



Panther Paws

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Calendar of Events

November

- 2/1:** Quarter 2 Report Cards Go Home
- 2/2:** Second Grade Field Trip: Gabie Science Bus
- 2/5:** FTE Week
- 2/5:** First Grade Field Trip: Parker Playhouse
- 2/7:** Valentine's Day Gram Orders Due
- 2/13:** Interim Reports Go Home
- 2/13:** Valentine Gram Delivery
- 2/14:** Early Release
- 2/14:** Day of Service and Love
- 2/15-16:** Kindergarten Round Up
- 2/16:** Fifth Grade Field Trip: Coral Springs MS
- 2/16:** PTA Movie Under the Stars
- 2/19:** No School
- 2/21:** Robotics Competition
- 2/22—2/23:** Fourth Grade Field Trip: St. Augustine
- 2/23:** Fifth Grade Field Trip: JA Biz Town
- 2/28:** Publix Math Night
- 2/29:** Kindergarten Field Trip: Safety Town



Administrator's Corner

February is here and Parkside is full of love! We know these past few months have been very busy with the Holidays and then getting back into the routines of school. The month of February does allow us to slow down and get back into teaching and take a small break from our assessments. In December and January, students were completing their mid-year Progress Monitoring and the I-Ready Diagnostic. While we know this is a lot for students, but we do use this data from these assessments to remediate, reteach and enrich our students. This data gives us a predictor on where these students will score on their final Progress Monitoring in May. Remember this assessment is used for promotion criteria. Please continue to work with your children at home, utilize I-Ready and meet with your child's teacher to discuss his/her progress.

On February 14th, we will be having a Day of Service and Love to commemorate the 17 lives lost at Marjory Stoneman Douglas six years ago. Each year we have done different activities around our school and community to give back. The butterfly garden and the mural in the main hallway are a few of the things we have done over the years. This year we are going back to a school wide project where we are creating care packages for the homeless. These will be given to several homeless individuals within our community and throughout Broward County. Students will be making "You Matter" index cards to put inside of these care packages. These messages mean a whole lot to these homeless individuals. We REALLY need your help as we have not had many items donated at this time. Each grade level was assigned a travel size item and we asked for each student to please donate one or more of this items. The list includes toothpaste/toothbrush, deodorant, nail clippers, wipes, soap, and shampoo and conditioner. Please if you can get these from the dollar store, target, Walmart or any other place you can find these items. In order for us to help as many as possible we really need your support. We want our children to understand it is important to give back to those in need. Thank you in advance for your help.

Parents, we are noticing a lot of toys being brought to school daily, mainly Pokemon cards. Please note, these are not allowed to be brought to school for any reason. This may not seem like a big deal to you, but these cards create distractions to the classroom as well as create some arguments with children. They begin trading and taking away from each other and some go missing. I have asked our teachers to take these away if they see them out in the classroom or during the cafeteria. Remind your children about these things and check their backpacks from time to time to see if they are bringing items that are prohibited to school.

As many of you probably have heard through parent links, emails, on the news the District is putting in several precautions to try to prevent and be proactive with safety and security at our schools. While this does not happen a lot at elementary school, there are always chances and we want to make sure your children and our staff is safe. Have discussions with your children about school and safety and check their back packs from time to time for any items that should not be brought to school. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or our school resource officer.

As hard as it is to believe, we are already planning for the 24/25 school year and we want to get all of our incoming Kindergarteners in for our round up and get you all registered. Our first Kindergarten Round Up will be held on February 15th at 6:30 pm and then on February 16th at 8:30 am. If you have or know of a child who will be 5 on or before September 1, 2024, please share this information with them and come out and join us for one of these events. Whether you are a returning parent or new parent, this is a great way to get to know what Kindergarten will look like for your child. We hope to see you there.

Thanks for all you do for our school,

Mrs. Laneia Hall, Principal

Kindergarten

We have a busy, short month ahead! We will be celebrating the 100th day of school, Valentine's Day, learning about our Presidents, Black History Month and continuing addition and learning subtraction in math. We are in full force with reading and working on our strategies daily. Please continue to read at home with your child and continue to reinforce these strategies. There is always an open line of communication with our teachers for any questions or concerns. Coming up in next few months, all our classes will be going to Safety Town (End of the month) and swimming (May). We will need an abundance of volunteers for these field trips. Be on the look out for more information coming home in your child's folder or class app. Make sure you have been approved to volunteer and if you are not, sign up now to be approved before our trips. We look forward to a great 2nd half of the year!

