen at any age. However, some risk factors for heart disease and stroke are preventable. American Heart Month teaches us how we can help reduce our risks while eliminating those we have control over. Do you have one of these risk factors for cardiovascular disease? Obesity, physical inactivity, high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, high cholesterol, or diabetes.

JANUARY 15, 2024 | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY | NATIONAL BOOCH DAY | NATIONAL BAGEL DAY | NATIONAL STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM DAY | NATIONAL HAT DAYHOW TO OBSERVE #AmericanHeartMonth

Visit <u>www.millionhearts.hhs.gov</u> to learn more about the risks and how to prevent heart disease and stroke. Use #AmericanHeartMonth to share on social media.

Review these signs for heart disease risk:

- 1. High blood pressure. Millions of people in the United States have high blood pressure, and millions of them are as young as 40 or 50. If you are one of them, talk to your doctor about ways to control it.
- 2. High cholesterol, diabetes, and obesity are all conditions that can increase your risk for heart disease. If you fall into this category, work on eating healthy and getting some physical activity a few times a week.
- 3. Smoking cigarettes. Over 35 million adults in America are smokers, and thousands of young people pick up the habit daily. If you're a smoker, do your best to quit or cut down. It's what's best for your health.

So, if you want to stay on top of your health and try to avoid the risk of heart disease, there are a few things you can do. First, don't smoke, and if you're already a smoker, do your best to quit. Click here for options for help. The next step you can take is managing any conditions you may have, such as high blood pressure and cholesterol. Take your medication as prescribed by your doctor. Next, make hearthealthy diet decisions. Eat whole foods low in trans-fat, saturated fat, sodium, and added sugar. A good rule of thumb is to fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables. Finally, get moving! Living a sedentary lifestyle will put you at a much greater risk for heart disease. Try to get in at least 20 minutes of physical activity 4-5 days a week, then build from there!

AMERICAN HEART MONTH HISTORY

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared the first American Heart Month to tackle heart disease in the United States.

Resource: https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/health-awareness/american-heart-month-february

Don't be LATE, Aim for 8:00 am!!



Parents we need your help!! If your child(ren) arrive at school AFTER the 8:10 AM bell, the Parent/Guardian MUST accompany them into the front office. DO NOT DROP THEM OFF AT THE FRONT OFFICE DOOR!! The student MUST receive a tardy pass and the parent/guardian **MUST provide a verbal reason for the tardy** when the student arrives at school.

The Parent Drop off loop will close at the sound of the first bell at 8:05 am. This will allow staff to arrive to class on time to assist students and teachers. Students dropped off after 8:05 am, will need to use the main office entrance for drop off and be escorted to the door.

Thank you for your cooperation with this EXTREMELY critical attendance matter!!

Forgotten Items??



One of our goals is to teach our children responsibility. However, we all forget things occasionally. On that rare occasion that you have to drop forgotten items off in the office, please, label them with your child's name and teacher's name.

Our Office Staff will be happy to assist you in getting the items to your child. We do ask that you be patient as our office staff are usually very busy. Students may not be called to the office immediately, but, items will be give to the student in a timely manner.

Silence Hurts



1 - Words can hurt others, but sometimes, silence hurts even more!

The School Board of Broward County encourages students to report information about any non-urgent illegal activity, such as vandalism, theft, the sale and distribution of drugs or information about crimes that are being planned. This service allows students, as well as teachers and faculty, to send anonymous tips by sending a text message from a mobile phone, email or internet source. The following information may be utilized to contact the anonymous hotline which is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 day a year.

• **TELEPHONE** (National Hotline): 1-800-96-ABUSE (22873)

WEBSITE: www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report

• EMAIL: school911@browardschools.com

• **CALL**: 754-321-0911

• TEXT: "SBBC" space with your text message to 274637 (CRIMES)

