



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### November

- 11/1: 4th Grade Field Trip—Everglades
- 11/1: 1st Grade Field Trip—
- 11/6: Author Visit
- 11/7: SAC Meeting
- 11/13: PTA Meeting 5:45pm
- 11/13: Family Science Night
- 11/19: Picture Retakes
- 11/22: Interim Reports
- 11/22: Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 11/25-11/28: Thanksgiving Break

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## Administrator's Corner

November has quickly arrived and before you know it we will be celebrating all we have to be thankful for. The month of October seemed to fly by quickly. As we head into these next few weeks, please pay close attention to our parentlinks and calendar of events as the month gets really busy.

Thank you to all of the families who RSVP'd to the Thanksgiving Luncheon. We have about 600 responses for the day. It will be a busy and crowded day. Your patience and cooperation on this day will definitely be appreciated. A luncheon schedule will be coming out soon so you can plan accordingly. If you did not pay, we are sorry but we cannot take any more reservations. We look forward to a special day with all of our families and students. Remember the date is November 22nd.

Each year, we have a food drive to help support our families and communities. We do have a few more weeks before the collection has ended. If you can contribute, please send in the specific items that were sent out a few weeks ago. Also, please remember if you or your family is going through a tough time and may need food or support let us know. We have resources available to help. We want to make sure all of our families are being taken care of as well.

We have now started the 2nd quarter of school. Teachers have been working to finalize all of the report card grades for the 1st quarter. Remember next week, you will have access to these through your FOCUS parent portal. If you have not signed up, please make sure to do this as soon as possible. We are going to attempt to print a hard copy to send home with your children next week, but this is a new portal for us as well. If you have questions in regards to this, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Family Science night is right around the corner and we hope you have marked your calendars for this evening event. Our students and staff have put a lot of time and effort into planning for this event as well as the students science projects. We also will have our Title I Van with all kinds of resources for families here and Kona Ice. Please make sure to come out support your children and our school for this great event. The date is Wednesday, November 13th.

Lastly, I want to give a big shout out to our PTA for all of their hard work over this past month. They do so much for our students and our school. The book fair was a success and then they had a dance party for all students on Halloween. These things take lots of time, planning and resources and without their support, your children would not have these opportunities. Next week, they have invited an author to come out and present to our children. Thank you again for all you do for us!

Wishing you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for being a part of Parkside Where we G.L.O.W. Growing and Learning Our Way.

**Ms. Laneia Hall, Principal**

**Kindergarten**

It's hard to believe it is already the 2nd quarter. We will really be focusing on blending letter sounds and sight word recognition. Reading fluency is a big confidence builder with the young readers. The more they are exposed and feel comfortable starting to read independently, the better they will do. Please continue to read with your child daily. In math, we will be starting addition. Please make sure to review the math vocabulary with your child. (Greater, less than, equal). In science, we will be working on our science projects. We will have a school wide science fair to display our class projects on November 13th. We will be talking a lot about family traditions and comparing families of today with those in the past. We have a lot of fun things coming up so please check your child's folder and the class communication app. Make sure to mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving lunch on November 22nd. We wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

**First Grade**

We have been very busy in First Grade. Reading groups are in full swing, and the children are working hard learning reading strategies to make them better readers. Please practice the books sent home daily for fluency. In math, we have completed Topic 4 which was subtraction facts within 20 and our next Topic is 5 understanding the meaning of the equal sign. Please keep practicing math facts up to 20 to help build math fluency! In science, the students have learned about the scientific method, plants, and living organisms. The students will be learning about this month, inherited traits, basic needs, and water safety. Ask about something new they learned! In Social studies, we will be discussing what has happened then vs. now and community rules/laws. This will be tying together the holiday Thanksgiving and how we spend it together as a community. We are continuing to write narrative stories during writing time. We are focusing on writing small moments and adding lots of detail to our pieces of writing. We are also learning to edit our work, especially by adding correct punctuation. As always, keep up the great work!

