



# Panther Paws

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## Calendar of Events

### February

- 1/31-2/6:** Dental Sealant Visit
- 2/4:** SAC/SAF Meeting 7:30am
- 2/6:** Kindergarten Round Up 6:30pm
- 2/7:** Kindergarten Round Up 8:30am
- 2/11:** Interims Go Home
- 2/11:** Honor Roll Assembly
  - 8:20—3rd Grade
  - 8:50—4th Grade
  - 9:20—5th Grade
- 2/13:** Valentine's Gram Delivery
- 2/14:** Early Release—Day of Love & Service
- 2/14:** Kona Ice
- 2/17-2/28:** Pre-K/ASD Swim Central
- 2/20:** Gr 5 Field Trip—Sawgrass Nature Center
- 2/28:** Gr 2 Black History Month Presentations



## Administrator's Corner

Love is in the air as we jump right into the month of February. It continues to amaze me at how fast the days slip us by. When we returned in January, we completed the second quarter of school and are now almost half way through our third quarter of school. Students report cards did go home this week sharing your child's current academic performance. Alongside these progress reports, we have share with you your child's current F.A.S.T. scores. This assessments are a good indicator on how your child is progressing and will perform at the end of the year. Any student in grades 3-5 who scored at a level 1 in the area of ELA, should have received a letter indicating he/she is not meeting current grade level promotion. If you do have questions in regards to these, please schedule a conference with your child's teacher. Overall our F.A.S.T. PM 2 scores were really good and working towards sufficient growth in all areas. Our ELA scores increased 11 points from last year at this same time. I want to thank our staff for all of their hard work and the students for their growth on meeting their goals. Keep up the great work.

In a few weeks, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. While we know this day is one where we should be celebrating love, we continue to remember a different day in our area from 2018. Each year the District dedicates February 14<sup>th</sup> as a day of service and love. This is done in commemoration of the tragedy that occurred at Stoneman Douglas High School. It will be a half day and our students will be participating in service and kindness acts or a community projects throughout the school. We are looking for any parents who may be able to volunteer on this day in a few school wide projects. We are going to be doing a school wide clean up and landscaping around the school. We will need human resources as well as some materials like rakes, shovels, etc.. if anyone has or is willing to help out. If you are interested, please reach out to Ms. Jackie in the front office. Thank you in advance for your help.

PTA continues to provide our school and students with lots of fun activities. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, we had our Annual Movie under the stars evening. Even though we had to move the event inside due to the cold weather, the parents and kids had a great evening with a great turnout. This month they will be selling Valentine's Grams. Forms were sent home this week with all of the information. You can send these to your children, friends or your child's teacher. This is a fun and simple fundraiser for our school. Please be on the look out for these and support our PTA.

Yearbooks are on sale and you want to make sure you don't miss out of these great memories for your children. Please make sure you look for information on how to get one of these. Also if you have a 5<sup>th</sup> grader it is a great time to celebrate them and place a personalized ad in there as a memory of their elementary years.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration is right around the corner and we hope to have you be a part of this special day. We have created a commemorative T-Shirt for this special day going back to the original logo. We are selling these shirts and hope that we can have each student purchase one for the day of the celebration. Of course these can be worn as part of their Parkside uniform as well. The forms were sent home few weeks ago and we have extended the deadline to February 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope you are able to help support this special day. The event will take place on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy this month and know we love your children here at Parkside. Thanks for allowing us to serve them each day, where we G.L.O.W., Growing and Learning Our Way.

Laneia Hall, Principal

**Kindergarten**

We have a busy, short month ahead! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day, learning about our Presidents, Black history month and continuing addition and 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 Fern Forest (March) Safety Town (April) 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 Math, we finished Topic 8, Counting and Modeling Numbers. This 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. This is also ten less and ten more than a number. In science we are learned 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 surface! We will be discussing fast/slow changes to the earth and how objects move. 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! Lets show kindness this month!!

**Second Grade**

In the month of February, we focus on "Service and Love". Each class will be doing an activity on the 14th dedicated to this theme. This day is also an Early Release Day and students will be dismissed at 12:00. As this month is also Black History Month, our 2nd graders will be hosting and displaying their Black History Biography projects in the cafeteria on Friday, February 28th at 8:30am. Please make sure to see the details of this project sent home from your child's teacher. The students may dress-up as their person and will present to their peers and families on this day. We look forward to seeing you there to support your children as they learn about many amazing Black Americans throughout history. In Reading, Unit 6 focuses on "What can different cultures teach us?" 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. As well as identifying the genre, what the moral or lesson is, be able to make connections, determine the author's perspective, identify text features, and talk about how the text is organized. These are just some of the many Florida 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. As we have finished up Topic 9- Money and Time, we will now be on Topic 10- Numbers to 1,000. Your child would benefit from continuing to practice with counting on and subtracting money (coins and dollars) as well as telling time. We have just completed our Science Mid-Year Test and are finishing up learning about "Rock and Soil". We will be next working on "Patterns in Nature". Children should be using iReady 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 7 on Addition with regrouping and will begin Topic 8 on 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 finishing up Objects in the sky, while we journey directly into the study of the Sun. 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

