



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### November

- 11/7:** Employee Planning—No School for Students
- 11/7:** Election Day
- 11/8:** AC/SAF Meeting, 7:30 AM Media Center
- 11/8:** 5th Grade (Berkowitz, Bookman, & Sanchez) Field Trip—Johnathan Dickson State Park
- 11/10:** Veteran's Day—No School
- 11/14:** Report Cards Issued
- 11/15:** 5th Grade (Burby & Russow) Field Trip—Johnathan Dickson State Park
- 11/17:** Parkside Thanksgiving Luncheon (10am-1:08pm)
- 11/20 - 11/24:** Thanksgiving Break—Schools Closed
- 11/28:** Oct/Nov Student of the Month Ceremony 8:20 am

## Administrator's Corner



As we enter the month of November, we know the holidays are right and around the corner. This leads us into the season of thankfulness and giving. This is by far my favorite time of year. This is a time when we like to try and slow down with all the hustle and bustle and teach our children the value of family, friends, and our community. Please take time to enjoy your children and families, especially during this time.

We have just finished the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of school and on Wednesday, October 25 we began our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of school. Progress reports will be sent home on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you look over these and sign the envelope and return it to school. Also, please remember that you all should have had or getting ready to have your first conference. While I know that some of your schedules do not allow for you to come in face-to-face for a conference, we truly feel this is the best way to get a true picture of where your children are performing. Please reach out to your child's teacher to set a date if you have not already.

Over the last few weeks, we have had a lot going on with Red Ribbon Week, Halloween Activities, and fall activities. Congratulations to second grade for collecting the most supplies for the Harvest Drive. They will be getting an ice pop party next week. We are so thankful to all the families who gave to this cause. In a few weeks, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. The fliers were sent home two weeks ago and were due this week. We have an overwhelming response, and it is going to be a great day. At this point, we cannot accept any more reservations to eat. We had to place the food order today. If you did not RSVP and you would like to just sit and eat with your children, you are welcome to but you need to let your child's teacher know. This is such a wonderful day and maybe our favorite day of the year. There will be a lot of people here and it will be chaotic, so your patience will be needed. Please also check with your child's teacher for their scheduled lunch time as we make adjustments for this day. I am looking forward to seeing you all on this day.

Take a close look at the calendar for November. On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a teacher planning day—no school for students. On Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> we will be closed for Veterans Day. Just a friendly reminder that we are off the entire week for Thanksgiving Break. The last day for school will be November 17 and we return to school on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. We want to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe if you are traveling and enjoy your families and times together.

Love,

Laneia Hall, Principal





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 young readers. The more they are exposed and feel comfortable starting to read independently, the better they will do. In math, we will be comparing numbers up to 10. Please make sure to review the math vocabulary with your child. (greater than, less than, equal). In science, we will be observing properties such as size, shape, color, weight, temperature, and texture. We will be talking a lot about family traditions and comparing families of today with those in the past this month as well as with the holidays coming up. Make sure to mark your calendars for our Thanksgiving lunch on November 17th. We wish a very Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!



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 take some time to read every night with your child. The books in their reading bag will help with fluency. In math, we have just completed the Topics 1-3 on addition/subtraction concepts within 20. We are also working hard on math fluency to ten, as well as doubles and doubles plus one facts. Our next Topic 4 will be subtraction facts within 20 and Topic 5 understanding the meaning of the equal sign. In science, the students have learned about the scientific method, plants, and living organisms. The students will be learning about inherited traits, basic needs, and water safety, this month. Ask about something new they learned!! In Social studies, we will be discussing what has happened then versus now and community rules/laws. 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.



Second grade is sailing smoothly into the second quarter. We will have our Halloween Parade and PTA-sponsored Halloween dance on Oct 31. Fun was had schoolwide by dressing up for Red Ribbon Week at the end of October. Our Harvest Drive in October was a great success. Each year we have a Thanksgiving Luncheon and invite all of our families into our school cafeteria. We are looking forward to that event. We are also looking forward to our very first field trip to Butterfly World and learning all about the butterfly life cycle and viewing some beautiful butterflies, birds, and insects. In reading, we are amid Unit 2 and learning to retell and summarize stories including folktales and fables and determine the moral or lessons they try to teach. In Math, we are completing Topic 4 on addition and moving into Topic 5, where we are focusing on subtraction within 100 using methods that use a hundred chart, an open number line, breaking numbers apart, compensation, and an understanding of place value. Math fact fluency is key to making this process easier. Please practice your addition and subtraction math facts to 20 at home daily using flashcards or flashcard apps. 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, along with map skills, we are starting to learn about various Native American regions and the tribes living in each region including the types of homes, clothing, and lifestyle. We are also learning how immigrants or settlers affected the Native American way of life. In science this quarter, we are learning about Earth Systems and Patterns in Nature including severe weather conditions and how we can prepare for them. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving week off this month.



