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Calendar of Events

May

- 5/1:** Kindergarten & Second Grade STAR Reading
- 5/2:** First Grade Field Trip—Teddy Bear Clinic; 5th Grade FAST Reading
- 5/4:** First Grade Science Day
- 5/6-5/9:** Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/7:** First Grade STAR Reading; Interim Reports Go Home
- 5/8:** First Grade STAR Math; Fourth Grade FAST ELA
- 5/9:** Kindergarten STAR Math; Second Grade STAR Math; PTA Mother's Day Fundraiser
- 5/13:** Kindergarten Swim Sessions
- 5/9:** Kindergarten STAR Math; Second Grade STAR Math; PTA Mother's Day Fundraiser
- 5/13-5/20:** Kindergarten Swim Sessions
- 5/13:** Third Grade FAST ELA; Fifth Grade FAST Math
- 5/20-5/24:** PTA Scholastic Book Fair
- 5/21:** Third Grade FAST Math
- 5/23:** PTA General Meeting; Schoolwide Exhibition/Spaghetti Dinner
- 5/24:** Early Release Day
- 5/27:** Schools Closed—Memorial Day
- 5/29:** Fifth Grade Award Celebration
- 5/29:** Third Grade Bowling
- 5/31:** Fifth Grade Dance

Administrator's Corner

The month of May has quickly come upon us and we are extremely busy with all of the end of the year procedures. Throughout this month we will be assessing our students on the final FAST progress monitoring to determine promotion criteria, getting ready for our school wide exhibition, and end of the year celebrations. Please make sure you are listening closely to the weekly parent links for the most updated information.

Progress Monitoring 3 for FAST did begin this week for our K, 2nd and 5th grade students. These test are important assessment to show the students growth throughout this year and will be used for their promotion criteria to the next grade. Each week throughout the month, different grade levels will be testing for ELA, Math and 5th grade will take the Science assessments. Please check your child's calendar and updates from your child's teacher to ensure your children are in school and prepared for these assessments. All of our teachers have been working hard to ensure your children are prepared for these throughout the entire year. Once all testing is completed, the teachers will be sharing their results with you. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

May 6th through the 10th is National Teacher Appreciation week. Throughout the week, we will be celebrating all of our staff in many ways. We are asking all parents to participate in the celebration and show all of our teachers and staff how much you appreciate all they do for your children. PTA has put out a flyer giving you ideas for the week, but please feel free to show your appreciation in any way you feel deserving. Our wonderful staff take time and their own money throughout the year to take care of your children, so it is their time to feel the love. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated staff working at Parkside. Thank you for considering them and making them a priority throughout the week.

Thank you to all of the families who have been participating in our Kona Ice fundraiser. We have had a large participation thus far. The students really enjoy this special treat and a percentage of the profits do go back to the school. We will have one more the first week of June and then decide if we would like to continue this into the next school year. While we know the kids love the large ices, we may out some restrictions on the purchases due to the fact some kids are not having enough time to finish them during recess. Please look for more information coming soon and thanks again for your support.

Thank you to all of the parents who took time to complete the Annual Customer Survey. Your feedback is important to us and the District. This data is used to make any changes or address any concerns families may have or continue best practices we have in place. We truly appreciate your time in completing these for us.

Over the past few weeks we have had an excessive amount of students arriving at school late as well as late being picked up in the afternoons. Please remember school starts promptly at 8:00. This means ALL students should be in their classrooms ready to learn at 8. They are tardy if they walk in after 8. Students do accumulate minutes toward truancy for every minute they are late to school. On that same note, school ends at 2:00. Our car line takes about 15 min from start to finish. Each day we are having 10-15 students whose families are late picking them up. Please be mindful of this and respectful of our staff and try to get here on time. If you are running late, please call our office and let them know. After an hour and we have not heard from you, we do reach out to our local police department to assist with locating families. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

This has been another great year and we are so thankful you allow us to have your children each and every day. We hope that you enjoy this month and celebrate all the wonderful MOTHERS out there. You also deserve a lot for all you do. Happy Mother's Day to you all! Thanks for being a part of Parkside Where we are Traveling through Moments of Time.

Mrs. Laneia Hall, Principal

Kindergarten

We are now into our final stretch of kindergarten! And we have SO many fun things to look forward to in these last few weeks. In Math, we will be working with 2 & 3 dimensional shapes and are moving on to measurement, classifying and sorting data. In science, we are still learning about the life cycles & weather and loving it! We are hard at work finishing activities for our school wide exhibition coming up on May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. We will also be having a kindergarten awards ceremony on June 5th at 8:30 am. Save these dates! More information to come. Also, pay close attention to other fun activities the last few weeks of school. We will be swimming May 13th-23rd across the street at Mullins Park. This will be a 30 minute swim lesson each day. We need lots of volunteers so please reach out to your child's teacher if you can help out. All of your children have grown in so many ways! It is truly amazing to see so much growth in 1 year. The year has flown by with so much fun all packed in! We are so proud of each and every one of these children. Thank you for sharing them with us!

