



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

April

4/1: Quarter 4 Begins

4/2: SAC/SAF Meeting
7:30am

4/2 & 4/4: Native
American Presentations
(Grades 2 & 4)

4/3-4/4: Kindergarten
Field Trip: Fern Forest

4/10: No School

4/13: PTA Color Run

4/16: Quarter 3 Report
Cards Issued

4/16: Quarter 3 Honor
Roll Assembly - Grade 3
(8:20am) Grade 4 (9:00
am) Grade 5 (9:20am)



Please complete our Annual Parent Survey! We need everyone's participation to complete this brief anonymous questionnaire. We appreciate you and we appreciate your feedback!



Administrator's Corner

Spring Break is here and both our students and staff were all ready for a well deserved vacation. We hope that over these next few days you will take some time to enjoy your children and families. Even though we always encourage you to have your children stay connected to their academics, it is also important for them to take a break and rejuvenate. This week comes at a much needed time on purpose and when we return it is a long haul to the finish line. If you do celebrate, please enjoy your Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

This past week we were able to celebrate all of the students for their hard work on I-Ready. Kona Ice came out and served each student an icee and the kids loved getting to choose their flavors. It was a special treat for the students and staff. I-Ready will still be an expectation for the students throughout the remainder of the year, so continue to encourage this at home for about 10 minutes per day if you have access to a computer or internet. This is very closely aligned to our FAST Assessment.

Staying along the lines of Kona Ice, we are going to start offering this to students over the next few months. This will not be free but a pre-paid system where parents will be able to pay ahead and students will be able to get this treat during their lunch or recess time. We are looking at some days in April and May to have them come out and do this before the end of the year. This will be like a fundraiser where the company will give a percentage of the sales back to the school. More information will be coming forth soon.

Attendance and tardies continue to be a big concern here at Parkside. Our daily absenteeism has increased drastically over these last few weeks. Whether your child is a highly academic student performing well in the class or a struggling student, school is important. This is your child's job and we need to teach them the importance of responsibility in life. Like I have stated before, there are always special occasions that occur from time to time, but traveling out of the country for two weeks every year during your child's school time or taking vacations while your child is in school are not considered special occasions and may not be excused. Our school calendar allows for several days off throughout the year as well as the summer. Please try your best to schedule your times away during these times. We appreciate your support with the attendance concerns.

Our PTA does so much for our school each and every year. They provide luncheons for our staff, they have give backs to our families, help to beautify our school and so much more. This past year they have placed different sticker murals in our media center and on the back wall of our stage. If you have not had a chance to check these out please stop by and see how amazing they look. If you haven't joined or become a part of this group, please do. We could not do these things without the support of our PTA. Thank you from our staff!

On Wednesday, April 24th, it is Administrative Professionals' Day. These are the women and men here at Parkside who are the faces you see first each day, hear their voices on the phone, help keep the technology working at our school, register your children and any other jobs that need to be completed for the school. This group individuals work diligently behind the scene to ensure our school runs smoothly. Throughout this month, please help us celebrate them and say thank you for all they do.

Hope you and your families have a wonderful Spring Break and a Happy Easter. Thanks for being a part of Parkside Where we are Traveling through Moments of Time.

Laneia Hall, Principal

Kindergarten

It's hard to believe we are now into our 4th quarter of Kindergarten! We still have lots of learning to do. We will be working on sums and differences to 20 and numbers to 100 in math. In science, we will be learning about weather, plants and life cycles. This always seems to be one of the favorites by all the children! We will be going on a field trip to Fern Forest on April 3rd and 4th. Save the dates: May 13th - 24th our kindergarteners will be going swimming at the Mullins Park pool. We will be walking across the street each day for a 30-minute swim lesson. Please make sure to send your child in their bathing suit everyday, apply sunscreen at home, send a towel and change of clothes each day. We will also need a volunteer each day to walk with us. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher and more information will be coming home when it gets closer. Make sure you are reading each night with your child and completing homework regularly. These skills are important to instill in a child at a young age. They will learn to love to read and feel confident within themselves! Happy Spring!