Student ID Badge Replacement Information

	Pasadena Lakes Elementary
	Student ID Badge Replacement Form
	Dear Parent/Guardian:
	I lost my school ID that I need each day for school safety and cafeteria meals. Please help me to get my ID replaced by following the directions below:
	Student's Name:
	Homeroom Teacher's Name:
	Student's ID #:
	e-Store Receipt #:
	Parent/Guardian: Payment of \$5.00 must be paid ONLINE! https://www.browardschools.com/pasadenalakes/estore
	urn this completed form to the Homeroom Teacher. After payment is received/processed, the student will be stographed and receive the replacement student ID badge. Please allow 24-48 hours for processing, thank you.
	Ms. Janet C. Williams, Principal; Ms. <u>Mokisha</u> Spencer, Assistant Principal Mrs. Dawn Michaud, Technology Support Specialist II
	Pasadena <u>Lakes</u> Elementary
	Formulario de reemplazo de credencial de identificación de estudiante
	Estimado Padre / Tutor: Perdi mi identificación escolar que necesito todos los dias para la seguridad escolar y las comidas en la cafetería. Ayúdenme a reemplazar mi identificación siguiendo las instrucciones a continuación:
Е	I nombre del estudiante:
	lombre del maestro de aula:
	lúmero de identificación del estudiante:
1	I.º de recibo de la tienda electrónica:
	Padre/Tutor: ;El pago de \$5.00 debe realizarse EN LÍNEA! https://www.browardschools.com/pasadenalakes/estore
	Devuelva este formulario completo al maestro de aula. Después de recibir/procesar el pago, el estudiante será fotografiado y recibirá la tarjeta de identificación de estudiante de reemplazo. Espere entre 24 y 48 horas para el procesamiento, gracias.
	Sra. Janet C. Williams, directora; Sra. Mokisha Spencer, subdirectora
	Cue Davin Michael Especialista en conceta tecnológica II

Panther Child Care: 754-323-6922

Ms. Tinerino-Allen, Supervisor



Pasadena Lakes "Panther Care" is the place to be!

Do you ever worry that you'll be late to drop off or pick up your child from school on time? Do you want them to be engaged in social and academic activities and interact safely with new friends after school?

If so, our aftercare is the place to be! Join the fun today!

Our students are involved in many amazing activities and we appreciate your support in making our program the best there is! They receive homework "help" for 45 mins daily, eat a healthy supper, play indoor and outdoor sports/dance activities, complete arts and crafts projects, and participate in other subject areas and enjoyable events that take place in our program.

Program Hours:

Panther "Before Care Hours" are from 6:40 a.m.-7:40 a.m.

Panther "Aftercare Hours" are from 2:10 p.m-6:10 p.m.

Costs per Child to attend:

- Registration fee per each child \$30.00
- Monthly Before Care Fees: \$63.00
- Monthly Aftercare Fees: \$256.00**(includes early release days)**
- Monthly Activity Fee \$12.00

Scholarships are available. To apply, please visit: browardschools.com/bascc

- If approved, scholarships must be paid in the front office.

Aftercare full fees and Activity fees are due each period together.

*Late pick up fees of \$15.00 will be applied after 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Tinerino-Allen can be reached at (754) 323-6922 from 2:10 PM - 6:10 PM.

Our program currently has a few spots available for registration*

Should you have any questions or concerns,

Please contact Ms. Tinerino-Allen @ 754-323-6922.

February Themes: Groundhog Day, 100th day of school, Presidents' Day, Black History, Dental Health, & Valentine's Day.

The entire Pasadena Panthercare team wishes you a Fabulous February!

Mrs. Morrow, Title 1 Liaison



Helping Your Child become a Responsible Citizen

"Intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education." — Martin Luther King Jr.

As parents, we all want our children to grow up to be responsible citizens and good people. We want them to learn to feel, think and act with respect for themselves and for other people. We want them to pursue their own well-being, while also being considerate of the needs and feelings of others. We want them to recognize and honor the democratic principles upon which our country was founded. We want them, in short, to develop strong character.

On the other hand, if children do not learn proper values and behavior when they are very young, problems can develop. These problems can mushroom with serious consequences as children grow older—dropping out of school, drug use, teenage pregnancy, violent crime—the list goes on.

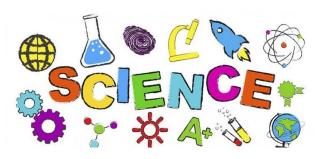
The most important thing we can do for our children is to help them acquire values and skills that they can rely on throughout their lives. In doing so, they will have the best chance to lead good lives as individuals and as citizens of their communities and of America.

