



Dr. Eric T. Miller, Principal  
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## Upcoming Events September 2024

Sept. 2– No School



Sept. 4 – Head Start, Pre-K-2nd Grade  
Open House 6:00PM



Sept. 4 & Sept 6  
FAST Testing Progress Monitoring 1 –  
Reading & Math Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Sept. 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Open House 6:00PM



Sept. 10 – Sept. 12  
STAR Testing Progress Monitoring 1 –  
Reading & Math Grades Kind. – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sept. 12  
Grandparents Breakfast  
7:30AM – 8:00 AM

Sept. 16-20 – Peace Week



Sept. 17 – Student Pictures

Sept. 24 – SAC/SAF  
Meeting 3:30 PM

Sept. 27 – Interims Issued  
to students

## September 2024

### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Peters Elementary! We are thrilled to have you join us for what promises to be an exciting and productive school year. To ensure our success, we encourage parents to get involved by joining the School Advisory Council (SAC), School Advisory Forum (SAF), and Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Your support is invaluable, and we strongly encourage your participation.

As we enter September, our focus will be on enhancing student achievement across all academic areas and preparing for the Progress Monitoring State Assessments for Grades Pre-K-5. We are committed to helping every student reach their highest academic potential in a safe and secure learning environment.

Research consistently shows that children whose parents are actively involved in their education achieve more in school. We consider you a vital part of our Peters family, and we are excited to work together with you. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Looking forward to earning another “A” school grade this year!

Sincerely,

*Eric Miller*

Eric Miller, Ed.D.  
Principal



## Grade Level News



### Head Start

Our Head Start teachers are as follows: Ms. Littles (4-year old's), Ms. Bowen (4-year old's), and Ms. Holmes (3-year old's). All of our Head Start classes are off to a great start this school year.

We are doing many fun activities as we explore our classrooms! We look forward to having you involved in your child's education as much as possible. When families are involved in their children's learning, they have a better chance at succeeding in school. Your child will be participating in many learning opportunities related to Literacy, Math, and Science. We encourage you to work with your child at home on the concepts he or she is learning in school. At Open House on September 4, 2024, we will provide you with information related to the curriculum and concepts to be taught in the classroom, and activities to do with your child to reinforce these concepts at home will be included. This year, all HS classes will be using The Creative Curriculum System for Preschool. During the first four weeks of school, your child is learning about the classroom environment, procedures, and routines. We look forward to an exciting year as your child learns and grows.

### Pre-Kindergarten

Hello everyone! It's starting off to be a Super September here at Peters Elementary. Our Pre-K team is excited to welcome Ms. Mathis to our amazing list of outstanding teachers. We know the 2024-2025 school year is going to be special. Our youngest students are currently busy learning our daily routines. We focus on social emotional growth and communication in the classroom as well as independent functioning. Each day our students learn new skills through play. The teachers and support staff keep students engaged while exploring new concepts and ideas. Some of our September topics include fall/harvest and learning how to express our feelings. Even though it may look like all fun and games, our

activities and work are developmentally appropriate practices for young learners. Together we will move mountains and help our scholars soar. We are thrilled to embark on this year's adventures in Pre-K.

### Kindergarten

Dear Parents, we want to warmly welcome you to our amazing Kindergarten classroom, it is such a joy to be working with you and your children this 2024-2025 school year at Peters Elementary school!! Here is a recap of the wonderful things happening within our classrooms.

We've been very busy learning each other's names, making rules for our classroom, and learning our daily routines, inside and outside of our classrooms! If there is one thing that is very important to the kindergarten classroom it's routine. The students are doing a great job learning this and we will continue to work on it as time goes on. We have read several stories including The Kissing Hand, Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, Katy's First Day of School, and Welcome to Our School. We discussed ways we all get ready to come to kindergarten and spoke on the importance of following rules. Next week beginning Monday, August 26, 2024, we will jump right into homework, which will include our ELA and Math standards.

In the weeks to come, we will continue to enhance student learning with a plethora of academic activities in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies that will be hands on and challenging for all students in our rooms. We can't wait to share our experiences with you all in the coming weeks! Let's Go Pandas!