**Second Grade**

We had a fun and busy week closing out October with Red Ribbon Week and our annual Halloween Parade. Thank you to our awesome PTA for creating a fun Halloween Dance! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication. Also, a big thank you to everyone who contributed to Parkside's Annual Harvest Drive. Each year we have a Thanksgiving Luncheon and invite all our families to the cafeteria for a special lunch. We are looking forward to that event on Friday, November 22nd. In reading, we have begun Unit 3- Government at Work. Skills we are focusing on are Central Idea and Relevant Details, Identify Different Characters' Perspectives, Compare and Contrast Important Details in Two Texts on the Same Topic, and Identify Rhyme Schemes in Poems. In Math, we are on Topic 5- Subtract with Numbers to 100. For your child's math book, videos and other lessons assigned by your child's teacher can be accessed on "Savvas". Students can access "Savvas" through Clever, just like I-Ready. Remember to spend some time on I-ready for reading and math each day for a total of 45 min each week per subject. In social studies, we are learning "Historical Inquiry and Analysis" where our focus is on Primary and Secondary Sources and Timelines. Also included in November is Veterans Day and Native American Heritage. As we finish up with Energy in Science, classes will be completing their own Science Experiments. These experiments will be shared at our Science Family Night on November 13th. We hope all our Parkside families have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Fall Break!

 Third Grade

November!?! Seriously?! Wasn't it summer, just a few weeks ago? Time flies when we're working hard I guess! Third grade students are currently working more on Division and Multiplication and will soon be working on parts of Geometry like Area and Perimeter. Students will benefit greatly from a few minutes of daily facts practice with flashcards and/or making lists. If they at least know their facts for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10, the rest are easier to figure out. In ELA, we are going to be concentrating on quotations, expository writing, cause and effect, compare and contrast, text features, and fluency. We are settling into our Walk-to Read routines. In Science, we are continuing our journey into the forms of Energy and how they relate to each other. In Social Studies, we continue to learn about regions and countries of North America, as well as our national landmarks. We will also touch on the election process and the three levels of government. We have been delayed in booking our field trips, due to certain date availability. We expect to have a definitive schedule for some great field trips very soon. Coming up, we look forward to seeing everyone that will be coming to the Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 22. Don't forget that every Thursday is "THIRDSDAY!" Students are encouraged to wear their class shirts on this day each week. Happy Thanksgiving! Gobble Gobble!

 Fourth Grade

October came and went! It was a busy month filled with lots of fun activities, especially the week of red ribbon. In preparations for science night, 4th grade has gone through five different experiments. Each class will be creating five different science boards to present at science night. Kids have really enjoyed going through the scientific process. Moreover, in the area of math we have worked on two digit by two digit multiplication and now we are in division. In language arts, we have worked on singular and plural nouns. In reading, our focus has been on point of view and perspective. In social studies, our focus has been on the geography of Florida. The window for our annual Saint Augustine field trip has also recently opened. The holidays are right around the corner, so we're preparing for a busy and fun November.

 Fifth Grade

Hi families! The second quarter is well underway, and we have many exciting things going on this month! Science Night is on November 13th. Also, be on the lookout for information regarding an upcoming field trip to Sawgrass Nature Center. The Thanksgiving luncheon is on November 22nd. In Reading we are working on various informational texts that focus on historic events in America We will be working on skills such as how text structure and features contribute to the meaning of the overall text, comparing primary & secondary resources and explaining how relevant details support the central idea of a text. In Math we are just beginning Topic 5, Dividing Multi-Digit Whole Numbers and now we are moving into Topic 4. In science we are exploring chemical and physical changes in Science. In Social Studies we are beginning to learn about early tribes of the United States. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team



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**School Advisory Update**

Our SAC and SAF meeting will be held on Thursday November 7th. We moved it back because election day is Tuesday. Please feel free to join us to have a voice in what goes on at our school. The meeting will be in the school's media center at 7:30am. All are welcome!



**Panther Aftercare News**



There are NO payments due this month! The payment was made on October 29th, and it is good thru December 3, 2024. That payment included a 3-day credit for the 3 hurricane days that we didn't have school. Your next payment will be due December 3rd. Continue to review the school wide goals and encourage your child to always do their best. Feel free to visit the Broward schools website and go to the Aftercare page if you would like to apply for a scholarship. There are certain criteria that must be met.

**Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor**

**School Counselor's Corner**

Thanksgiving is within sight and the Parkside staff is very thankful to be a part of your child(ren)'s educational journey. The collection for the annual Harvest Drive is underway and will continue up until 9am on November 5, 2024. Certain non-perishable items have been requested by the Harvest Drive organizers. Moreover, the Harvest Drive organizers have requested that all the non-perishable items be boxed, canned, encased in plastic, packaged and/or bagged **(i.e. NO GLASS JARS)**.

