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Calendar of Events

January

- 1/8: 5th Grade On Campus Field Trip
- 1/9: SAC/SAF Meeting Media Center 7:30am
- 1/15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
- 1/19: End of Q2—Early Release 12 noon
- 1/22: Employee Planning Day—No School
- 1/23: Q3 Begins

Administrator's Corner



Happy New Year Parkside Families. We have made it to January and are kicking off 2024 with a bang! Hopefully, you and your family enjoyed the Winter Break and had a joyous New Year.

I wanted to take a quick moment and reflect on the month of December as we had so many things going on and a lot of people to thank. First of all, PTA did a lot of things throughout the month of December, and I want to thank them for all they do for our students and staff. The Holiday Shop kicked off at the beginning of the month, then they provided snow cones for the field days and ended the month with treats for our staff and the Student of the

Month assembly. PTA also donates the fire truck and Santa as a give-back to our students. We truly appreciate everything! Also, we want to thank Coach Oliver for putting on 3 full days of field days. Coach always does a great job organizing the activities, engaging all children, and putting a little competition in place for the teachers as well. Thank you, Coach Oliver, for a great time. Thanks also to Mr. Matt for organizing the fire truck, Santa, and the Florida snow. The students all seemed to have a wonderful time.

We want to officially welcome Jodianne Martin to our Parkside Family. She was able to spend a few days with us prior to Winter Break so the students were able to meet her prior to her start date. Ms. Martin comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in curriculum and experiences working a multiple levels within the District. We look forward to having her join our team.

Parkside students and staff should be commended for the work we have put in over the past year as our school grade was released a few weeks ago. We moved from a "C" to a "B." While there is always room for additional growth, I am beyond proud of our staff and our students. Several schools dropped a letter grade due to the new assessment, but we made strides and accomplished this goal. Congratulations to our Parkside Team!

As we ease into the beginning of the 2024 year, we shift into what we call crunch time. We prepare all year for the end-of-the-year assessments, but in January and February, we make adjustments to our support groups and develop goals and targets for our students. Our goal is for all students to meet proficiency at their grade level, but all students should be making learning gains no matter where they are working. Please help your children continue to make these gains by completing homework, using I-Ready, and meeting with your child's teacher to discuss progress. Students need to know we all are working together to accomplish these goals.

February 14th is right around the corner and as many of you already know, this is our day of service and love in the district. This year, we will be doing a school-wide initiative to give back to our community. We will be creating care packages for the Homeless. Sometime during the first few weeks, we will be sending home a flyer asking for donations from our families to create these care packages. On February 14th, all of our students will be a part of assembling the care packages and writing "You Matter" messages on index cards. Please look out for more information coming home soon.

Hope that this New Year is a great one for each and every one of our families. Wishing you peace, joy, and happiness for 2024. Thanks for being a part of Parkside where we are Traveling Through Moments of Time.

Laneia Hall,
Principal



Please complete our **Title One Parent Survey**. It only takes a moment and we really appreciate your feedback! Simply click below to begin!

<https://title1.compliance.com/goodsurvey/?vfgxxs=QUNFNzYyNzMtRUUwRS00QiQzLThENTeTQTZEODVDNUU5NjQ3KzM2MzE=>



Kindergarten

Happy New Year!!!! As we start the second half of the school year, we will hit the ground READING!!! Make sure you are reading with your child every day. We will continue to work on CVC words and blending letter sounds. Make sure you are reviewing sight words daily. The more fluent your child is with their sight words the more confident of reader they will become. We will continue working on addition and then subtraction in math. You can practice addition facts by playing fun games at home to keep it fresh. Continue to read daily with your child and talk about what you are reading to check for understanding. Thank you for continued teamwork in your child's education!

First Grade

It's hard to believe we are half way through the school year! We hope everyone had a nice winter break! As we begin the third quarter, we are focusing on a few new things. To begin with, in Reading we are busy practicing reading strategies so that all the first graders continue to make progress. Our focus has been checking for understanding, retelling the story using details, using text features, cross-checking, as well as practicing sight words. These strategies are super important for comprehension and fluency! We will be continuing discussing who is telling the story. In Math, we are continuing learning about counting by 1s, 5s, and 10s. Please practice these skills at home, so the students can gain it! As we settle back in from the break, we plan to discuss magnifiers and materials found on earth's surface. As always, please continue to read nightly, practice spelling and sight words, and having conversations with your child about what they are learning!

