

# PANTHER PAWPRINTS

OCTOBER 2019 EDITION

## Principals' Message

Dear Margate Friends and Family,

It is hard to believe that we are embarking on our second month of school. We thank our parents and community members for all your tremendous support during the start of this school year.

Operations are in full swing here at our amazing school. Thank you to everyone for having their walk-up pick-up and car rider signs. Safety continues to be a top priority at our school. Our panthers are doing a great job with our monthly safety drills and following important safety protocols. Our car line has improved in both the morning and the afternoon. Additionally, our school is embarking on several social/emotional learning opportunities for our students to express their own feelings and engage in pro-social communication skills. Together, we can ensure that our kids are well-equipped and well-prepared for success.

Please help us support your child's education by having them come to school on time and attend school each day. Excessive tardies and absences reduce a child's opportunity for success. Research shows that regular attendance has a direct impact on your child's achievement. Our day begins at 7:50 a.m. and students should be in the classroom prior to the 8:00 a.m. bell. As we discussed at open house, early sign-outs are no longer permitted past 1:00 p.m. This is to help preserve and protect the educational experiences for our students.

There are many exciting events on the horizon this month. Our school will celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month. We invite all of our parents to our Thirteenth Annual Storybook Parade being held on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 8:20 a.m. Students will be allowed to come to school in a costume depicting one of their favorite storybook characters. All classes will then participate in a parade around the school to proudly show the

variety of cherished literary characters contained within the pages of our books. Please help your child create a costume that will help transform them into a memorable character and make reading come alive. Please make sure to review the copy of the parade viewing map as a few minor changes have been made. Our annual Fall Festival will take place on Friday, October 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Our PTA and staff are planning incredible games for the entire family along with Trunk and Treat in the back of the school.

Please save the date for our new Family University evening titled, our All Star Family Event. This will be a fun, enjoyable and rewarding family evening centering around fun ways to help your child at home. The carnival will take place on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and there will be games, food and tons of awesome activities. Please plan to attend this important family gathering. Speaking of families, we encourage all of our parents to join our outstanding PTA. PTA membership is only \$6 and helps support our school. You can find the PTA membership form in this edition of Panther Pawprints.

Responsibility is our character trait for the month of October. At our school, the development of student responsibility is nurtured daily. Responsibility entails setting one's own purposes and ensuring that these goals we create are brought to reality. Organizational tools such as our Daily Planner, Margate Blue Folder, school-wide Reading and math logs assist our students in exhibiting responsible behaviors.

Have an amazing month!

**Thomas J. Schroeder, Principal &  
Vicki B. Flournoy, Assistant Principal**



### WE ARE ALL STARS

Thomas J. Schroeder  
**Principal**

Vicki B. Flournoy  
**Assistant Principal**

Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent, successful, life-long learners by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the Florida State Standards.

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Phone Number:  
754-322-6900**

**School Website: <https://margateelem.browardschools.com>**

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## Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 3, 2019  
PTA Executive Board @6:15 p.m.  
SAF Meeting @7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019  
SAC Meeting @2:20 p.m. in Library

Wednesday, October 9, 2019  
No School-Yom Kippur

Thursday, October 10, 2019  
Dairy Queen Night

Friday, October 11, 2019  
Zone Parent Meeting @10:00 a.m. at  
Margate Elementary School

Thursday, October 17, 2019  
Early Release Day; Students Release at  
Noon  
Big Daddy's Pizza Night

Friday, October 18, 2019  
Employee Planning Day-No School for  
Students

Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
PreK-Kindergarten Truck Day

Friday, October 25, 2019  
October Birthday Party @1:15 p.m.  
Fall Festival @6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 31, 2019  
Storybook Parade @8:20 a.m.  
ROAR Ball During the Day



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office.
- All visitors must go through our STAR Visitor System.
- All visitors must have an I.D. in order to gain access to the school.
- All parents must have a Green Walk-Up Pick-Up Sign to pick-up their child by foot. A picture of the sign on your mobile device is acceptable as well.
- All parents must have a Blue Car Rider Sign to pickup their child by car.
- Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- All students should be in uniforms. Our uniform policy is listed in this newsletter and our website.
- Consistency with dismissal is critical. Please alert the teacher and office ASAP of any changes.
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their lunch, materials, etc. If you find it necessary to bring them the items they forgot at home, the front office will take such items from 8:00 to 8:30.
- Early student sign-outs will cease at 1:00 p.m.