From Our Kindergarten team: Mrs. Seibold, Mrs. Shvank and Mrs. Lovett!

### First Grade

Our First Grade Pandas are off to an amazing start. They have worked hard to learn and follow the new routines of their classrooms. They have developed new social skills, they know the rules, and they are ready to shine as role models!

This month in Math, students are working on "counting on" to add and "counting back" to subtract. They are learning about doubles and near doubles. They are using ten frames to solve addition facts with 5 and 10

and drawing and recognizing pictures to solve equations.

In Reading, students continue to learn about the characteristics of fiction and nonfiction books. They are reading informational texts describing animal and plant life cycles and fictional stories about animal characters that grow and change. Students are helping to identify the topic and relevant details of the nonfiction books and retelling fictional stories using main story elements.

In Writing and Grammar, they are focused on the elements of both expository and opinion texts. Punctuation as well as common and proper nouns are being introduced.

Some of the Phonics and Phonological skills we are working on include short a, i and o, recognizing and producing rhyming words, phoneme isolation, phoneme segmentation, and phoneme blending.

Our first graders are ready to soar! Thank you for all you do to support their educational journey. If you have not yet joined your child's Class Dojo, please contact their teacher. Please continue to check the Home-School folders daily. Information about upcoming field trips will be sent home soon. As always, the First Grade Team is available to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you!  
The First Grade Team

## Second Grade

Dear Families,  
Welcome to the 2024-2025 academic school year! We are thrilled to be working with your 2nd grade students this year. Our goal is to create a safe, fun, and nurturing environment that fosters learning. We will be using the B.E.S.T. Standards to ensure our students reach their highest academic potential. We look forward to collaborating with each of you!

We invite you to get involved this year! Please consider signing up to be a volunteer for our upcoming field trips. Your participation makes a significant difference in our students' experiences.  
Volunteer: Complete your volunteer application for future field trip opportunities at:

<https://www.browardschools.com/volunteer>

Join PTA: Single Membership Link:  
<https://peterspta.givebacks.com/store/items/34223>

Family Membership Link:  
<https://peterspta.givebacks.com/store/items/893097>

We are off to a wonderful start in 2nd grade! Our students have been practicing classroom rules and procedures diligently. Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes have made our classroom a joyful place to learn.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making this school year successful. Together, we can achieve great things for our children. We are excited about the journey ahead and look forward to our continued partnership.

Warmest regards,  
Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Oliver

## Third Grade

August was a smooth transition back. Students started working from day one. Now moving into September, students should know our daily routines, procedures, and expectations. We are striving to be an "A" school again. That can only happen with your help. Please make sure to assist your child with any homework or activities that go home. Check in with your child's teacher. Most of us have already established a way of contact either through Remind or Class Dojo. Keep track of assignments through Focus.

Starting the first week of September, we are going to be learning about animal adaptations. Each unit consist of 3 weeks. Unit 1 is Animal Adaptation, and we will be focusing on many informational concepts and skills. For math, we are continuing to work on multiplication and division concepts. If you haven't already done so, please purchase a deck of multiplication and division cards to help with fluency. In Science, we are wrapping up with learning the fundamentals of science (*i.e., Scientific Method, tools, and senses*). Students are looking forward to applying what they have learned with the upcoming experiments. They are always so much fun!

**Field Trips:** Fall is around the corner. Third graders will be going on a field trip to a pumpkin patch sometime in

October. Field trip forms will go out in September. Look out for more information to come.

The Third Grade Team is looking forward to seeing you all at Open House on September 11th. It's going to be an amazing school year! 😊

### Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are off to a phenomenal start for the 2024/2025 school year! All the teachers are thrilled to have our students back. Fourth grade is a very important academic year. We will be taking the new F.A.S.T. progress monitoring assessment online. We have a new social studies series and new math and reading standards as well. We have lots of exciting lessons planned and we look forward to an amazing year! Be sure to check your child's agenda every day for homework updates. As always, thank you for your continued support!