First Grade

This past month, first graders have been busy reading, reading, and reading some more! As we begin the second half of the school year, reading will be our focus. The children will be taking the third F. A. S. T. Reading Test in May, and we are trying hard to get them prepared. Please be on the look-out for reading comprehension passages going home for homework in the near future! In Math, we are finishing up Topic 8, Counting and Modeling Numbers. It is a tough chapter, so please take time to practice math on a daily basis. Please practice math fluency facts, as well!! We will be starting Topic 9 Comparing Numbers. In Science, we are learning about Earth Surfaces. We've discussed what materials are on the surface of the Earth like rocks, soil, and bodies of water. Have your child go outside and find parts of the Earth's surface! We learned all about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the last couple of weeks. We discussed the importance of learning about history, and making sure we do not make the same mistakes in the future. The children are always VERY intrigued by history! In February, the children will learn about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, as the country celebrates President's Day. As always, we thank you for being a part of your child's learning!

Second Grade

February is all about **Service and Love**. On Feb 14th, second grade has been asked to bring in donations of shampoos and conditioners for those in our community that are without a home at this time. They will be filling quart sized baggies of their donations on that day as well as writing a "You Matter" card as a note of encouragement to go with the bags. Please continue to send in the shampoos and conditioners through Feb. 13th. In **Social Studies**, as this month is also Black History Month, on Feb. 28th and 29th we will be holding an **Outstanding Black American Living Museum** in the Cafeteria. The students may dress-up as their person and will present to their peers and families their **Biography reports** through a speech and project of a famous Black American of their choice. We look forward to seeing you there to support your children as they learn about many amazing Black Americans throughout history. In **Reading**, our next unit of study is about **Inventors** and your child might have connected that with their famous Black American report already and or been discussing what new invention they would like to create with you at home as we are also working on that in class! *Second Graders are expected to be able to have reading comprehension that goes beyond retelling the events that happened in the book.* They should be able to discuss the different character traits and how they respond to major challenges and events; Identify the Genre (is it fiction, nonfiction, realistic fiction, biography, hybrid etc.); Is there a moral or lesson they learned? Make connections to their own lives and talk about how the book/article is organized /it's sections including text features- table of contents, subheadings, captions, illustrations, labels, glossary, maps, icons, **timeline** etc.). These are just some of the many FL BEST Standards we're learning this year as they grow into detail-oriented readers. Remember, your child should be reading every day outside of school hours. In Math, we have started **Topic 8 money and time**. Your child may use real coins at home for counting on and subtracting as well as make flash cards for vocabulary, a visual of clock/time-cards, and to play math games which should help improve basic fact fluency. Please remember any **online games should be supervised by an adult**. Children should be practicing i-Ready daily, a lesson in Reading and Math at home to continue enhancing their Reading and Math skills.

Third Grade

Third grade is back in full swing and (WOW!) more than half-way through the school year already! In the first week of February, we are at the end of Benchmark Unit 5. As we look forward to Unit 6, we will be learning about Theme, Making Connections, Character Analysis, Compare/Contrast, Summarizing/Synthesizing and using Context Clues In Math, we are concluding Topic 5 on Geometry (having done 7 and 8 previously) and will begin to explore the concept of Multi-digit subtraction; and then into using equations to solve problems. Using the results of the FAST 2 assessment and the I-Ready Diagnostic, teachers will also be attending to areas in Math that students are showing the need for additional instruction along with continuing regular daily math review activities. We encourage ALL students to be practicing basic math facts in addition, subtraction, and multiplication daily. In Social Studies, we will be concentrating on Black History and the contributions of many incredible African American writers, scientists, inventors, and leaders. In Science, we are already getting energized with fun centers about light, chemical, mechanical, electrical, sound and thermal energies. When finished we will dive into the States of Water. On February 14, as part of the Day of Service of Love, third grade classes will be collecting individually wrapped toothbrushes and toothpaste for "You Matter" packages that Parkside will present to the homeless. As always, please continue to take a few minutes daily to review your child's work with them. The more interest you take, the more interest they will take!

Fourth Grade

4th grade at Parkside Elementary is looking forward to the new year! In Math, we're working from top to bottom to learn our fractions! In Science, we branched out and learned about the anatomy of plants and how they reproduce! In Reading, 4th grade is learning perspective as we take a close look at how different points of view can affect a story! In Social Studies, we're learning about Florida's history and getting ready for our St. Augustine trip!

Fifth Grade

Happy February! In Reading, we are working on fiction texts again. We are focusing on recognizing an author's point of view and perspective. In math, we are finishing up with Patterns and data on a coordinate grid and are moving on to adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. In science, we are working on energy transformation. In social studies, we are studying about European exploration of North America. We will also be preparing for our field trip to JA Biztown.



Valentine's Day Grams



It's that sweet time of year again and we would love to provide Valentine's Grams for your students!

You can select which type of gram from our options below and add a personalized note to make it that much sweeter. Several slips are provided in case you have more than one student to send to!

Grams will be delivered Valentine's Day 2/14/2024 to the student's classroom. Please submit the detached slips, filled out completely, along with your payment by:

DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Exact change only please! Thank You, from Parkside PTA



Gram Options:

\$6 An Assorted Valentine's Plush toy with your choice of either a full size Hershey Bar OR full size bag of Skittles, with your personalized note.