First Grade

Is it May, already? It's hard to believe, but the school year is nearing the end!! We will be having our exhibition night to showcase all their hard work May 23rd at 6:00 pm! The students can't wait to showcase all their work from the school year! Please be on the lookout for all important information that will be coming your way! In math, we will learn to analyze 2D and 3D figures. Have your child identify these objects around your house or when you are out and about! We will also learn about fractions to the half and fourths. You can practice this skill while making dinner or lunch! In Science, the children will learn about gravity and how it pulled objects down. They will see how objects move when given a force and how gravity pulls it in different directions! First graders will learn about money and why it is important to save! They will learn how to make the right choices on what is a want and what is a need. Have your child make a list of wants and needs. Discuss what they should buy first! Lastly, we hope you'll continue to encourage your child to read nightly! The more they practice, the more fluent they will become!

Second Grade

The year is flying by! We will be taking our end of year STAR Reading assessment on May 1st. Our end of year STAR Math assessment will be on May 9th. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. It helps to send them off to school with words of encouragement and remind them to do their best. Please continue to read to with your child every day and ask them comprehension questions about the book. If you have access to Clever at home, your child can do i ready lessons. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are not able to log in from home. The book fair is coming May 20th. Look for more information coming home about the book fair. Exhibition Night and spaghetti dinner will be on May 23. Second grade will have our outside day on Monday, June 3rd. More information will go home as we get closer. Thank you for all you do to help your child be successful.

Third Grade

Hello Third Grade Families, we are almost in the home stretch! We have our final field trip of the year coming up. We will celebrate by going bowling! The outing is on May 30th, payment is due by May 19th. Students have already permission slips and payment instructions for you. Remember lunch is included in this trip! Our students have been working effortlessly as we continue to prepare for the end-of-year assessments. We are so proud of our students' growth this year. In Mathematics, we will focus on multiplying with greater numbers and using problem-solving to assess the reasonableness of solutions. In Science, our focus will be the laws of gravity and introducing planets. In Social Studies, our students will working on travel brochures, National Parks, Landmarks, 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. HERE WE GO!!

Fourth Grade

April is over and the finish line is near! While we are focused on testing, it is nice to reflect on all the hard work our students have put in as we approach the final stretch. In science we are learning about the space around us as well as how resources can be exhausted as we try to think of ways to conserve them. Additionally, in math, our students are learning how to collect and analyze data as well as calculate and understand how angles work! In social studies, our students are working on their exhibition projects, we won't give too much away as we want to surprise everyone! In reading, we wrapped up theme and moved to text structure as we further our knowledge or resources and how they can influence our daily lives!

Fifth Grade

Happy May! Fifth grade has been working so hard and is ready to crush the F.A.S.T tests. In reading and social studies, we have been working on nonfiction texts that focus on the American Revolution. In math, we just finished working on pyramids, prisms, and volume of 3D shapes, and are currently working on line plots and line graphs. In science, we are working on the water cycle and weather. We can't wait for all the end of year fun!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 - May 10

MUCH LOVE MONDAY



Make a homemade note or card showing your teacher the love and appreciation they deserve!

TASTY TREAT TUESDAY



Bring your teacher a tasty treat or their favorite snack!

WACKY WEDNESDAY



Let's test their luck! Send your teacher a \$1 lotto scratch off card!

TRANSFORMATION THURSDAY



Dress like your teacher or wear their favorite color!

FLOWER FILLED FRIDAY



Let's close out the week by giving our teachers their favorite flowers!



Native American Presentation



Kona Ice





FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Visit the website to download the appl or submit a tip online:

www.getfortifyfl.com

Parkside PTA Update

This year is really going by fast. Spring Break is quickly approaching and we need daily reminders of what is expected behavior and what is not. Students are giving homework time every-day and are not taking advantage of it, then going home and reporting that they did not get time. Please know that all children have time Monday thru Thursday to complete and get help with their homework. Some of them are saying that they have to do it at home and not work-



Panther Aftercare News

It is hard to believe that we have reached the last month of this school year, and what a year it has been! We've had our share of ups and downs, and we are continually getting better. Thank you for growing with us this year and we look forward to seeing many of you back next school year.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE AFTERCARE AND BEFORE CARE PROGRAM EVERY YEAR. ALL OF OUR FILES ARE ARCHIVED AT THE END OF EACH YEAR AND CANNOT BE RE-ACTIVATED. Once you have registered, you must wait for an e-mail instructing you on the next step. Please do not go on and pay before you register or receive this e-mail. Your funds will be floating in cyber space with no name attached to them. Registration for the next school year is targeted to begin on August 1st. Registration does not automatically mean that you have secured a spot.



Our final payment for the school year is due on May 14th. Please adhere to the deadline by midnight on that date. Have a great summer and make some great memories! Mrs. Wilkerson

Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

School Counselor's Corner

Things are wrapping up for this 2023/2024 school year! Standardized Testing begins the 1st week of May 2024 and continues through the end of May 2024. For any questions/concerns on what tests your child(ren) will be taking, please reach out to your child(ren)'s assigned teacher. Parents/guardians should all be aware of their child(ren)'s academic progress and are encouraged to collaborate with teachers-- as necessary--for academic support resources/ideas to utilize this summer.

Parkside is wishing all students and their families a wonderful summer! Remember that Florida is almost an island as 'The Sunshine State' is surrounded by water on 3 sides! Thus, one of the best ways to be proactive with water safety is knowing how to swim OR learning how to swim (i.e. with proper swim instruction). There are many reputable places locally in which one can learn how to swim; below are a few links to check out:

<https://www.coralsprings.gov/Parks-Directory/Aquatic-Complex>

<https://www.swimminglesson.us/>

<https://www.coralspringsswimlessons.com/index.html>



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