### Fifth Grade

Our fifth-grade pandas have had a great start to the year! We have been getting comfortable in our new classrooms and learning our new routines. Some things to remember that will help your child succeed this year:

- Please check Focus regularly to keep track of your child's progress. Refer to the flyer sent home the first week of school for more detailed instructions.
- Practice basic multiplication facts at home to improve fluency. Many fifth-grade Math problems are complex, so having this skill mastered will help your child to be more successful.
- Look over homework/classwork and ask your child to tell you about what they have been working on.
- Make sure you communicate with the teacher if you have any questions or concerns. You may email the teacher or call the school at 754-322-7900.

We are so excited to have our pandas back at school and we know this will be a successful year of learning!

### Safety Procedures for Visitors

All visitors must enter through our single point of entry. Visitors must ring the bell next to the Front Office door and show your valid identification on the camera above the bell so that we may verify you are

either a parent/ guardian or an approved person on the student's emergency contact card. Please plan accordingly if you are picking up a student. We do not have students report to the office for early dismissal until we have verified identification.

**ALL visitors must wear identification/ID Badges**

### Reporting and Absences

During the 2024-25 school year, parents will have access to an online form for excused absences. Parents will be able to fill-out a form that will send a notification to the school. Please go to <https://www.browardschools.com/domain/16513> select the **Contact** heading, and then choose Report an Absence. Absences may also be called into the attendance phone line at **(754) 322-7902**, or parents may email their child's teacher.

### Code of Conduct

Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing <https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>

### Title One Parent Information

**School Improvement Plan:** School staff and parents 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/Page/49968?school\\_number=0931](https://www.browardschools.com/Page/49968?school_number=0931). If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact the front office at 754-322-7900.

### School Parent Involvement Plan:

School staff and parents jointly develop the plan as part of the School Improvement Plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. You can access this plan at <https://www.browardschools.com/site/Default.aspx?PageID=10737>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or translation is needed, please contact the front office at 754-322-7900.

## District Parent Involvement Plan

District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's district parent program. You can access this plan at: <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/34284>

## Parent Input into

### Teacher/Administrator Evaluation

Parents that are interested in providing input for the End of the Year Performance Evaluations of instructional and/or administrative staff at Peters Elementary, must contact **Dr. Eric Miller**, Principal or **Carol King Roberts**, Assistant Principal at (754) 322-7900 by April 4, 2025 for further directions.

## School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), school grades, state assessment reports:

The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades, the results of the state assessment of Florida schools. You can access these reports at <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 the front office at 754-322-7900.

## Mandatory Uniform School

Peters Elementary has adopted a school wide mandatory unified dress program. As specified in School Board Policy #5309, violations of the uniform policy shall be subject to the same consequences as violations of the dress code of the Code of Student Conduct. The school uniform will consist of the following:

**Bottoms:** Navy or khaki pants, capris, shorts, skirts, shorts, or jumpers. No jeans. **Tops:** White, red or blue short and long sleeve collared (polo-style) shirts. No emblems or designer labels, except the Peters Elementary logo. Peters t shirts, which can be purchased from the PTA, are also allowed. **Shoes:** Sneakers, athletic shoes, leather shoes, boat shoes with enclosed toes or backs. No sling-backs, clogs or open toed shoes. Parents may request an exemption

for their children not to wear uniforms within the first ten days of a student's enrollment. Parents must contact the school office to receive an Application of Exemption in such cases. Exemptions will only be granted if they conform to the requirements of **School Board Policy #5309**.

## Late Arrivals Process

Attendance is a vital part of your child's education process. It is important for your child to be in school and on time to help maximize academic success. After **8:10AM**, Parents must come into the front office to sign-in late students.

## Walker Gate and Car Riders

The walker gate on 68th Avenue is only for students walking to school. Car riders are not to be dropped off or picked up at the walker gate. Parents dropping off car riders are to enter through the second gate on 70th Avenue, go around the loop let students out on the sidewalks where school staff will guide them through the entry gate. For the safety of students, we ask that you stay alert (**i.e., no cell phones**) and not cut through the line.