Second Grade

Welcome back second graders and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Winter Break. This month we are going to be working with soil, adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, and continuing with Benchmark unit 4. Our field trip with the G.A.B.I.E Science Bus will be on February 2nd. Please make sure to make the online payment before the deadline ends on January 28th. The payment is under Mrs. Gutzmer's name. Please continue to work with your child on I-Ready to conquer their 45 minute goal per week on both subjects. Thank you for your continued support!

Third Grade

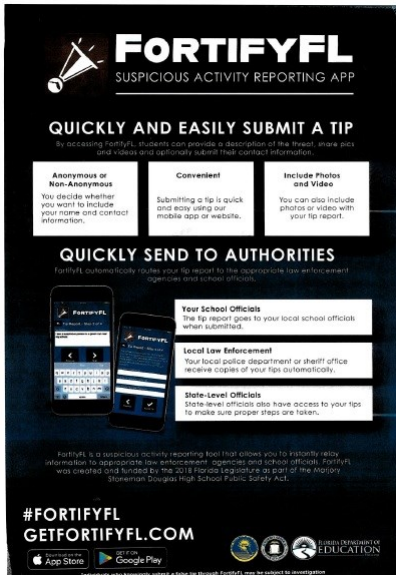
HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2024 is going to be EPIC! This is the year your third grader should become a fourth grader! We had lots of fun activities and themes during the last week before winter break, but it's time to dig deep! In the first week of January, third graders are starting Benchmark Unit 5 in their classrooms with a focus on the Advancement in Technology and on the essential question "What is the value in innovation?" In Reading, Language, and Grammar, we will be concentrating on compound sentences, context clues, and text structures, as well as continuing to identify and repair fragments and run-ons. In Writing, students will revisit Opinion writing citing evidence. We will also work on understanding of author's purpose and author claim. Teachers will also start doing additional BAS testing as needed for some students. Toward the end of the month, we will be concentrating on conjunctions, real-world perspectives, other types of poetry, and evidence-based inferences. We will also take the second I-Ready Diagnostic assessment. In Math, we will begin Topic 5, on Geometry, especially using Area and Perimeter. Students have taken the test for Topic 7: Adding Multi-digit whole Numbers before break. Teachers have also begun doing daily math review activities to keep students fresh on all Math concepts. At the end of each week, students may be getting a brief quiz on those particular items as a way of monitoring key standards. In Social Studies, we will be concentrating on the values and history around Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the impact his messages have had on society. This will also bring us into deeper studies on Black History. In Science we will venture into forms of Energy, including light, chemical, mechanical, heat, electrical, sound, and thermal, to name a few. As always, please make time for reading at home! This can include reading to your child, having your child read aloud to you or a sibling, or just reading silently. A great trick is to turn on the Closed Captioning on all your TVs. It is nearly impossible NOT to read words that come across the screen! This is NOT to replace reading books, or other literature, just a great practice tool!

Fourth Grade

Happy New Year!! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break!! We are back and ready to continue our mastery of 4th grade standards. This month we will begin our study of fractions in math. In Reading we will be focusing on text structures and author's perspective. In science we will finish up life cycles and begin study of rocks and minerals.

Fifth Grade

Happy New Year! In reading, we are working on non-fiction texts again. We are focusing on the four text structures: compare and contrast, cause and effect, sequence, and problem and solution. We are also working on central idea, and first and secondhand accounts. In grammar, we are working on verb tenses and appositives. In math, we are dividing fractions and will be moving coordinate planes and patterns. In science, we are working on forms of energy. In social studies, we are finishing up our Native American Projects and will be moving to Explorers.



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How do you make an anonymous report? There are many ways to provide a tip, just follow the directions below:

- Download and Use the SaferWatch App**
Download the SaferWatch App at saferwatch3app.com/browardschools. This app gives users in Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) a direct line to communicate with local law enforcement and the BCPS Special Investigative Unit (SIU) about incidents or concerns.
- Download and Use the FortifyFL App**
Download the FortifyFL App at getfortifyfl.com. Use any electronic smart device to anonymously report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities, or the threat of these activities to the appropriate law enforcement agency and school officials.
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• Call 754-321-0011
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• Email tipbox@11@browardschools.com

