



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

October

- 10/1:** SAC Meeting
- 10/3:** No School
- 10/7-10/11:** Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/10:** Family Night
- 10/10:** PTA Meeting 6pm
- 10/15-10/31:** Life Skills & Wellness Student Survey (Grades 4 & 5)
- 10/15-11/1:** Harvest Drive
- 10/16:** 2nd Grade Field Trip—Butterfly World
- 10/17:** 1st Grade Field Trip—Flamingo Gardens
- 10/18:** Spirit Shirt Order Deadline
- 10/19:** Dad's Challenge (North Lauderdale Elementary)
- 10/23-10/31:** Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24:** Read for the Record (PreK & Kindergarten)
- 10/25:** Wear Red for Red Ribbon Week
- 10/25-11/8:** Poppin Popcorn Fundraiser
- 10/29:** Student of the Month Assembly
- 10/31:** Halloween Parade & Dance



Administrator's Corner

October is here and I can't believe how fast this year is going already! We are one week away from the end of the 1st quarter. Before you know it, we will be bringing in the Holidays. October, November and December bring a lot of different activities so please pay close attention to your teacher's communication apps, Parentlink, our marquee and website so you don't miss out.

All parents should have had their first conference or should be having this very soon. You also should have received a copy of the parent report of your child's first FAST assessment. If you have questions or concerns about this please discuss with your child's teacher. This is our baseline data and we will be taking the next assessment PM 2 in January. It is important that you come in, meet with your child's teacher face to face and discuss his/her progress. We want to make sure you let your children know school is their job and their progress is important to you.

Our annual Halloween Parade is right around the corner and we hope you can come out and join in on the fun. On Thursday, October 31st, students will be allowed to come to school dressed in their costumes and bring a change of clothes if they want to change. With their costumes, they must still follow BCPS dress code policy. Students are not allowed to cover their faces with masks, but can have face paint if they like. Also, please remember no toy weapons are allowed. The parade will begin at 8:30 in our car loop. PTA will be having a dance for the students once the parade is over. If your child does not celebrate Halloween, we always have alternative activities for students in our media center. Please make sure you have let your child's teacher know if this is the case.

This week a flyer will be going home about our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon. This is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd in the cafeteria. We invite all of our families to come out and have lunch with their children to celebrate all we are thankful for. This is such a wonderful day, where we decorate our cafeteria, eat the school's Thanksgiving luncheon, and spend time with our families. We do not want you to miss out so it is imperative that if you are wanting to participate, you read the flyer, RSVP and pay for the event by the deadline. We have to adhere to this time line as we order food for the event 3 weeks prior in order to properly prepare. Please be on the lookout for this coming home soon.

Have you had a chance to check out all of our great things happening at our school. Check out our schools' website or our PTA's Facebook page and see what's going on. If you would like to get more involved, please reach out to your child's teacher or contact our front office. We love our volunteers. If you haven't already, please go to www.browardschools.com/getinvolved to fill out a volunteer application.

Last week was National Custodian Appreciation Day and we want to take a moment to say thank you to our amazing custodial staff. You may not see them during the day, but they are behind the scenes keeping our building, grounds and classrooms looking great. Mr. Brown, Mr. Santiago, Mr. Oliver, Ms. Jimenez, and Ms. Hernandez go above and beyond to make sure your children have safe and clean environment daily. If you see them, please say thank you! Wishing you a bountiful fall season. Thanks for being a part of Parkside Where we G.L.O.W., Growing and Learning our Way.

Ms. Laneia Hall, Principal

Title I Parent/Guardian Information for Required Dissemination

School Improvement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/parkside>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact **Lakay Wilkerson** at **754-322-7850**.

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/parkside>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact **Jodianne Martin** at **754-322-7850**.

LEA (District) Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent and family engagement activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent and family engagement program. You can access this plan using the following weblink:

https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/domain/13545/parent%20engagement/Final%20LEA%20PFEP%202024-2025_REV%2005.28.2024%20ADA.pdf

If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact **Linda Howard**, Title I Program Specialist at **754-321-1410**.

Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.)/The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)/Florida Standards Assessment and LEA/School Report Card, school grades, state assessment reports

The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents/guardians and the [general public](#) about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports using the following weblink:

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>.

If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact **Laneia Hall** at **754-322-7850**.

