

# The Palm Cove Scoreboard

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From the General Manager

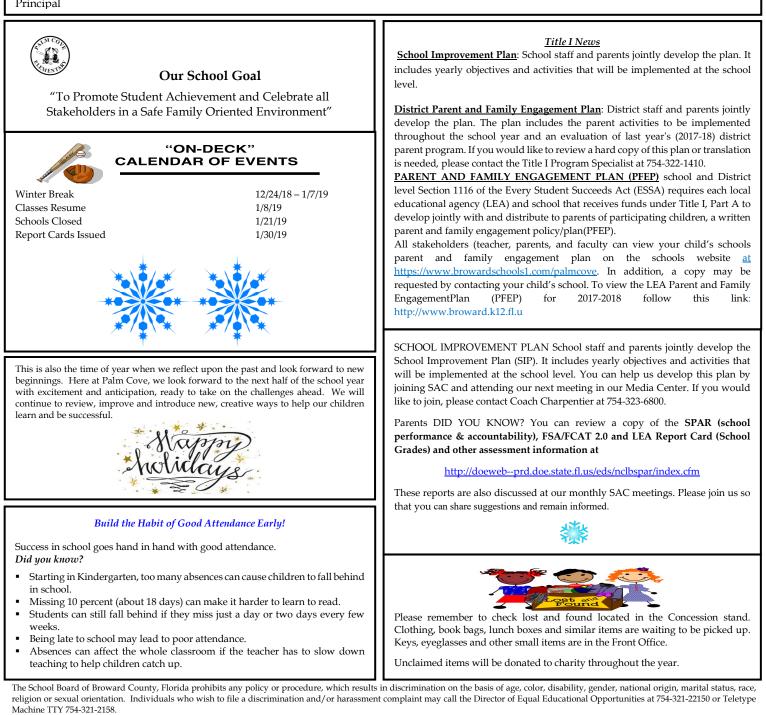
Dear Palm Cove Families,

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 <u>www.browardschools.com/palmcove.</u>

Sincerely,

Principal



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# **Kindergarten**

A New Year has begun! We have many engaging activities prepared for this month.

We are continuing to work on blending sounds in reading, numbers 10-30 in math and in Social Studies, Martin Luther King and Neighborhoods. We will be celebrating 100 Days of School. For the remainder of this year, we will be concentrating in preparing our students for the challenges of 1st grade while making learning exciting.

# 1st Grade

Reading: Our focus remains on reading comprehension strategies, making predictions, identifying main idea and details, compare and contrasting, and drawing conclusions. Please continue to make sure your child reads daily to build fluency and comprehension.

Math: We practice addition and subtraction sentences and a variety of strategies that will help solve these types of problems. Helpful Tip: Have your child learn all of their doubles facts. (Example: 1+1=2, 2+2=4, 3+3=6)

Writing: Our journey continues through the writing process by learning how good writers revise, edit, and publish their writing pieces by writing daily. We have been working on informative writing. Creative Corner: Practice at home by having your child write their story with a gel pen, glitter pen, marker, colored pencil or any other writing tool that will inspire them.

Science: We learn about the types of things people and animals need to grow and stay healthy, this includes hands on activities.

Social Studies: We will read about and discuss the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as we prepare to celebrate his birthday on January 20th. We emphasize strategies for getting along with others and appropriate ways to solve conflicts, a theme that will continue throughout the year. Respecting classmates and cooperating with others is a very important skill for our students to learn. Please continue this type of discussion at home with your child.

The Road to Success Starts Here:

- · Read every day for 20 minutes and discuss the story.
  - · Practice your Dolch Words
  - Practice your addition and subtraction facts

#### 2nd Grade

The Second-Grade team wishes you a very happy and healthy 2019. We are so thrilled to see you all back here at PCE. We, here at Palm Cove Elementary, strive for greatness and have high expectations for all our students. We wanted to keep you informed of our upcoming curriculum and instruction for the month of January.

In our Literacy Block, students will be continuing working on comprehension, phonics, grammar and writing skills. Students garner learning in small groups, collaborative conversations with their peers, teacher-led center and iReady centers. Our target focus for mathematics instruction includes a push with multiplication, multi-step word problems, addition and subtraction using larger numbers and place value. Students are working with manipulatives in small groups, centers and teacher led center in order to solve real world problems.

As always parents, try and have your child work on iReady as much as possible, complete all homework and keep in touch with their teacher.

Upcoming events which to stay tuned for are the following: Take your child to work day and our free field trip to Flamingo Gardens....YAY!!!!

# 3rd Grade

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope your Winter Break was relaxing and filled with good cheer. As we enter the 3rd marking period, we will continue to implement rigorous standard- based instruction to meet the 3rd grade expectations. The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) is right around the corner; let's continue to work together for every child's success. Please visit <u>www.fsaassessments.org</u> to familiarize yourself with the test. Students are encouraged to take the practice test online. Also, please ensure that students are working on iReady reading and math daily.

In reading, we are reviewing sequence of events, text and graphic features, theme, point-of-view, compare and contrast, and figurative language. In math, we are introducing fractions and measurements. Parents, it is vital that students are practicing their multiplication facts daily. With a new year, comes new goals. Parents, encourage your child to set short and long-term academic and social goals and work towards reaching them. Make goal setting a part of your daily conversation. Be sure to review your child's weekly data to set attainable goals. As always, feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have. The Third-grade team would like to say thank you for your continued support

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!!!! We are now in crunch time, currently introducing and reviewing all standards. Fourth grade is eagerly preparing for our first assessment in April which is writing. In Math, we are currently working on fractions. Please make sure students are reviewing multiplication and division facts daily, and login onto iReady Reading and Math daily. It's a New Year so let us continue pushing our students to be great.

# 5th Grade

Welcome back from the holiday break! We are looking forward to diving back into learning and growing in all areas! We are now in "Crunch Time" mode and cannot wait to see all our students soaring into greatness.

This month, students are working on manipulating decimals in Math, Properties of Matter in Science, and the various figurative language, point of view, and text structures in Reading. Students are working nonstop on expanding their writing skills to prepare for the first part of the FSA ELA (English Language Arts) writing test. They are perfecting their skills on Opinion and Informative essays, and we cannot wait to see what our amazing authors produce.

We would like to remind both students and parents to check the Palm Cove folders and planners daily to stay on top of homework assignments, upcoming tests or events, and any changes to the schedule; it is also a great way for teachers, students, and parents to remain a team with consistency and open communication.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who came to assist us at JA Biztown. The students had a wonderful time and enjoyed their learning experience. Thank you for all that you do and for helping us keep our motto of, "Teaming for Success!"



Attendance - School Board Policy 5.5Attendance 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 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.