### Red Ribbon Week



We will celebrating  
Red Ribbon Week  
10/28-11/1



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### Dairy Queen

Please join us for our Family  
Night at Dairy Queen

**Thursday, 10/10**  
5405 Lyons Rd, Coconut  
Creek, FL 33073

### SAC Meeting Dates for 19-20

**If you would like to join our SAC committee,  
please contact our SAC Chairperson, Mrs.  
Shannon Mills at 754-322-6900 or through email  
at [shannon.mills@browardschools.com](mailto:shannon.mills@browardschools.com)**

- Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @2:20 p.m.
- Thursday, November 14, 2019 @6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @2:20 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @2:20 p.m.
- Thursday, February 27, 2020 @6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @2:20 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @2:20 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @2:20 p.m.

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Private Margate  
Elementary  
PTA Page



# Fall Festival

**Please Join Us Friday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. for our Annual Fall Festival.**

There is a \$5.00 entrance fee includes a hot dog or a slice of pizza with chips or salad and a drink. (Students will get a free Trick or Treat buckets while supplies last.)

- Haunted Hallway is \$2 entrance fee.
- Cafe-O Spooktacular will have kids games.
- Additional concessions will be available for purchase
- Pumpkin patch for pictures in a photo area

Trunk or Treat in the back parking lot!

Bring canned goods and non-perishable items to donate to the Harvest Food Drive at the Festival!



## **SAF Meeting Dates for 19-20**

All SAF Meetings will take place after the PTA Executive Board at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

- Thursday, September 5, 2019
- Thursday, October 3, 2019
- Thursday, November 7, 2019
- Thursday, January 9, 2020
- Thursday, February 6, 2020
- Thursday, March 5, 2020
- Thursday, April 16, 2020
- Thursday, May 14, 2020

Please Support PTA! Membership is \$6.

All Visitors are to Report to the Front Office

Volunteers Can Register at [www.getinvolvedin education.com](http://www.getinvolvedin education.com)

Ice Cream is Sold in the Cafeteria on Wednesday \$.65

Support Our School with Boxtops

## Characters on Parade

### Book Characters Come to Life at Margate Elementary

Dear Parents,



On Wednesday, October 31st, students will pay tribute to book characters by participating in a parade. Students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favorite book and march with Panther Pride as we celebrate reading. All grade levels will be involved and Margate hopes that all students will choose to participate. We are excited to see how students and parents work together to create unique character costumes.

Costumes may be store bought, but often the best accessories are found right at home or at a local thrift store. Students are not allowed to wear full head masks, excessive make-up, or bring large or inappropriate props. In addition to the costume, students must carry the book that their character is from. Your child's teacher may choose to approve the book and character before final decisions on costumes are made. This year, we are also going to be highlighting the character traits and are asking that each student carry a sign that says how their storybook character demonstrates one of the eight character traits. Our character traits are Responsibility, Citizenship, Kindness, Respect, Honesty, Tolerance, Self-Control, and Cooperation. Your child's teacher will be able to help them with the connection to the character.

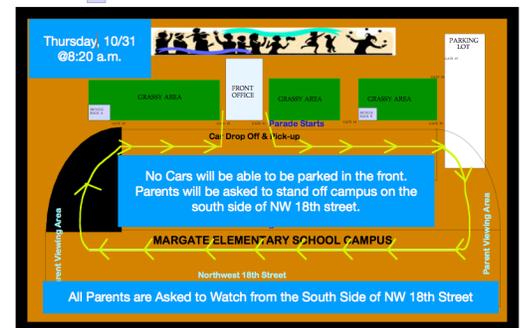
Our parade will begin at 8:20 a.m. and will last for approximately 30 minutes. After the parade students will participate in a book talk. Parents are welcome to watch the parade. Our parade will take place outside the school on NW 18th Street. Parents may view the parade from NW 18th Street or along the fence on the front parking lot. Please see the attached map for further information. Additionally, there will be no parking in our front parking lot on this morning. Spaces will be used for parents to line up and watch the parade.

We look forward to an imaginative and festive day devoted to the joy of reading! Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm towards your child's

Thursday, October 31, 2019



Come Join the Storybook Parade Thursday, October 31st 8:20 a.m.



## **Big Daddy's Pizza Night**

Please help support our school with Big Daddy's Pizza Night Thursday, October 17th!

Our school receives 20% of the funds raised by ordering delicious food!