**Harvest Drive Non-Perishable Items**

- Pre-K/KG : Instant Oatmeal, Canned Fruit/Fruit Cups, Apple Sauce, Canned Gravy/Gravy Packets
- 1st Grade: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Boxed Rice/Bag of Rice, Boxed Pasta/Bag of Pasta, Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- 2nd Grade: Ramen Noodles, Cookies, Crackers, Canned Chicken/Canned Tuna
- 3rd Grade: Microwavable Snacks (e.g. Popcorn), Macaroni & Cheese, Pop Tarts, Peanut Butter, Jelly (no glass jars)
- 4th Grade: Boxed Stuffing, Kids Cereal, Brownie Mix, Cake Mix, Canned Beans/Bag of Beans
- 5th Grade: Body Soap/Body Wash, Laundry Detergent, Ranch Dressing Packets/Italian Dressing Packets, Canned Soup, Any Canned Vegetables

Lastly, the character trait of Citizenship is celebrated throughout the month of November; the Harvest Drive collection is just one example of Citizenship at its finest, i.e. A Cooperative Effort to Help Those in Need. For more on the character trait of Citizenship visit: <https://charactercounts.org/c7/>

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



## Flamingo Gardens—First Grade Field Trip



Flamingo  
Gardens



## Butterfly World—Second Grade Field Trip



## Halloween Highlights at Parkside



# Alexandra Alessandri

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Children's author Alexandra Alessandri is visiting **Parkside Elementary School** on **Wed, Nov 6, 2024**, for a fun day of stories, featuring her latest books for young readers: *Our World: Colombia*, *Lupita's Hurricane Palomitas*, and *Grow Up, Luchy Zapata*. To learn more about Alexandra and her books, as well as to access FREE downloadable resources, visit [alexandraalessandri.com](http://alexandraalessandri.com).



## Our World: Colombia

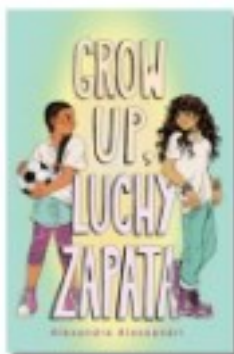
¡Hola! Come along for a day of exploring the sights and sounds of Colombia from the farm to the city. Join Bebé and Perrito as they snack on arepa con chocolate, visit the market, dance cumbia, and count whales in the waves. Part of Barefoot Books' Our World series for very young readers.

ISBN 979-8888590782 | Gr. PK-K | Ages 0-5

## Lupita's Hurricane Palomitas

Kindness can be shown during even the harshest of storms. Shutters rattled. Wind howled. As a ferocious hurricane descends upon her town, Lupita finds two baby birds who have fallen out of their nest and brings them inside to shelter them from the storm. While Lupita and her family wait out the tempest, she focuses on protecting the palomitas to alleviate her own fears and hopes she can soon reunite them with their mother.

ISBN: 978-1506488882 | Gr. PK-3rd | ages 4-8



## Grow Up, Luchy Zapata

A funny, relatable middle school drama about two Colombian American girls who have always been BFFs—until sixth grade turns everything upside down. Luchy is determined to help Cami remember how special their friendship is. They've been BFFs their whole lives, and that can't just disappear in a poof of glitter! But...what if Cami doesn't even want to be friends anymore?

ISBN 978- 1665935968 | Gr. 3rd-7th | age 8-12

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### Parkside PTA Update



Happy November Parkside! We had a great October and want to say thank you to all of our volunteers at our book fair and Halloween dance! Thank you for your generous donations to our Share the Fair Cause during book fair. We had a great turnout and are so grateful. November brings some great happenings as well! First off, our Poppin Popcorn fundraiser is still going and closes on November 8th. This family owned company makes great holiday treats and gifts so don't miss out! Next we will have our Author Visit on November 6th!

Alexandra Alessandri is the award-winning author of several books for children, including *Isabel and Her Colores go to School*, *The Enchanted Life of Valentina Mejía*, *Lupita's Hurricane Palomitas*, and *Grow Up, Luchy Zapata*. The daughter of Colombian immigrants, she is also an educator and a poet. We can't wait to welcome her! Our Second General meeting will be November 13th at 5:45pm right before family science night. We hope everyone has a great month!

### Thank You PTA For Hosting An Amazing Halloween Dance!



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