



The Palm Cove Scoreboard

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From the General Manager

Dear Palm Cove Families,

My students, parents, teachers, and community members are a priority to me. Please feel free to contact me as needed. I look forward to building a great relationship with each and every one of you, ensure a safe welcoming environment, and promote student achievement.

Stay informed with your child’s teacher and listen to my Fan Feedback, via parent link, for all our Palm Cove News. You may also visit our website at www.browardschools.com/palmcove.

Sincerely,

Principal



Our School Goal

“To Promote Student Achievement and Celebrate all Stakeholders in a Safe Family Oriented Environment”



“ON-DECK” CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter Holiday Show @ 7pm	12/11/18
Chorus Field Trip	12/12/18
Barnes & Noble Night @ 6pm	12/13/2018
Early Release @ 12p	12/21/18
Winter Break	12/24/18 – 1/7/19
Classes Resume	1/8/19
Schools Closed	1/21/19
Report Cards Issued	1/30/19



Title I News

School Improvement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level.

District Parent and Family Engagement Plan: District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented throughout the school year and an evaluation of last year’s (2017-18) district parent program. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact the Title I Program Specialist at 754-322-1410.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN (PFEP) school and District level Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each local educational agency (LEA) and school that receives funds under Title I, Part A to develop jointly with and distribute to parents of participating children, a written parent and family engagement policy/plan(PFEP).

All stakeholders (teacher, parents, and faculty can view your child’s schools parent and family engagement plan on the schools website [at https://www.browardschools1.com/palmcove](https://www.browardschools1.com/palmcove). In addition, a copy may be requested by contacting your child’s school. To view the LEA Parent and Family EngagementPlan (PFEP) for 2017-2018 follow this [link: http://www.broward.k12.fl.u](http://www.broward.k12.fl.u)

This is also the time of year when we reflect upon the past and look forward to new beginnings. Here at Palm Cove, we look forward to the next half of the school year with excitement and anticipation, ready to take on the challenges ahead. We will continue to review, improve and introduce new, creative ways to help our children learn and be successful.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN School staff and parents jointly develop the School Improvement Plan (SIP). It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can help us develop this plan by joining SAC and attending our next meeting in our Media Center. If you would like to join, please contact Coach Charpentier at 754-323-6800.

Parents DID YOU KNOW? You can review a copy of the **SPAR (school performance & accountability), FSA/FCAT 2.0 and LEA Report Card (School Grades) and other assessment information** at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>

These reports are also discussed at our monthly SAC meetings. Please join us so that you can share suggestions and remain informed.



Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early!

Success in school goes hand in hand with good attendance.

Did you know?

- Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down teaching to help children catch up.



Please remember to check lost and found located in the Concession stand. Clothing, book bags, lunch boxes and similar items are waiting to be picked up. Keys, eyeglasses and other small items are in the Front Office.

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the year.

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Classroom News

Kindergarten

December is a very busy month for kindergarten. We will continue to work on our Blending Skills, Phonemic Awareness, Addition, Subtraction and our Pre-Primer and Primer Dolch lists. Please check your child's backpack for a flyer on any Holiday event in Kindergarten.

The Kindergarten Team would like to wish our Palm Cove Families, a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

1st Grade

Let's jump and cheer December is here! The year is soaring by and our First Graders are working hard learning new and exciting things each day. Students have been diligently working on their reading, writing and math skills. In Reading this month we will be targeting many of our first-grade standards and test taking skills. We will also continue to practice informative writing. In Math we will be practicing our addition and subtraction strategies. Please continue to have your child study their Dolch Words and read a book every night, this will play an important role in their success. It would also be beneficial for those students who have a computer at home to practice a few minutes daily in i-Ready.

As we explore traditions and holidays this month in Social Studies, students will share their own family customs and traditions with their class.

The First Grade Teachers would like to wish you all a wonderful winter break. Enjoy this special time with your children and we will see you in 2019!

2nd Grade

Tis the season to be learning, Fa, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La, La...Winter break is just around the corner and our second graders are continuing to work hard every day.

