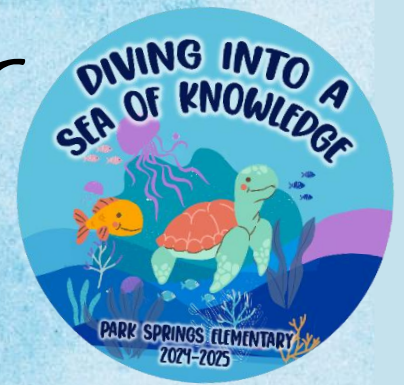


PSE Newsletter

Volume 4



Greetings Panthers!

We hope you had a refreshing and fun-filled Spring Break! It was a wonderful time for our students and staff to recharge, and we're ready to jump back into the final quarter of the school year. As we move forward, there are a few exciting updates and opportunities for your input that we'd love to share with you.

Moving into Testing Season: As we gear up for testing season, we want to thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's learning. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare students, and we encourage families to help reinforce positive study habits, good sleep, and stress management techniques. We're confident that our students will shine in these final assessments and demonstrate all they've learned this year. The testing schedule is attached in this newsletter.

Annual Customer Survey - Your Feedback Matters: We are currently in the window for our Annual Customer Survey, which provides valuable feedback on how we can continue to improve the school experience for all our students, staff, and families. Your responses help us understand what we're doing well and where we can grow. Keep an eye out for the survey link, which will be sent again this week!

A Look Ahead to Fourth Quarter: The fourth quarter promises exciting opportunities for students to finish the year strong. We have several fun events, field trips, and projects planned to close out the year, and we'll be sharing more details soon.

Thank you for your continued support as we finish the year strong. Please take a moment to share your ideas for our school theme and be ready for our survey - we truly value your input. Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the final quarter of the year!

Your proud principal,

Denise Hanson

Important Dates:

- 4/2 FAST Writing 4/5
- 4/4- PAW Store for Qtr. 3
- 4/8- Report Cards Issued
- 4/8- PTO Night at ChillN'
- 4/9- PAW Day
- 4/9- New World Reading Literacy Event
- 4/17- Book Fair Set Up
- 4/16- Volunteer Breakfast
- 4/18- No School
- 4/21-4/25- Book Fair Week
- 4/24- Take Your Child to Work Day
- 4/29- Interims Issued
- 4/30- Arts Night
- 5/23- PAW Store Qtr.4
- 5/26- No School
- 5/27- PAW Day
- 6/3- Last Day of School
- 6/4- Teacher Planning Day

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[@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

Use the QR Code or search for "SaferWatch" on the Google Play or Apple App Store.

**Users before can use an activated safety physical on school property. **Only if the user is in an active location and the user is authorized. Under other circumstances a safety alert may not be received.

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



The Park Springs PTO is excited to finish a successful school year! Support from our school families and community partners allowed the PTO to make some amazing additions to Park Springs! PTO fundraising dollars funded multiple Promethean Boards, updates to our school marquee, new rugs for building entryways, classroom technology programs, Red Communication folders, and a Project Based Learning grant program for our teachers. The PTO continues to support annual programs such as the Paw Bucks Store and Staff Appreciation Week activities.

Thank you for cheering on the students and volunteering at the PSE Field Days! Join us in volunteering this last quarter for the Paw Bucks Store and our BOGO Scholastic Book Fair! Click on the PTO Linktree site for our PTO Signup Genius and important links at linktree.com/parkspringstopto.

Support the Park Springs PTO with every spirit wear purchase! Represent your club or wear a dry-fit shirt for PE days! Our school spirit merchandise is always available and select items are on sale as we clear out vintage styles. Visit parkspringstopo.ecwid.com and orders will be delivered to your student's classroom teacher. Have you ordered a yearbook? Sales are open at treering.com/validate with school code 1016 0744 1218 1656.

Order before April 30th for free shipping to PSE! Missed the deadline? Orders will ship to your home for a small fee.

Follow the school calendar for 4th Quarter family nights including a Spirit Night at our sponsor Chill-N and visits from the Kona Ice truck!

Enjoy the rest of the school year!

PTO MEETING DATES

All meetings will begin at 12:15pm.

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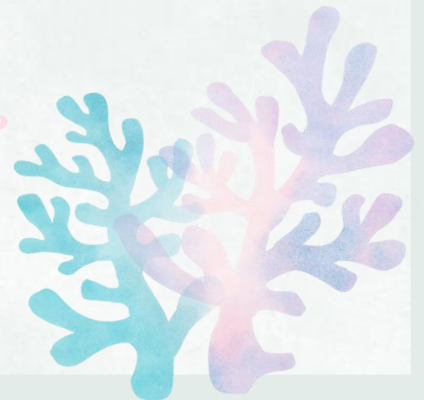
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Testing Dates

