

PSE Newsletter

Volume 3



Greetings Panthers!

We would like to wish all of our PSE families a wonderful holiday break and a Happy New Year! As we move into 2025, it is a wonderful time to set goals with our children. Take a moment to focus on their success and set small attainable goals. This is also an excellent way to support growth as we work toward meeting our goals. Our Progress Monitoring for Assessment Period 2 is complete. Teachers will be sharing your child's progress with you in the upcoming weeks in regards to iReady and FAST testing.

As we move into the second semester, this is a kind reminder that attendance matters daily. Student success begins with attendance, and it is vital that your child is in attendance daily. If your child is sick or unable to attend school, please do not forget to call the attendance line and excuse their absences. We want to thank all of our families for their partnership to ensure that we all stay safe and healthy at PSE! We are in the planning stages of Teacher Appreciation Week in May, if you would like to donate for raffles or gifts, please reach out to me at school. We make this week very special for our staff and we would love your support. Please know if you have any questions or concerns, you can always contact me as well. We are looking forward to an amazing 2025 at Park Springs!

Your proud principal,
Denise Hanson

Important Dates:

- 1/13- Quarter 3 Begins
- 1/13- Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff
- 1/16- ELOP Session 5
- 1/20- No School
- 1/21- Class Picture Day
- 1/23- ELOP Session 6
- 1/24- Quarter 2 PAW Store
- 1/27- 1/31- Winter Book Fair and Literacy Week
- 1/30- PTO Night at Burger Fi
- 1/31- Report Cards Issued
- 2/5- PTO Meeting @ 12:15pm
- 2/6- ELOP Session 7
- 2/13- Kids Heart Challenge Celebration Day
- 2/14- Early Release
- 2/17- No School
- 2/19- PTO Night at Tijuana Flats
- 2/27- Special Olympics
- 3/5- PTO Meeting @ 12:15pm
- 3/10-3/13- Field Days
- 3/14- Last day of Quarter 3

Be sure to follow us on X
(previously Twitter)

[@principalpse](https://twitter.com/principalpse)
[@PSEpanther](https://twitter.com/PSEpanther)

News from the Office

Drop Off Policy

Please be aware of our "item" drop off policy for the 2024-2025 school year. We will accept items up until 8:30 AM daily. Items may include lunches, water bottles, snacks, projects, homework, etc. This policy was established to minimize the disruptions to our academic day and ensure extra safety on campus. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Morell.

Attendance

Attendance matters at Park Springs. Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success. Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year; this may include up to 8 absences in a 180-day school year. Please use the school calendar so vacations are planned around school days. We understand that exceptions may arise, but attendance is key to strong student success, and we appreciate your partnership! Please ensure to call in absences to the attendance line (754) 322-7752.

Back to School

Free and Reduced Lunch

Please don't forget to apply/renew your application for free and reduced lunch today! Breakfast and lunch is free for all students this year, however, still please visit <http://www.myschoolapps.com/> to complete an application.

Volunteer Application

If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure you have registered on the following website. This application must be completed every year.

<https://www.browardschools.com/volunteer>

Labeling Items

Please ensure that all students items including lunchboxes, water bottle, and jackets are labeled with their name. This will help us in returning these items when lost.

Information

Code of Conduct

The Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5090, provides specific information regarding the rules that all students are expected to adhere to, as well as consequences for violations. Important among these rules are consistent and timely attendance, respect for people and property, appropriate dress, technology usage, student publications, student activities, student records and the right to appeal, including grievance procedures. The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approves and affirms its support of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5090.

[Equity, Diversity and School Climate / Code of Conduct \(browardschools.com\)](#)



FOCUS

The Focus Parent Portal account gives families convenient and secure access to their student's school information, including school grades, attendance, interim reports, report cards, and more, anytime and anywhere. Register for the Focus Parent Portal at [Parent Portal Registration - Broward County Public Schools \(focusschoolsoftware.com\)](#)

BCPS Extended Learning & Enrichment Academic Support Guide

[Welcome: Office of Academics / BCPS Extended Learning & Enrichment Academic Support](#)



Safety



FORTIFYFL

Submit a tip easily via our anonymous FortifyFL app. Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc. You can download the app or visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/> for more information

Broward Schools has transitioned to the Plain Language Emergency protocol. This language will be used to conduct our monthly safety drills and in the event of an emergency.

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

- HOLD**
In your room or area. Clear the halls.
- SECURE**
Get inside. Lock outside doors.
- LOCKDOWN**
Locks, lights, out of sight.
- EVACUATE**
To the announced location.
- SHELTER**
Using the announced hazard and strategy.

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BROWARD
County Public Schools
ALYSSA'S ALERT
Mobile Duress Alert App

Alyssa's Alert is a mobile duress alert application that empowers staff members to immediately notify first responders in the event of an emergency. Receive potentially life-saving aid with the push of a button.

Get Help Instantly
Upon activation, local first responders & District personnel receive an immediate notification of the emergency.