In reading, we have been reviewing comprehension standards as well as learning some new ones: text features, compare and contrast, authors purpose and information garnered from illustrations and/or photographs. In Mathematics, we have been learning to add using the bar model method and trying to solve real world word problems using larger numbers and regrouping. In science, we have studied rocks, the life cycle and severe weather.

So as you can see, we have been working very hard. While on break try and have your child go on iReady Reading and Math as much as possible. Also, they can read a book and write a book report on it.

Most importantly, relax over break and enjoy a restful, fun-filled time off!

3rd Grade

Season's greetings from the Third-grade team! We are diligently working on students mastering all the standards as we prepare our students for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). In reading, we are working on identifying text and graphic features, comparing and contrasting different points-of-view, and connecting words and pictures when reading informational text. In math, students are learning multiplication facts and strategies. It is vital that students know their multiplication tables. We will also begin learning about fractions. In 3rd grade, students should be able to identify that a fraction represents a whole number that has been divided into equal parts. Parents, please ensure that students are reading nightly for at least 20 minutes and that planners are signed daily. Thank you for your continued support! Have a Wonderful New Year!

4th Grade

This the season to be jolly!!!! As we gear up for the New Year, a lot of important assessment dates are approaching quickly such as our 4th grade writing assessment in two months. We are currently working on Opinion Writing. In ELA we are working and exposing the students to all the Reading standards. In Math we are wrapping up Factors, Multiples, and Patterns, and getting ready for Fractions. Please continue working with your child on multiplication and division as this is an ongoing skill. Also, please make sure your child is utilizing iReady Reading and Math daily. Happy Holidays!!!!

5th Grade

Our "awesome" 5th grade students at Palm Cove Elementary have been very busy at work with their teachers in the classroom learning about the different reading strategies. In addition, the students are learning about two different writing styles, informative and opinionated. The students would read two different articles and write an informative or an opinionated paper based on those articles they had read. Furthermore, the students are learning a variety of ways to model and explain how to solve math problems. Last, but not least, the 5th grade students are learning a plethora of science vocabulary words and their definitions in relation to the "Water Cycle," "Weather and Climate," "Matter," "Mixtures and Solutions," and much more.

Furthermore, the students are preparing to attend a field trip to JA BizTown in January 2019. Prior to attending this field trip, the students are learning a lot about operating their own businesses and handling their own checking accounts etc. This will give the students the opportunity to put their knowledge to work and hopefully see success for themselves and their businesses. The 5th grade teachers need as many parents who have been cleared through Broward County Public School System to volunteer for this fantastic field trip.

In closing, the 5th grade teachers would like to inform the parents about signing the Agenda Books. It is very important to keep the lines of communication open. Please continue to make sure your child arrives on time to school to prevent tardiness and any missed information of learning that's taking place in the classroom.



Attendance - School Board Policy 5.5A Attendance is important to student success. Broward County Schools has established a "pattern of attendance" to meet state requirements. We are required to count both excused and unexcused absences, along with tardiness and early sign-outs when determining a student's pattern of non-attendance. A student will have a "pattern of non-attendance" if he or she is absent from school a total of 30 hours (5 days) in any one marking period or 60 hours (10 days) within 90 days. If it is determined by a school that a student has developed "pattern of non-attendance", sanctions may be imposed. Sanctions may range, for an elementary age student, from having his or her report card withheld if they were in school for less than 25 days in a marking period, to the child's parent being required to appear in court.

Each time your child is absent you are required to notify the school by telephone (754-323-6802) within 48 hours stating the reason for the absence. If the school is not notified the absence is considered unexcused. After attempted interventions by the school to correct unexcused absences, the Office of the State Attorney will intervene to ensure compliance with the law. We comply with the BTIP process.

Excused absences include: Student illness; Illness of an immediate family member; Death in the family; Religious holidays of student's specific faith; Required court appearance or subpoena by a law enforcement agency; Important public functions/conferences, State/national competitions; Scheduled doctor or dentist appointment; Communicable disease or infestation which can be transmitted.