## School Parent Compact

Peters Elementary School parents and students participate in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I. Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), states that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children be proficient on the State's high standards. This school-parent compact will be in effect during the school year. You may view the current compact at: <https://www.browardschools.com/domain/22845>

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## Safety Reminders

### 5 Official Tip Reporting Tools

Quick/Anonymous Tip Submission via [www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips](http://www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips)

Call the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at 754-321-3500

Email to: [SecurityTips@Browardschools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@Browardschools.com)

FortifyFL at [www.GetFortifyFL.com](http://www.GetFortifyFL.com)

SaferWatch -DOWNLOAD REQUIRED

Broward Schools has transitioned to the Plain Language Emergency protocol. This language will be used to conduct our monthly safety drills and in the event of an emergency.

**STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL**

- HOLD**  
In your room or area. Clear the halls.
- SECURE**  
Get inside. Lock outside doors.
- LOCKDOWN**  
Locks, lights, out of sight.
- EVACUATE**  
To the announced location.
- SHELTER**  
Using the announced hazard and strategy.

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SaferWatch is a web based and mobile app system that allows users to report an incident as they see it happening or submit a tip later. It also provides real time communication during the situations. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/> for more information.



**BROWARD County Public Schools**

**See Something, Say Something**  
Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.

- Anonymous Tip Submission Box**  
Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (no download required). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.  
[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](http://BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips)
- Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)**  
Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.  
754-321-3500
- Send Us an Email**  
Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.  
[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)
- FortifyFL**  
Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (no download required) or download the app for more use. Visit FortifyFL using the QR below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.  
[GetFortifyFL.com](http://GetFortifyFL.com)



Submit a tip easily via our anonymous FortifyFL app. Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc. You can download the app or visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/> for more information

# Back to School with ESE



## FAST Assessment Dates including DHH & General Education Exceptional Learners

Grades 3-5: September 4<sup>th</sup>-September 5<sup>th</sup>

Grades K-2: September 10<sup>th</sup>-September 12<sup>th</sup>

### "In the Know" with Peters' ESE Department

Parents are encouraged to register for a FOCUS Parent account. Parents can register all students attending any school in Broward County. Parents will also have access to their child's school schedules, grades, IEP/EP Meeting Documents, and ESE Transportation information. To register for your account, please visit

<https://browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/>

### ESE Gold Medalist of the Month

Last school, we introduced highlighting one Exceptional Learner Monthly to celebrate the academic & developmental milestones achieved. Keeping with our school's theme, each month, the ESE Department will showcase a "Gold Medalist" of the month beginning the month of October. Be on the look out for who has received their Gold Medal Monthly.

### At Home Strategies for the Exceptional Learner

- Maintain a consistent daily routine
- Use visual aids and timers
- Create a cozy/"calm" corner or space
- Focus on the child's strengths
- Celebrate every milestone
- Communicate with teachers daily

### Important Reminders

#### Private Instructional Personnel

All PIP Packets submitted can take up to 30 days to process. A packet received by Ms. Harden does not guarantee immediate approval.

#### IEP Meetings

Please make sure to contact your child's Teacher or Ms. Harden in writing via the Parent Participation Form if requesting an alternate meeting date and/or time.



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1. Download **Here Comes the Bus** app or visit: [www.herecomesthebus.com](http://www.herecomesthebus.com)
2. Click "**Sign Up**", then click "**Continue**".
3. Click "**I have the Code**".
4. Enter your email address, First Name, Last Name and School District Code (**87599**). Accept the Terms and Conditions, then click "**Continue**".
5. Press **Confirm** the district displayed is "**Broward County Public Schools**".
6. Create your password. Repeat your password. Press "**Confirm Password**" on the screen when complete.
7. If successful, you will be directed to the **Thank You** screen. At that time, please check your email inbox for an email from [noreply@synovia.com](mailto:noreply@synovia.com).
8. Open this email and click the "**Activate My Account**" link. Once completed, close the browser. You may now open the app and sign in with your email address and newly created password.

### Adding a Student:

1. Access the **Here Comes the Bus** app.
2. Click the **Student** icon.
3. Click the **Add Student** button, then enter their last name and Student ID. Click **Submit**.
4. Repeat this process for additional students.



For more information, visit: [www.browardschools.com/HCTB](http://www.browardschools.com/HCTB)



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