The Helping Your Child publication series aims to provide parents with the tools and information necessary to help their children succeed in school and life. These booklets feature practical lessons and activities to help their school aged and preschool children master reading, understand the value of homework and develop the skills and values necessary to achieve and grow.

US Department of Education Helping Your Child: Become a Responsible Citizen resource can be viewed on the following webpage.

https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/citizen/citizen.pdf

Mrs. Balboa, Science Coach



Here are some ideas to make science hands-on at home. There are plenty of experiments you can perform at home. You can perform these experiments and experience the scientific method. Here are a few easy ways for you to see science in action.

- Tornado in a bottle
- Rainbow in a glass
- Gooey slime
- Pasta rocket
- Homemade lava lamp
- Instant ice
- Baking soda volcano

Mrs. Balboa, Math Coach



Focusing on Math Goals

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful winter break. We are very excited to begin 2024. As we continue to work diligently on our goals, here a few tips to keep in mind.

- 1. Set (and keep) a schedule
- 2. Make sure you have any math materials necessary to complete all assignments including textbooks, pencils, white board, or paper to show their work.
- 3. For homework, find a place in your home conducive to learning
- 4. Create a plan how to achieve your goals listed in your goals folder.
- 5. Use your manipulatives as often as possible. Virtual manipulatives can be used at home as well.
- 6. Discuss your math solution with a classmate and see how they solved it.
- 7. When solving word problems, remember to use the problem-solving strategies.

Mrs. G. Williams, Literacy Coach

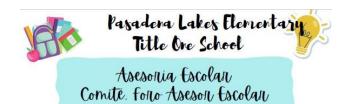




School Advisory Committee. School Advisory forum

Parents, play an active role in positively supporting our students by partaking in strategic and collaborative conversations with Pasadena stakeholders to better serve our school. Being a SAC member provides a platform for assisting us with setting goals to make PLE an even

greater place to be! PTA dates to be determined Join us to become a member of our prestigious Parent-teacher Association Partner with PLE to continue our mission of 2023-2024 SAC/SAF Meetings: excellence by joining PTA. PTA's mission is to make every · September 26th @ 2:40 p.m. child's potential a reality by (Meeting combined w/SAF) engaging and empowering October 26th @ 6:00 p.m. families and communities to · November 28th @ 2:40 p.m. advocate for all children. January 30th @ 2:40 p.m. Membership is \$10 (Meeting combined w/SAF) February 27th @ 6:00 p.m. · March 19th @ 2:40 p.m. · April 30th @ 6:00 p.m. May 28th @ 2:40 p.m.



Los padres desempeñan un papel activo en el apoyo positivo a nuestros estudiantes al participar en conversaciones estratégicas y colaborativas con las partes interesadas de Pasadena para servir mejor a nuestra escuela. ¡Ser miembro de SAC proporciona una plataforma para ayudarnos a establecer metas para hacer de PLE un lugar aún mejor para estar!

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2023-2024Reunión SAC/SAF

- Septiembre 26th @ 2:40 p.m.
 (Reunión combinada con SAF)
- · Octubre 26th @ 6:00 p.m.
- · Noviembre 28th @ 2:40 p.m.
- · Enero 30th @ 2:40 p.m.
- (Reunión combinada con SAF)
 Febrero 27th @ 6:00 p.m.
- · Marzo 19th @ 2:40 p.m.
- · Abril 30th @ 6:00 p.m.
- · Mayo 28th @ 2:40 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten



Happy New Year! We launched in 2024. Time flies when you are having fun.... Wow!! We've finished the first half of our school year, and it's now time to experience a new and exciting month called "February". It's the shortest month of the year with only 29 days! On February 14th, we have a special day called Valentine's Day. During the month, students will be decorating a heart and celebrating the 100th day of the school. February is also the international month of friendship, where we celebrate friendship and kindness. February is truly a special month for spending time with our family and friends. In class, our students will learn about leap year and continue to practice their math, literacy, language development, independent functioning, and social interactions.

Kindergarten

Hello amazing Kindergarten families, we cannot believe we are already halfway through the year. This month we will be celebrating the 100th day of school and cannot wait to celebrate with our students.

Math: We are beginning to work with numbers 11-20. We will be working on comparing, adding, and subtracting. In reading we will be reading a variety of texts and answering the question "How do we know what is right?"