Easy to Use
Select one of the three buttons (shown right) to activate Alyssa's Alert. Assistance will immediately be dispatched to your location.**

Stay Connected
Administrators will be able to push important updates regarding an emergency situation to anyone who has downloaded Alyssa's Alert.

DOWNLOAD THE APP NOW

Visit Learning Across Broward and search for "Alyssa's Alert" under the "Courses" tab to learn more about using Alyssa's Alert in the event of an emergency.

Alyssa's Alert is a mobile duress alert application that empowers staff members to immediately notify first responders in the event of an emergency.



SaferWatch is a Web-based app system that allows users to report an incident as they see it happening or submit a tip later. It also provides real time communication during the situations. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/> for more information.



PTO

Parent Teacher Organization



Happy New Year from the Park Springs PTO! Thank you for supporting the PSE PTO by donating your time, attending family nights, and purchasing spirit wear! Order online anytime at parkspringstopo.ecwid.com.

We're looking forward to seeing volunteers at the January book fair and PAWS Store day! First, register with BCPS to volunteer at our school. Second, sign up for a volunteer spot at linktree.com/parkspringstopo. Join our volunteer Remind group by texting @psevo to 81010.

Spring events will include more family restaurant nights! Check the calendar for an early report card night at Burger Fi and dinner at Tijuana Flats on 2/19! Kona Ice will join PSE at the park again in the spring.

Find a spot to showcase your business on the fence among our amazing banner sponsors! We are grateful for the support of these businesses! Sponsorship details are available at parkspringstopo.ecwid.com.

Join us for PTO meetings at PSE the first week of the month at 12:15 pm. Can't attend? Send comments and questions to our email parkspringstopo@yahoo.com. Event dates and volunteer opportunities are shared on social media on Facebook @parkspringsetempto and Instagram @parkspringstopo.

PTO MEETING DATES

All meetings will begin at 12:15pm.

1/8 2/5 3/5

4/2 5/14



Follow us on social media on Facebook @parkspringsetempto and Instagram @parkspringstopo. Links to these sites and more can be found at linktree.com/parkspringstopo.

Pre K and Kindergarten

Pre K

Welcome back and Happy 2025! Our Pre-K programs continue to grow by leaps and bounds. A component of all our programs is to accept students all throughout the year as they turn 3 and/or are made eligible through the County. As we move into the third quarter, we continue to adjust with the numbers and keep the focus on IEP goals to help all of our students grow. Playing functionally is an important part of our program. This helps our students move into how to participate in Kindergarten literacy/math centers in their future. Increasing independent functioning skills and following rules/directions is also an integral part in helping our students prepare for their next steps. This takes teamwork at home and school, working together. We look forward to what the next quarter brings!

Autism Spectrum Disorder/Special Programs

Greetings PSE Families, the year has started off great. Panther Pals started in October and the students are enjoying being a mentor. We will be having our Special Olympics in February. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Kindergarten

It's hard to believe it is already the third quarter of the school year. We hope all our families had a wonderful winter break and a very Happy New Year! In language arts, we will continue to focus on phonics, reading comprehension, as well as grammar and writing narrative, opinion, and informative sentences. Please continue to have your child read with you for 20 minutes a day beyond the school day. In math, we are learning addition, subtraction and related facts. In science, we are finishing up patterns of movement. In social studies, we will compare life now with life in the past. We are looking forward to a wonderful third quarter. As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.





First and Second Grade

First Grade

It's hard to believe it is already the third quarter of the school year. We hope all our families had a wonderful Winter Break and a very Happy New Year! In language arts, we will continue to focus on phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and reading comprehension, as well as grammar and writing narrative, opinion, and informative essays. Please continue to have your child read with you each day. In math, the children will continue learning how to model numbers to 120 and compare numbers. They will also be adding and subtracting with numbers to 100. In science, we will recognize that water, rocks, soil, and living organisms are found on Earth's surface and that some things in the world around us happen fast and some happen slowly. We are looking forward to a field trip to Butterfly World on March 12th. In social studies, we will learn about why we need to follow rules and laws and we will discuss the responsibilities of good citizens. As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Second Grade

We hope that all our families had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed time with family and friends. Wishing all our Second Graders and their families a very Happy New Year!

As we embark on 2025, we will be continuing to have our second graders read even more complex text with rigor. We are working on active reading strategies. As your children read at home, ask them questions that require thinking in addition to questions that can be found right in the text. In Math, we will be understanding fractions, working with time & money, place value to 1,000 and adding & subtracting with numbers to 1,000. In Social Studies, we will be studying Colonial America & Immigration. In Science, we will be working on Rocks & Soil. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at (754)-321-2150 or email eeo@browardschools.com.