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. Some students will also be receiving additional support in Phonics to help move them along. In Science, we are continuing with the life cycle of a plant, as we journey into the study of Photosynthesis. In Social Studies, we continue to learn about regions and countries of North America, as well as our national landmarks. Our first field trip to Amerant Arena was challenging but rewarding for the kids. They had a blast trying out different STEM activities at stations around the concourse. Coming up soon, we look forward to seeing everyone who will be coming to the Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 17. 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!



We had a great first quarter in 4th grade! We learned multiple-digit multiplication in math and are moving on to long division. In science, we studied animal traits, adaptations, and response to environment. Our focus in reading has been author's perspective along with character traits. We had an amazing time on our field trip to the Everglades! The weather was beautiful and we were able to see many birds in their natural habitat. We also learned many interesting facts about alligators, and how they interact with humans. The 4th-grade team has enjoyed meeting with all of our parents at our first conferences of the year. We are looking forward to a great year ahead with your child.



This has been a fun month of learning. In reading, we are working on informational texts. We are finding the central idea with supporting details, text features, and cause and effect. Our grammar focus has been on the use of conjunctions in a sentence. In math, we are working on multiplying three and four-digit numbers by one and two-digit numbers as well as estimating. In science, we just recently finished learning about properties of matter and are moving on to mixtures and solutions. In social studies, we have been working on map skills. We are excited to see what November holds!

November Counselor's Corner



Our Harvest Drive was a great success as we were able to donate over 12 boxes of non-perishable items to help families in need. Thank you to all the families that participated, and we will soon be announcing the winning grade level! We are now officially in Quarter 2 so all students should be settled into a routine and making some academic progress. If your child is still feeling a bit unsettled in any way, please feel free to reach out as your school counselors are here to help.

The character trait of Citizenship is highlighted and celebrated throughout the month of November. Citizenship is knowing, understanding, and displaying a high regard for not only our country but how we conduct ourselves and interact with others. For more information on the importance of kids learning about Citizenship and for ways to infuse the concept of Citizenship into your households, please visit:

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING REPORT CARDS



GO TO YOUR CHILD'S CLEVER ACCOUNT AND CLICK ON VIRTUAL COUNSELOR.



CLICK ON "GO TO VIRTUAL COUNSELOR".



1. ENTER YOUR CHILD'S O6----- NUMBER.  
2. PASSWORD IS COMPLETE DATE OF BIRTH INCLUDING FORWARD SLASHES MM/DD/YYYY.



CLICK ON "2022 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT CARD-MARKING PERIOD".

School Advisory Update

Note the change of date due to school being closed on Tuesday.



**School Advisory Council (SAC):** SAC is a committee of parents, community members, and teachers who meet to discuss and monitor our School Improvement Plan. The focus of SAC is primarily student achievement but many issues are discussed that affect the school. SAC has an official elected membership but all are welcome to attend each meeting. Please join us for our next meeting on **WEDNESDAY, November 8, 2023** in the school's **Media Center at 7:30am**. All stakeholders, parents, staff and community are invited to our next School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum. Thank you!

Panther Aftercare Reminders

- Hours are 2:00pm until 6:00pm. A \$15.00 late fee will be assessed to anyone who arrives after 6:00 p.m.
- We are asking you to start the year off by reminding your child(ren) that we follow the same rules during aftercare that we have for the school day.
- Next payments due on **Wednesday, November 8th** by midnight. Please be on time to avoid a new registration fee of \$30.00.
- Change in pick-up should be communicated with aftercare as well as the teacher. Practice your school goals often.

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor



Traveling Through Moments In Time!

### Parkside PTA Update

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY



Hello November!

Thank you for reminding us we have so much to be grateful for! PTA would like to thank all of our wonderful families and volunteers who continue to show us support throughout the school year. What an amazing turnout of families who came to the Ice Cream Social, Book Fair, and Science Night. We hope that all families who came out had great time and enjoyed their treats! We look forward to many more givebacks coming this school year.

This month, PTA will be having another student giveback hosting an Author Visit to the school. All students will have the opportunity to enjoy this Author presentation. **Andrew Toffoli, author of the Histories series, will be visiting Parkside Elementary on Monday, November 13th.** If you wish to purchase his books, a flyer will be going home with additional information. Each book will include a sketch and signature by the author. We hope you have an amazing month and Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Sincerely, Parkside PTA

### Title I 2023 Science Night



On Thursday, October 12, 2023, Parkside Elementary held its family-filled, Title I Science Night! More than 110 families excitedly arrived at Parkside for a night of fun-filled Science activities. Families enjoyed activities where they explored how Gravity works, making predictions and collecting data on items that may Sink or Swim, and discovering the many ways our Fives Senses sometimes trick us. Families also experimented with Force & Motion/Scientific Method, Magnets, and the wonderful world of Microscopes! At the culmination of the night, families were able to enjoy a free treat from Kona Ice! We can't wait to see everyone next year!



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