Kindergarten

October is here! We are in the full swing in Kindergarten. We are working on letter sounds and applying them to reading and writing, learning parts of a book and beginning writing stages. In math, we are comparing numbers 1 to 10. And in science, we are learning about living things and the plant life cycle. We will also be learning about the change in seasons now that it is officially fall! It is fire safety month so we will be doing activities that align with this and learning about fire safety! Your child's teacher will be conferencing with parents to update you on their progress thus far. So keep a look out for conference requests coming home in your child's folder or on the class app. Just a reminder to check your child's daily folder every day and read each night!

First Grade

Wow, we are already halfway into the first quarter! First graders have been VERY busy. We have learned about having peace in our community and keeping a positive learning environment. *We completed the first 3 math topics with addition and subtraction. Next, in topic 4 the students will be able to subtract with facts to 20. *In science, the students have learned about science tools, their five senses, and the scientific method. The students will be learning about plants and how they grow in October! We will be going to Flamingo Gardens (October 17th) to explore different kinds of plants! Lastly, we will be using our science skills to examine apples, pumpkins, and even make a pizza garden! YUM!! *Writing time has been great fun as we began our unit on Narrative writing. The children are learning how to write a "small moment" writing piece, by writing step by step and with lots of detail. Ask your child about George McClement's book, Night of the Veggie Monster. They loved it! *Check out the homework journals daily for homework and the blue folder for important information. *Please be sure to read with your child nightly and have him/her share the reading strategies they are learning in class. Reading practice is the key to success! Thanks for all YOU do!

Second Grade

Happy Fall Second Grade Families! The first quarter is coming to an end on October 11th. Monday, October 14th will be a Teacher Planning Day. All beginning of the year assessments has been completed and this information will be shared with you at parent conferences. Please make sure you are getting communication from your child's teacher through their classroom app. Communication between school and home is extremely important. In reading, the students will build literacy and language skills by participating in ten cross-disciplinary units of study in our Benchmark Advance Program. Each three-week unit will focus on one topic. The topics will range from economics to earth science, history and culture to themes in literature, and much more. Unit 1 was "Plants and Animals in Their Habitats". We are currently in Unit 2 "How Characters Face Challenges". In math, we are finishing Topic 3: Add with Sums to 100. There are online resources for families to support math instruction: [https:// bit.ly/3PsQiGB](https://bit.ly/3PsQiGB) . You can use this resource all year long. Scroll down to find all the topics. There are videos and examples that you can use to help your child with math concepts. This valuable resource shows how concepts are taught through the Envision Math curriculum. In Science, we are continuing to work on Matter and will be moving on to Uses of Energy next. In Social Studies, we are learning about "Places Near and Far". Students are learning about Continents and Oceans, Countries in North America, and Where We Live. Our next Unit is on Historical Inquiry and Analysis. Some other wonderful things happening is Hispanic Heritage Month and later in October will be Red Ribbon Week. Look out for further details coming up! Our first field trip to Butterfly World in on October 16th. All online payments are due by October 6th. Please make time to read with your child each night, this is so important. Thank you for all you do at home to ensure your child's success. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

 Third Grade

Our third graders have settled into their new routines and by now have been exposed to all three specials including MEDIA every week! Please make sure to keep track of your child's day for MEDIA with their teacher, so as you know when to have them bring back their library books to exchange. By now, third-graders will have taken the first Benchmark Unit Test in their classrooms and will also soon be taking the first cumulative Math test on Topics 1-3. Classes are currently working on the Distributive property of Multiplication and have been or will be tackling strategies for multiplication tables between 0 and 12. Students will benefit greatly from a few minutes of daily facts practice with flashcards and/or making lists. The better they know the facts or at least how to figure them out quickly, the less challenging the problem-solving component will be. "Practice makes Progress!" In ELA, we are going to be diving into Character Development, Plot and Theme, Opinion Writing, Verb Tenses, Conjunctions and Compound words. In Science, we are engaging in Classifying Plants, and will next delve into Plant Structures and Functions. In Social Studies, students will be exposed to elements and figures of Hispanic Heritage, as we our study of levels of Government.

 Fourth Grade

Here comes fall! Students have been adjusting well to the curriculum and to 4th grade expectations. In reading, we've read wonderful picture books like, "The Name Jar" and "Enemy Pie" to talk about character traits. In small reading group, we've been working on reading comprehension strategies and targeting summarizing and theme. In math, we are working on mastering multiplication facts and using basic facts to help us solve problems with bigger numbers. In social studies, we've been learning about geography. In science, we are learning about traits and animal adaptations. In language arts, we are working on converting singular nouns to plural nouns. All the beginning of the year testing is done, so your child's teacher will be reaching out soon to set up a conference. That's all for now! Happy Hispanic Heritage month!