Third - Fifth Grade

Third Grade

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through the year. We are very proud of the academic and social growth our students have made so far. We continue to encourage students to read a variety of genres independently at home. In addition, students should be annotating passages when reading to ensure they are comprehending what is read. This quarter we have an exciting High Touch High Tech Field Trip about Gravity on January 31, SEAS on February 18, and Old Davie School House on March 18/19. We will be learning about Objects in the Sky, The Sun and Gravity in Science. In Social Studies, we will be learning about Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, the U.S and culture. In math this quarter, students will be doing subtraction and fractions. Please make sure your child is practicing their multiplication facts DAILY. As we move forward with fractions and eventually measurement, knowing the multiplication facts with fluency will be very beneficial. It is important that your child is meeting their iReady Goal in Reading and Math weekly (30-49 min with at least 70% average score on lessons). Students should also be completing 30 minutes of Science practice on Progress Learning which can be found in Clever. We look forward to another great quarter of learning and growing!

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is looking forward to another exciting and fun quarter! We are halfway through the school year and need to focus on the previous standards taught and upcoming new standards. We have gone through all of our Progress Monitoring 2 data and are focusing on reteaching the standards your child may need help mastering. We will continue to monitor all standards to have a successful 4th grade year. We are starting fractions, a very important standard! It can be very detailed. We will continue to spiral reading skills to mastery. We are working on Earths movements and then rocks and minerals. We will have a wonderful in school field trip with Diamond Dell. They will enjoy mining for gems at school! We will have a fun, eventful, and exciting 3rd quarter! Thank you for all you do

Fifth Grade

Students are working hard toward learning and growth, please continue to encourage your child to do their best in their classwork. Encourage your child to complete I Ready lessons at home, 45 minutes per week helps to maintain comprehension in both ELA and math. We are getting ready for MOY Science test in January which covers matter, energy, forces! Also, writing on Write Score will take place in January. Fifth grade looks forward to our amazing Biztown and Orlando field trips!

Specials



PE

The 3rd quarter is such an exciting time in the PE department at PSE. Starting in January, PSE will be participating in Kid's Heart Challenge. This is our annual activity that help the American Heart Association raise awareness for issues with the heart. Please be on the lookout for information on how your child can participate in this great event. The other event in the PE department is our annual Field Days, these will take place the week of March 10, 2025. Please be on the lookout for information for our Field days. Get out and exercise.

Music

As students return from the winter break, Kindergarteners and First Graders shall continue learning about the four instrument families and continue to experience opportunities to sing, dance, and learn about the elements of music. Second graders shall begin the quarter by reviewing rhythmic notation and then interpreting simple rhythms using hand percussion instruments. In grades three and four, the students shall begin (or review) the study of ukulele chords along with basic strumming patterns. Fifth graders shall begin learning a song for their end of year, "moving up" ceremony.

Art

Happy New Year from the Art Room!

Our artist portfolios are growing each week. As we move into the 3rd quarter, all grades will prepare for our Art Show on April 23rd. Students will work on seascapes or sea life inspired art to showcase to families and friends. Please mark this exciting date on your calendar. The art room is in need of wipe donations please, to help clean messes on our hands and tables. Excited for a great quarter!

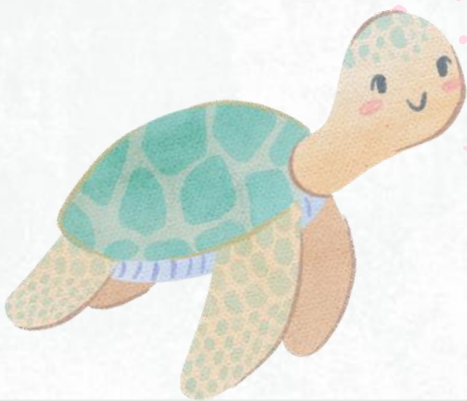
Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Levitan at David.Levitan@BrowardSchools.com

Media

Kindergarten students have been checking out books and are doing a great job in returning them each week. Kindergarten students will be working on responding to literature and the outside parts of books. Students in grade 1 and 2 will also be working on responding to literature and the inside parts of books. Grade 3 students will continue to work on their genre unit. Grade 4 will continue to learn about the earth's revolution and rotation. Grade 5 will continue to use iPads for coding and start a unit on Rocks.

Also, note for students who still have media books from last school year, I ask that you please make the effort to return the books to Park Springs and/or pay for the book online in the e-store if lost. Grade 5 students it is very important for you to have cleared your accounts before leaving Park Springs and going on to middle school.

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The Park Springs Winter Book Fair will be here the week of January 27th. Our media center will be transformed into a "Winter Wonderland" of books for our students to purchase and help support our school. Schedule for students and volunteer sign up information will be going out very soon. We will need lots of volunteers to help make our fair successful. The Wheel is coming to our Winter Fair. Students who wish to participate can bring up to 2 dollars ~~cash~~ to spin and win a prize.



Reminder: Reading Across Broward Forms went home earlier in year. The forms can also be found on the PSE website. If you are participating in the program this year, forms will be due: April 4th. **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

If you have any questions about a book please do not hesitate to contact me at:
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