Phonics: We continue to work on Consonant Vowel Consonant words with our short vowels, as well as differentiating short and long vowel sounds. Our students are doing an amazing job of learning their Primer sight words, and we will continue adding three new words a week. Please continue reviewing past and current words with your child. Your child will begin observing that things that make sound vibrate, as well as the Law of Gravity.

Additionally, we will be discussing the many important contributions African American's have had on our country. We will be incorporating Black History Month Activities to help our students celebrate and learn more about important historical figures past and present. We look forward to another fun and engaging month!

First Grade

The new year has been off to a great start, and we will be working even harder this 2nd semester of school. Please remember that to ensure their academic progress continues, have your child arrive to school campus no later than 8:10 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. J Conferences are scheduled by teachers, as needed or if requested. We appreciate you!

Reading: Students will be identifying the reasons an author gives to support points in a text. They will also review the use of illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas. Students are asked to please read daily for at least 20 minutes and think about what they have read throughout the story.

Writing: Students will continue to work on opinion pieces, where they introduce the topic, support their topics by including three reasons why, and a closing sentence.

Math: Students will be comparing two different two-digit numbers based on the meanings of the tens and ones digits, as well as identifying which number is greater than, less than, and equal to.

Science: Our marvelous scientists will be learning about how the different life cycles vary among organisms and how reproduction is a major stage in the life cycle of all organisms.

Social Studies: Students will identify celebrations and national holidays, recognize previous presidents, discuss our current president, and identify famous African Americans as a way of remembering and honoring their heroism and achievements of the people, events, and our nation's ethnic heritage.

Sending love from your first-grade team, Happy February!

Second Grade

Reading: Our scholars will identify and explain a theme of a literary text. Some questions to ask your child: Can you recount what happened in the story (fable/folktale/play/poem)? What happened first? (Beginning/Middle/End). What would be another good title for this story? What is the central message of the story (fable/folktale/play/poem)? Scholars will also identify Plot and Structure. Scholars will be

asked to describe story elements. When your child is reading literary texts please have them determine: who is the most important character in the story? How do you know? What is the problem in the story? How does the main character try to solve the problem? What happens that causes the character to change from beginning to the end of the story? These are specific questions that can continue to support their comprehension in literary texts.

Science: Our scientist will be expected to investigate the effect of applying various pushes and pulls on different objects. Together, we will explore pushing and pulling. We will analyze an object to change position and to move. Scientist will investigate the effect of a push or a pull on various objects. Some tools such as swings, balls, pulleys, and wagons are used to help move objects. Please reinforce these skills at home.

Math: Our mathematicians will understand place value and count by hundreds to 1,000. Together we will use place value blocks and drawings to model, read and write 3-digit numbers in expanded form, standard form, and word form. Mathematicians will tell the value of a digit by where it is placed in a number.

Third Grade

Spring is near and our students are gearing up for more rigor and increased expectations in third grade! Throughout the month students will work on Benchmark Universe Unit 7- Communities Then and Now. This unit focuses on how history, culture, and geographical location impact communities and how they grow and change. Please ensure your child is using good study habits when they are completing homework and utilizing reading strategies when completing comprehension passages.

In Math, third graders continue to work on using equations to solve problems and understand fractions as numbers. They will continue to work on two-step story problems that use all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) to solve. Students should be practicing their math fluency facts every day and utilizing Fluency Builder in i-Ready to reinforce skills at home.

To celebrate Black History Month, students will be working on a cereal box project. This is a perfect opportunity for you and your child to work together and learn from each other. Please review any graded work with your child, along with the teacher feedback to help increase understanding in that subject area. Engagement is key to ensure student success!

Fourth Grade

As our 4th graders enter 3rd quarter, they have learned so much, and are continuing to press on. In math, we are learning about fraction equivalence, in addition to plotting, ordering, and comparing fractions. We're using models and number lines to identify equivalent fractions and using multiplication and division to find equivalent fractions. Please be sure that learning multiplication tables is still a priority.

We're floating into science by learning about the phases of the moon. It's so interesting learning why the moon's appearance changes in a pattern each month and being able to describe that pattern of change.

In social studies, gaining knowledge about our beautiful state of Florida, the industries that affect the state's economy, as well as the contributions and impact of immigrants and significant individuals to Florida is so educational.