First Grade

Springtime is here, which means last quarter of the year! In math, we began to work with measuring objects to the nearest inch and centimeter. Have your child find objects around the house to measure! We will also be working on time and money. We will be working on time to the hour and half hour. Counting coins and dollar bills is also an exciting skill! Practice makes perfect! During the month of April, we will learn about gravity, force, motion, day, and night. The children tend to love this science unit. We hope during this unit your children have lots to tell you! Go explore outside! We will be also talking about the sun and how it can be harmful and helpful! As we begin the last quarter of this school year, all the first-grade teachers will heavily be focused on reading and reading comprehension. We are diligently trying to prepare the children for the End of the Year Reading Test. *The passages we've been completing at school and at home, is one way to practice, but please do not forget that simply reading with your child and having conversations about what they've read is just as powerful!* As always, thanks for all you do to be part of your child's learning journey!

Second Grade

We hope you all had a restful Spring Break. Second grade is ready to dive back into our curriculum. Our Language Arts unit integrates nicely with our Earth Science standards. We will be reading informational texts and opinion pieces about different Earth structures and about changes brought about by events in Nature. In Math, we will be moving into measurement. We will be estimating and measuring using inches, feet, and yards. We will also use metric units such as centimeters and meters. On April 4th, we will have someone come and show us some authentic Native American Artifacts and talk to us about various tribes across the United States. Our topic in social studies for April is Government and Citizenship. We will explore how people become U.S. citizens. We will discuss what it means to be a good citizen. In Science, we will be exploring wind, water, and the Sun's energy. Please continue to read daily with your child and ask them comprehension questions about the book. Students can also benefit from practicing math facts. They should be fluent in basic addition and subtraction in order to help them with 2- and 3-digit addition and subtraction. Please reach out to you child's teacher if you have any questions.

Third Grade

Third Grade Families, It is hard to believe that the year is soon coming to a close. Our trip to Lion Country Safari was very rewarding and a lot of fun for all who attended. We are so proud of our students' growth this year. In Mathematics, we will focus on solving word problems using bar graphs, pictographs, and stem plots, and focusing on solving problems using time. In science, our focus will be the laws of gravity and objects in the sky. In Social Studies, our students will be paired with a peer to work on travel brochures, National Parks and regions; and learn about the functions of our government. Our Reading series consists of a spiral review and at this point in the year, students have been exposed to all the standards. It is essential that students read daily for at least 30 minutes per day and complete the 45 minutes of I-Ready weekly in both Math and Reading. It has been proven that good readers become good writers, and fourth grade will be doing a substantial amount of writing weekly. As we embark on the final quarter of the school year, remember that 3rd grade is a mandatory retention year. That means their scores on the upcoming assessments are paramount for promotion. Students need to be in school ON TIME every day; and be awake and attentive. Testing isn't everything, but learning is an ongoing process, and students need to be present both in body and mind and attitude every single day. Below are important dates to put on your calendars: May 14 - Reading FAST Test (promotion criteria) May 21 - Math FAST May 23 - Schoolwide Exhibition (in the evening) June 7 - 3rd Grade End-of-the-Year Assembly.

Fourth Grade

Have no fear spring break is near! Here at Parkside elementary in the marvelous month of march, our students have been working very hard on their core subjects! In math we our brains fizzled as we learned about fractions and moved on to decimals. Science was a little rocky but, our students learned about minerals and how we classify them! In reading, we are learning about myths and legends and the themes that accompany them! Lastly, with our writing tests around the corner, our students have been crafting beautiful essays as we head into the final stretch! The theme for this month? Hard work pays off!

Fifth Grade

Happy April! 5th grade has been working hard. In reading, we have been focusing on summarizing fiction texts as well as setting, events, conflict, solution, and perspective. In math, we are working on dividing whole numbers by unit fractions. In science, we are learning about environmental changes. We have been working hard writing expository and argumentative essays.

2023 - 2024 BCPS Parent Survey

In an effort to improve system practices, Broward County School District is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete this survey. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. The surveys will be available online in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese. Thank you for taking your time to complete the survey.