Grade(s)	Date	Subject	Time
4 & 5	Weds. April 2	FAST Writing	180 Min
Kinder. & Specialized K	Tues. April 29-	STAR Early Literacy	30 Min
	Fri. May 2		
Specialized 1&2	Tues. April 29-	STAR Reading	30 Min
	Fri. May 2		
1 & 2	Wed. April 30	STAR Reading	30 Min
1 & 2	Thurs. May 1	STAR Math	30 Min
Kinder. & Specialized K-2	Mon. May 5 - Thurs.	STAR Math	30 Min
	May 8		
3 & 4	Weds. May 7	FAST ELA	120 Min
5	Thurs. May 8	FAST ELA	120 Min
5	Tues. May 13	FAST Math	100 Min
3 & 4	Weds. May 14	FAST Math	100 Min
5	Tues. May 20	Science	160 Min





Pre K and Kindergarten

Pre K

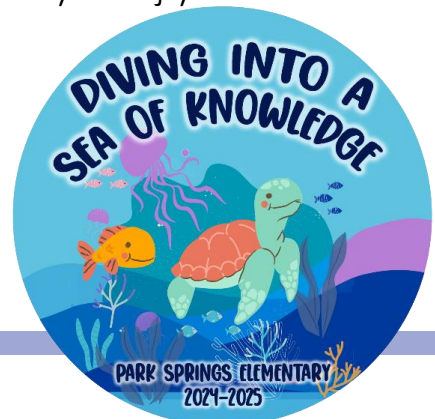
The Pre-K Team continues to implement the strategies for all of our little learners. Our programs continue to grow, as students may start after their eligibility placement and their 3rd birthday. In our programs we create a foundation of safety, connection and effective problem-solving skills amongst all of our Pre-K classrooms. Through our language-based programs, we teach our students the words, language and concepts to grow in all of these areas. We have been enjoying activities with our 3rd-5th grade "Panther Pals," and had fun at Special Olympics. We look forward to seeing our students who will be moving up to Kindergarten next year practice and continue learning to set the foundation for the future. If you know anyone who has an incoming Kindergartner, please share information from our school web site. For questions about registration, please contact ileana.carrillo@browardschools.com or 754-322-7750.

Autism Spectrum Disorder/Special Programs

Greetings PSE Families, this year has been amazing. Panther Pals are enjoying being a mentor to their pals. We just had our Special Olympics in February and the students had a blast. We also participated in the "Spread the Word: Inclusion Day" as well as the "Just Do It Awards" on March 5th. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Kindergarten

We hope that all our families had a wonderful Spring Break. It's hard to believe that we are starting on our fourth quarter of Kindergarten. We have had fun learning together in school and our students have grown so much this year. We are so proud of them and the progress they have made! The students had a blast planting our garden! They love watering it, watching it grow, and learning about all the plants we are harvesting. Thank you to all our families for helping us with this wonderful project. We will continue with our phonics instruction as the children continue their reading, but we are focusing even more on comprehension skills using topic and details for information texts and character, setting, and important events for fictional stories. In math, we will be moving on to shapes and measurement. Our science instruction will include learning about our five senses. For social studies, we will investigate maps and economics. As always, if you have a question or concern, please reach out to your child's teacher. We encourage your child to read daily throughout the summer and write in a journal to maintain and strengthen the skills he or she has learned this year. Enjoy the summer!





First and Second Grade

First Grade

We hope that all our families had a good Spring Break. It is difficult to believe that we are beginning the fourth quarter of first grade. Time sure does fly when you're having fun! Our students have grown so much this year and we are so proud of them. During this final quarter, we will continue with our phonics instruction as the children continue their reading, but we are focusing even more on comprehension skills and using text evidence to demonstrate understanding of various texts. In math, we will be moving on to geometry and fractions. Our science instruction will include learning about plant parts, trait inheritance and variation, and basic needs. We will have a "High Touch, High Tech" in school "field trip" to culminate our study of plants. In social studies, we will be learning about maps and economics.

Second Grade

Dear Parents and Families:
We hope everyone had a great Spring Break! We have a busy few months ahead of us. Our students participated in field day and career day in April. This quarter in science we will be learning about life cycles. In social studies, we will be doing a unit on economics. Remember to read every night! As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teachers.

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 in the fourth quarter. On April 21, the city of Coral Springs will be coming to third grade for a City Historical Presentation. We look forward to an exciting project coming up this quarter in Social Studies when students will make their own store and get the opportunity to be sellers and buyers. They will learn about many components of economics including goods, services, supply and demand. Third graders will begin to learn cursive in the fourth quarter. This quarter students will take the final FAST Assessment which counts for promotion criteria. This is the students' time to shine and apply all they have learned this year in Reading and Math. Please continue to have your child read and review multiplication facts daily to build fluency. It is also important to continue to build fluency throughout the summer. We look forward to a great end of the year!

Fourth Grade

Welcome to 4th quarter!