\$2 A Large Valentine's Heart Pop with your personalized note

Parkside 2023 Robotics Team

The Robotics team competed in the Robolution 24 event on January 20th at Hawkes Bluff Elementary. We are excited to announce the team came in 4th place! We also earned the Inspire Award for inspiring the judges by demonstrating leadership, teamwork and a positive attitude throughout the event.



Fifth Grade Science Field Trip

The Intergalactic Adventure Bus came on campus for a Fifth Grade Science experience! Our students had the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of Earth & Space in Time!



Parkside Elementary PTA Presents FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT



Friday February 16th, 2023

Free Movie & Popcorn!

Movie will be shown on PE Field

Doors Open at 6pm Movie Starts at 6:30pm

We will have Pizza and Drinks available at our Concession Stand for purchase.

(First Come, First Serve)

Rita's Italian Ice will also be onsite selling their delicious frozen desserts!

Remember to Bring your own Seat & Blanket!!!!



PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY



***** REMINDER THIS IS AN AFTERSCHOOL EVENT PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
WATCHING THEIR CHILDREN AND THE PLAYGROUND IS CLOSED AND OFF LIMITS *****



Kindness Crew Volunteers

Let's read all about

Kindness

Saturday, February 3rd

10:00am-11:30am

@ Oakland Park Library

The books will be read by a guest reader as part of HandsOn Broward's "Kindness Crew" and Literacy League. Following the reading, participants will complete a craft that will be donated to NE Focal Point Braithwaite Center for Active Aging.

To sign up, please visit

www.handsonbroward.org/youthprogams

Please contact Bari Goldberg, HandsOn Learning Manager at

bgoldberg@HandsOnBroward.org or at (954)233-1298 with any questions.

Elementary school aged children and their families are welcome to join.



HandsOn
BROWARD



Oakland Park Library



This project is made possible by a grant from the Harold Rosenberg Fund for Children's Education of the Community Foundation of Broward.

School Advisory Update

School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum will have our next general meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. We ask that you can join us and help to make our school the best that it can be. All are invited and welcome to attend. We will be having our Publix Math Night on Wednesday, February 28th. Please come out for a fun learning experience at the Publix on the corner of Sample and Coral Ridge.



Parkside PTA Update

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Hello February! The Family Movie Night date has been changed to February 16th. We will be showing the movie Super Mario Bros. Flyers will be going out with additional information, please make sure to return your RSVP if your family plans to attend. Also this month, PTA will be selling Valentine Grams that will be delivered on 2/14. Please be on the lookout for flyers with additional information regarding the grams and options available to purchase. We wish all of our students, staff and families a month filled with love, peace, and joy!

Panther Aftercare News

Please look for our school survey that went out this month. If you need to access a computer, you are welcome to use one here during the aftercare hours. Thank you for getting your payments in on time, that saves me a lot of time when I don't have to call you for a reminder. Our next payment will be due on February 19th. There is no school that day, but payments are still due. Please continue to review our 5 school wide behavior goals. It helps all of us stay on track.



- Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor

School Counselor's Corner



Our Day of Service and Love collection is underway so please donate as there is still some time to do so. This is a way we can help people in need and a great way to show our students the importance of kindness and respect for others. We are now officially in Quarter 3 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 always here to help. Guidance small groups will be starting back up towards the end of February so please let your child's teacher know if you would like them to be a part of a group that focuses on life skills and wellness.

- Nicole Hahn, School Counselor

Out of Field Notice:

The following teachers at Parkside are considered teaching "Out of Field." This means that they do not have full certification in a certain area. These teachers are all in the process of obtaining the training and coursework to obtain the proper certification.

These teachers and their certification areas are:

Listed below as Current Certifications/Out-of-Field:

- Colwell, Kirstin: Elementary K-6/ESOL Category 1
- Franco, Shelby: Spec Expert Per Instruction PreK/ESOL Category 1
- Higgins, Colleen: Elementary K-6/ESOL Category 1
- O'Reilly, Nicole: PreK-Primary Age 3- Grade 3/ESOL Category 1 & Gifted
- Sritharan, Thilaka: Biology Grades 6-12, ELEM K-6, ESOL Endorsement, Reading Endorsement/Gifted
- Taylor, Ashley: PreK-Primary Age 3- Grade 3/ESOL Category 1
- Torres Vendrell, Irma – PE K-12/PreK/Primary
- Vuckovich (Lamarre), Tamara – ELEM K-6, ESOL Endorsement, Reading Endorsement/Gifted
- Williams, Mykia—PreK-Primary Age 3 –Grade 3/ESE-Autism & ESOL Category 1
- Worrell, Myles: Spec Expert Per Instruction PreK/ESOL Category 1

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