To complete the survey, click on the link or QR Code:

Parent Survey
Link: https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/246161/p568


Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for taking your time to complete the survey.



The survey will be available Friday, March 1, 2024 - Tuesday, April 30, 2024.



WELCOMING THE

SNHS EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

JOIN US FOR A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL AFTER-SCHOOL EVENT REVOLVING AROUND EARTH DAY FROM THE SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY! SEVERAL ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED TO HELP DISPLAY THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING AND CARING FOR OUR EARTH.

19 APRIL, 2024

**CORAL GLADES HIGH SCHOOL,
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We are Celebrating Earth Day by
going PLASTIC FREE
for Breakfast *and* Lunch
Monday, April 22, 2024



This means no sporks, no
condiments...no plastic!

Finger-friendly foods for Earth Day!

Your Mother [Earth] Thanks you 😊

Kindergarten Field Trip—Safety Town



Kona Ice i-Ready Incentive



Second Grade Field Trip—Old Davie School House



Third Grade Field Trip—Lion Country Safari



Fifth Grade Field Trip—Universal Studios



School Advisory Update



WE NEED YOU! Now that I have your attention, please go on our website or use the QRcode that was sent home and complete a school climate survey. We need our parents, students and staff to take a few minutes and complete that for our school. Thank you so very much for assisting in this annual endeavor. Our School Advisory Committee will be held on **Tuesday April 2nd**, the day after we return from Spring Break @ **7:30 am** in the school's media center. Please arrive a few minutes early to get signed in. All parents and staff are welcome to attend.

Parkside PTA Update

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY



Welcome April! We hope all of our Parkside students, families and staff enjoyed their Spring Break! PTA will be having our second general meeting on **4/2 at 8:30am** in the school cafeteria. This month PTA will be having another amazing family night giveback, Bingo for Books on **4/19 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm**. Doors will open at 6:00pm, each person will receive a slice of pizza and a drink. Flyers will be going home once students return from spring break, please return your rsvp if you plan to attend. Also, yearbooks are on pre-sale till 4/22 they can be purchased online only on our website below. The only way to guarantee a yearbook is to place a pre-order, as all additional yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Flyers went home with additional information on Yearbook sales and Yearbook Ads for sale. We hope everyone has an amazing month!! Thank you for your continued support. <https://parkside-elementary-pta.square.site/>

Panther Aftercare News



As we get closer to the end of the year, it is even more important to review our school wide goals with your child often. Encourage them to continue to do their best in everything they do. This includes school work and behavior. To treat others they would like to be treated. Also remind your child to leave their footballs, and other sports equipment at home. We have plenty equipment at school and if it gets lost or taken, we are not responsible. Our next payment will be due on **April 18th** which is for April 19-May 14th. We will only have 1 payment remaining after this one. Please do your best to have it in on time.

School Counselor's Corner

April's Counselor's Corner The staff here at Parkside hope that students had an enjoyable time off via Spring Break. Now that the last couple of months of school are upon us, we want to emphasize the importance of student attendance and punctuality. We ask that families do their very best to ensure that their child(ren) are present and on time for the remainder of the year. April is a critical month as K-5 teachers are not only instructing students on new material, they're also reviewing material from the entire school year to prepare students for end-of-year assessments. The window for most end-of-year assessments is from May 1, 2024 to June 2, 2024. For more information on which assessments your child(ren) will be taking, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher of record. Per the usual, Parkside's school counselors are available for emotional and social support. If you would like to speak to one of the school counselor's regarding your child(ren)'s emotional and/or social health, please send an email to tracy.cerra@browardschools.com (grades 3-5) or to nicole.hahn@browardschools.com (grades K-2). In your email, please include the full name of your child(ren), your full name and the best phone number in which you can be reached; you will receive a call within 48 hrs of your email.

*Please note that only parents and/or legal guardians listed on school file will be contacted.



Nicole Hahn, School Counselor (K-2) & Tracy Cerra, School Counselor (3-5)

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