Our FAST is quickly approaching. We will have our writing FAST on Wednesday April 2nd. The students will have 3 hours to complete the writing essay. The ELA FAST will be May 7th followed by the math FAST May 14th. Please make sure your child is completing their homework and i-ready as it is great practice for the FAST. Within the first few weeks of April we will have our on-campus Diamond Dell field trip. This is an exciting way to mine for minerals. The students will come home with some beautiful memorabilia and a plethora of information to share with you.

The 4th quarter moves very quickly. Please continue to monitor your child's FOCUS to ensure they are keeping up their grades and not missing assignments. We will finish the year strong then it's on to 5th grade!

Fifth Grade

Fifth graders had a great time at Universal Studios last quarter learning about forces and motion! Please make sure students are working on I ready math and reading lessons weekly. Students can also complete Study Plan lessons in Progress Learning to maintain science instruction. Students are working hard to prepare for state testing and are practicing every day to do their very best! Our fifth graders are almost ready for middle school, and teachers know they will have an amazing end to their PSE journey.

Specials



PE

What a Fun and exciting time all of our students had at their Field Day events. Everyone followed directions and did awesome. As we head into the last quarter of the school year, we will be working on overhand toss of an object and catching skills. Over the next few months, it is strongly encouraged for your child to get outside and play safely. We are looking forward to a fun and safe last quarter of the school year.

Coach Sheib

Art

Greetings from the artroom! It is hard to believe we are moving into our final quarter. These artists have grown so much, and I enjoy seeing their process and creativity every day. Quarter 4 will focus on wrapping up unfinished projects and creating portfolios to bring home our art at the end of May. We will also begin creating art for next year, to help make PSE feel like the home we know, when we return from summer. Most importantly, please save the date April 30th for our Arts Night! The artists have been busy preparing and are ready to showcase their work to family and friends. I am excited for all that is to come in the next few weeks!!

Music

Throughout the fourth quarter, all students shall continue learning age-appropriate songs and dances. They shall also be learning about instruments from the woodwind and brass families. Students in the intermediate grades (3-5) shall return to reading rhythmic notation including more advanced rhythms and be able to play a variety of percussion instruments as they explore musical elements such as rhythm, dynamics and tempo. In mid-May, these older students shall have an opportunity to perform in-class "musical" presentations such as singing, dancing, or playing instruments either as a solo performer or as part of a small group.

Media

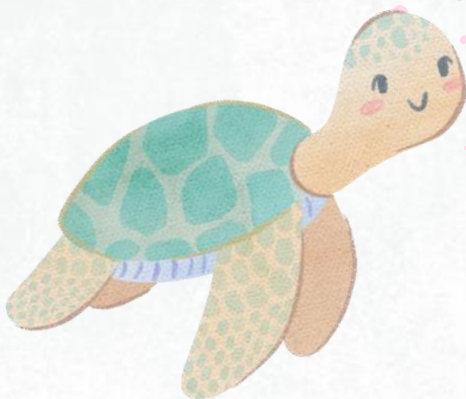
In media specials Kindergarten students are doing response to literature, will do a unit on Library Lion. Students in first and second grade will continue to do activities with stories which focus on responding to literature through story elements and comprehension. Third grade students will soon finish the genre unit and move on to science review lessons. Fourth grade will finish their science review units and fifth grade will work on their science unit on Renewable and Non renewable resources.

Parents, please ensure that your child's media account is clear before the school year ends! If you are not able to find the book, you may purchase another copy of the same book at any store and then submit for it to replace the one lost. If you wish to pay for the book instead, please go to: <https://osposmsinc.com/browardfl/>

Upcoming events in media are:

- Our Q3 paw store will be on April 4th. We need lots of parent volunteers!
- Our Buy One Get one Free Luau book fair is coming up really soon! We will need help every day! From April 17th for setup and all shopping days from Monday, April 21 to Friday, April 25th. We need your help, lots of help from 8am to 145pm
- Reminder no cash or checks will be accepted at the fair! Set up your EWallet account starting March 28th for the bookfair.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/parkspringselementaryschool>



Reading Across Broward forms are due to Mrs. Jimenez by Friday, April 4th. No late forms will be accepted. Awards will be given in May.

Spanish/ Technology

Spanish

The kindergarten students will learn about the animals, the pets, the farm animals, how the animals move, and the care of the animals. They are also going to learn the culture of Spain, the flag, the typical dances, the typical food, and the most famous places.

The first and second grade students will learn about the animals, color, size, how they move, compare and contrast the animals of each region. First grade will learn about Ecuador, the capital, the culture, the typical food, the flag, and the typical dances. Second grade will learn about Costa Rica, the capital, the culture, the typical dances, the flag, the typical dishes, and the most visited places.

Technology

The students in third grade are going to continue working on Scholastics Word instructional resources, the students will work on their reading lessons state standards, the students build a solid foundation in reading, maximizes instructional time on the words that matter most in literacy and life.

The fourth and fifth grade students are going to continue working on Progress Learning /Science instructional resources, empowers learners to master their science state standards and gain confidence in their learning.

This quarter 4th and 5th grade students will complete a LSW (life, skills, and wellness) school surveys, and the BCPS surveys.