BROWARD County Public Schools

School Counselor's Corner



As another new year unfolds, Parkside Elementary remains dedicated to facilitating the utmost potential in each student. The month of January signifies that the second part of the school year has begun. The second part of the school year is a vital time in student learning. Classroom curriculums reach their peak and various achievement measurements are conducted. As the remainder of the school year unfolds, it is important for parents/guardians to remain in consistent communication with teachers and any other necessary Parkside personnel. When school personnel are made aware of circumstances that are adversely affecting OR circumstances that may adversely affect a student's success (e.g. an illness, a life altering event) appropriate facilitation and/or resources can be provided to help alleviate the impact or potential impact of such circumstances. Respect is the character trait for the month of January. Respect is when one demonstrates decency/politeness and attentiveness. It's always appropriate to demonstrate Respect, even during times when it is difficult (e.g. A driver gets pulled over by a police officer and receives a citation for not using a turn signal; the driver remains polite and attentive to the police officer despite being informed of the pricey citation). For ideas on how to incorporate the meaning and importance of Respect into your household visit:

<https://www.stepingstoneschool.com/5-ways-to-teach-and-encourage-respect/>

Sincerely,
Tracy Cerra, School Counselor

Parkside PTA Update

PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY



Happy New Year! PTA is excited to start this new year with a giveback to our students and families. This month we will be having our family movie night on Friday, January 27 showing the movie Encanto. Doors will open at 6:00pm and the movie will begin at 6:30pm. PTA will be sending out flyers for movie night rsvp's the first week back to school, so please be on the lookout for it. We hope everyone had an amazing winter break!!



Are you a member of the PTA!? Follow the link to join and also purchase other items from our store!
https://parkside-elementary-pta.square.site/?fbclid=IwAR24mx29XPLuS3GNiSZFw_BeVV-Gy1Z96AOdMTNEmmLW7zU5APPdMSpqo2c



Coral Springs Middle School will be holding a couple of upcoming events for incoming 6th graders. Our 5th graders will be visiting CSMS on a field trip on February 23rd. Stallion Round Up will take place on February 1st starting at 6 PM at CSMS. Their Stallion Stampede, 6th grade orientation event will take place over the summer. For more information, visit coral-springsmiddle.browardschools.com. Mark your calendars, future Stallions!



Save the Date

This year's Title I Parent Seminar will be Live Streamed! See flyer below!



Title I, Migrant Education and Special Programs

SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 27
2024
 8:00 AM EST

2024 TITLE I ANNUAL PARENT SEMINAR
BEYOND THE TRAILHEAD:
"NAVIGATING THE PARENTING JOURNEY"
WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DR. WASHINGTON "NINO" COLLADO

PROFESSOR, EDUCATIONAL LEADER, PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FOR BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, PROLIFIC AUTHOR OF 4 BOOKS IN EDUCATION INCLUDING "PARENTS, DON'T FORGET YOUR HOMEWORK"



TY ALLAN JACKSON

AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR, YOUTH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, LITERACY ADVOCATE, AND HONORARY DOCTORATE RECIPIENT.

Kids Heart Challenge



Coach Oliver will be sending home flyers on **January 17th** with all the information about registration for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. Parkside will be participating in the Kids Heart Challenge where there will be daily challenges, donations, and prizes *starting February 5th through February 29th*. This is a great fundraiser for a great cause. For more information, you can visit heart.org

School Advisory Update

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.



School Advisory Forum (SAF): SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF has no official membership and our SAF meetings are held back to back with our SAC meetings.

How can parents get involved and participate in the SAC/SAF committee? Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC/SAF at our school, usually on the first Thursday of each month. This month we will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 9th at 7:30 AM.** We will meet the week that we return on **January 9, 2024**. Please arrive a little early to get signed in. We will begin promptly at 7:30 am. We do have to discuss A+ monies. We are not sure if our school will be on the list, but we must be proactive. See you in the New Year! Thanks for always being there for Parkside.

Why is it important for parents to be active participants? The SAC committee provides a place where parents can voice their opinions and suggestions. They have an active role in making decisions that will best serve the students. SAC also gives the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate. We look forward to seeing you there!

Panther Aftercare News

Panther Care Newsletter January 2024 I hope that you had a very enjoyable and restful winter break! Now that we are back, we would like to remind you that you are still expected to follow our 5 school-wide goals. Please take a little time and go over these with your child. 1) Always do your best. 2) Cooperate with others. 3) Manage Yourself. 4) Respect the rights and property of others. 5) Resolve conflicts (Be a problem solver). Our payments come around every 15 school days. We were here for 8 days before we left for the break, and we have 7 more days in this pay period. **The next payment is due January 23, 2024.** Yes already! Please be mindful and have your payment in on time. Be on the lookout for our annual customer satisfaction survey. Thanks



Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor



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