 Fifth Grade

Wow, how this year is flying by! I cannot believe we are already approaching the end of the first quarter! In Reading we are working on various literary texts focusing specifically on characterization, how story elements contribute to a plot and summarizing plot and theme. In Math we just completed Topic 3, Multiplying Multi-Digit Whole Numbers and now we are moving into Topic 4, Understand Multiplication with Decimals. In science all students have completed a hands-on scientific experiment utilizing the Scientific Process. We have now begun to explore properties of matter along with mixtures and solutions in Science. In Social Studies we are beginning to learn about early civilizations. Please save the date for our upcoming Science Night on November 13th. Also, be on the lookout for information regarding an upcoming field trip.



School Zone Speed Limits

Please be sure not to drive more than 15 mph in our school zones when the light is flashing. Coral Springs Police Department's officers are issuing citations for violating school zone speed limits.

School Advisory Update



School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum will have our next meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 7:30 a.m in the media center. All stakeholders are invited to attend. Please arrive around 7:20 to checked into the front office so that we can begin on time. Looking forward to seeing many of you on that day. You are a valuable part of our school, and we value your input. There will be a Dad's Challenge Into the Wild, Outdoor Adventures with Dad on Saturday October 19th at North Lauderdale Elementary School. We need DADS to come out and DISCOVER - learn the benefits of how Title I helps our school and your child succeed! EXPLORE - discover methods to help your child soar in reading, math, and science in engaging workshops! And CONNECT – become a valuable resource for fellow parents by sharing your knowledge! This is an adventure, and we are seeking safari adventurers.



Panther Aftercare News

Aftercare Payments are due now, the last day to pay for period 3 is Tuesday October 1st by midnight. Thanking you in advance. Please continue to review our School's Behavior Goals. The more our students hear them the more they can incorporate them into their daily routine. We do close daily at 6:00pm. If for some reason you are having trouble getting here on time, please give us a call before that time so that we don't have to call you. The late fee begins generating at 6:01pm. Have a HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Please check out our Parkside website where you will find a direct link to all things After School Child Care.

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

School Counselor's Corner

The month of October signifies that fall season is well underway; October also means that the end of Quarter 1 is near. Hence, all students should be settled in their classes, adhering to the rules of the school (e.g. consistent punctuality + attendance, listening to teachers/staff, keeping hands/feet to self) and demonstrating their utmost academic capacity. A lot is happening in October 2024 at Parkside Elementary.

The **Life Skills and Wellness Student Survey** window for grades 4 and 5 is **October 15, 2024 through October 31, 2024**. Please visit our school's homepage all information related to the survey: <https://www.browardschools.com/parkside>

Parkside's annual **Harvest Drive** collection will take place from **October 15, 2024 through November 1, 2024**. Stay-tuned to our school's website and to Ms. Hall's weekly robocalls for more Harvest Drive information.

The character trait of *Responsibility* is highlighted and celebrated throughout the month of October. *Responsibility* is when an individual takes initiative in completing duties/tasks (i.e. without having to be told and/or reminded to do so). For example, if a student usually relies on a parent/guardian to wake up on time for school, then the student could demonstrate *Responsibility* by setting an alarm to wake up on time instead. For more information on the importance of kids learning about *Responsibility* and for ways to infuse the concept of *Responsibility* into your households, please visit:

<https://evolvreatment.com/blog/giving-kids-responsibilities/>

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



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Monthly implementation calendar



BCPS Mindfulness Guidelines



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For more information contact:
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Parkside PTA Update



October is here and it is one of our favorite, festive months! Our Fall Book Fair kicks off on **October 7-October 11!** As always, we would love to see you there to volunteer. Whether it be for one session or all sessions, digital sign ups will be posted on our social media pages and through our PTA member email. Our second general meeting will be **Thursday October 10** at 6:00pm in the cafeteria and after that, parents also get the opportunity to shop the fair. Our Poppin Popcorn fundraiser has been moved and the new dates will be **10/25-11/8!** This fundraiser is essential in supporting our givebacks for all the students, plus these items make great holiday gifts for family and friends. Lastly, our Epic Halloween Dance will be held **10/31** for all students! This is also a great volunteer opportunity and we will have digital sign ups for that as well. Thank you panther family and we hope to see you soon!



Spirit Shirts!

Spirit Shirts are available for order until October 18th. Be sure to order prior to the deadline. The cost is:

- \$15—Spirit Shirt
- \$20—Spirit Shirt & PTA Membership

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