As we follow the B.E.S.T. learning goals, in English Language Arts (ELA), students are learning to identify the plot and theme of a story, explain how characters develop and contribute to the plot of a story, and explain how rhyme and structure create meaning in a poem. The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.) will be upon us before we know it, so please be sure your child continues to practice on Khan Academy, works on i-Ready Reading and Math, and do lots of reading everyday at home. Reading creates successful individuals. Let's continue to work toward a successful school year!

Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade is continuing to push forward. In February, students will be visiting the Zoo Miami on February 20th. Academically, our students will be mastering skills of adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. In science, students will be discussing various types of energy and the transfers of those energies. Meanwhile, in ELA, students will continue to build their comprehension by mastering the skill of cause and effect to increase comprehension within a variety of different genres.

A.S.D. (Autism Spectrum Disorder)



As we enter the month of February, we will focus on a crucial aspect of supporting our students—sensory needs. Understanding and addressing sensory sensitivities play a significant role in creating an inclusive environment. Engaging children with autism in sensory activities is beneficial in several ways, as it can help with: stimulating the brain, creating neutral pathways and improving sensory processing systems.

To promote understanding with our PAWsome Buddies, this month we'll be sharing about sensory sensitivities associated with autism. In addition, we will complete a fun sensory arts and craft activity. By learning more about sensory processing differences, we can better support our students and enhance their overall learning experience.

As Valentine's Day approaches, please feel free to complete the sensory friendly activity below that will help you and your little love bug express feelings of love and appreciation with those around you.

Sensory Bags

What you will need:

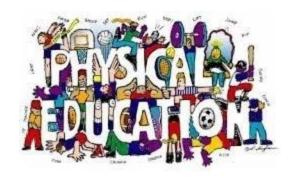
- Ziploc bags
- Paints
- A marker
- Step 1: Draw a heart on the Ziploc bag
- Step 2: Take 1 color and squeeze it inside one side of the bag
- Step 3: Repeat with another color on the other side of the bag
- Step 4: Close up the bag and it is ready to be squished!

This is a fun little craft not just for Valentine's day, but also to learn what colors can be made when mixing other colors together.



Spotlight on ...





Dr. Bellinger: Physical Education

The Physical Education Department will be hosting the annual Panthers Field Day on the following dates:

Monday, March 11th Kindergarten

Tuesday, March 12th 1st Grade

Wednesday, March 13th Pre-K

Thursday, March 14th 2nd Grade

Friday, March 15th 3rd Grade

Monday, March 18th 4th Grade

Tuesday, March 19th 5th Grade

I am looking for parent volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer for your child's grade, please contact me as soon as possible. REMEMBER you must be registered as a Broward County Schools Volunteer. Click https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445AAA823A0FA7-46852877-field to register. All potential volunteers must be registered no later than Friday, February 23rd.

In the coming days all pertinent information will be provided for teachers and their classes as preparations continue for this event. Looking forward to a day filled with fun activities.

Our Theme:

Panthers FUN! FITNESS! And FRIENDSHIP

If you may have any questions or concerns, the easiest way to reach me is via email at <u>abigail.mobley-bellinger@browardschools.com</u>.

Mrs. Thomson, School Counselor



During the month of February, we will be working on the character trait of honesty. Honesty is an essential quality in building trust with others and in having healthy friendships and relationships. It is important that parents lead by example in being honest and teach children that there are consequences that come with lying. Parents can talk to their children about their own experiences with the consequences of being dishonest. Parents may also want to read stories with their children about characters who struggle with honesty and discuss how being honest is important.

On February 14, we will be taking part in a day of service and love. It is important for all students to participate to learn how to give back to our community. Our service project will be creating class valentines for a local veteran nursing home. We hope all students will attend and participate in this activity.

Some parents may wonder, is it too early to speak with my child about career paths? The answer is no. Elementary school is a great time to expose students to different careers and speak with children about what people do. One way to get students engaged in thinking about careers is to create a family tree of careers. Children can explore what careers their grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, parents, and other family members have. This is something you can work on with your child. You can also have them draw pictures of different careers and ask them about which one they like the most.

Please reach out if you have any questions: meagan.thomson@browardschools.com

Contact Us



"We, the Panther Family, are committed to ensure, that ALL students receive a quality education within a safe and nurturing learning environment."

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