What a great start to the new year! In reading, we've been focused on non-fiction text. We've been looking at how authors organize the text. Specifically, we've been talking about text structure. Vocabulary continues to be an essential part of our reading centers. Some classes have specific lists that come from the texts that they are working with whereas other classes have been looking more at the meaning of root words. In language arts, we have really delved into writing informative essays. We have also targeted using specific homophones and correct capitalization and punctuation as always. In math, we are wrapping up number patterns, prime and composite numbers. The next thing for us will be fractions. In social studies, we learned about the settlement of Saint Augustine. Now we'll be shifting gears to the Civil War as it is African American History month. Last but not least, in science we have been learning about resources found in Florida as well as minerals. There have been some fun hands on experiences. After all, these experiences is what truly solidifies the material we're learning in class and helps kids remember it. We are looking forward to an exciting month of February!

 Fifth Grade

Hello families! We hope everyone is doing well! We are excited about our field trip to The Sawgrass Nature Center. On this trip the students will be learning about the Everglades ecosystem and observing plants and animals that have adapted to this environment. This is a wonderful way to bring grade level standards to life! The cost of this trip will be only \$10. Your child's teacher should be reaching out (if they haven't already done so), to set up 2nd semester conferences. At this time IReady Diagnostic results will be discussed as well as the data for Reading and Math FAST PM2. In reading, we will begin a non fiction unit that be analyzing several reading standards in the topic of Technology's Impact. In Math, we are beginning Topic 8 which dives into fractions. Our main focus for this Topic will be learning how to add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators. For science we will exploring and the solar system and in Social Studies we will continue "Explore Explorers". The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team



**Important Reminder**

A reminder not to park at Green Wood Square for student pick-up. Parents have been parking in designated spots and blocking entrances for the doctors and patients. If you decide to park there regularly, you may purchase a parking decal. If your car does not have a decal for Green Wellness Centre and Spa, you will be towed.

**School Advisory Update**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting which is being held in the school's media center. Please arrive a few minutes early in order to get checked in so that we can begin our meeting promptly at 7:30a.m. Looking forward to seeing you there.



**Panther Aftercare News**



Be on the lookout for the School survey. It will be posted at the sign-our desk. We really need you help in getting this completed. As always we thank you in advance for your help.

The next payment is due Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Payment must be received before services are rendered. You can make your payment online at [ESTORE.BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM](http://ESTORE.BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM) up until midnight on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. If you have any concern with your payment, please call 754-321-0600. Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> is an Early Release Day, we will have aftercare from 2-6.

**Lakay Wilkerson, Aftercare Supervisor**

**School Counselor's Corner**

The School Counselors, Ms. Cerra and Ms. Hahn continue to work closely with all staff to ensure that students are emotionally and socially supported. The Florida Department of Education requires that schools provide resiliency instruction in life areas related to health and wellness (e.g. *substance use/misuse, safe boundaries*). The age-appropriate curriculums are provided by the Broward County Public School District and have been or will be delivered to students either within their classrooms or via assembly style. There is no statutory waiver option from the instruction; however, all materials are available for families; please contact Ms. Cerra ([tracy.cerra@browardschools.com](mailto:tracy.cerra@browardschools.com)) or Ms. Hahn at ([nicole.hahn@browardschools.com](mailto:nicole.hahn@browardschools.com)) for assistance in accessing the materials.

If you would like more information about the resiliency instruction, please visit:

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/56872>

Direct link to Florida Department of Education's mandated health, wellness (i.e. resiliency) instruction:

<http://www.fldoe.org/schools/healthy-schools/comprehensive-health-edu.stml>

Honesty is the character trait for the month of February. Honesty is important to instill in the minds of our youth. Honesty is much more than simply "telling the truth." Honesty is doing what is right even when no one is watching. Honesty is the foundation of trust and trust is necessary for ANY relationship to succeed (e.g. patient and doctor; student and teacher; employee and employer).

For ideas on how to encourage Honesty with your child(ren) visit:

<https://gcpawards.com/blog/ways-to-instill-honesty-in-children/>

**Nicole Hahn, School Counselor (K-2) & Tracy Cerra, School Counselor (3-5)**





### 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](http://www.getfortifyfl.com)

### Parkside PTA Update

Don't forget to join the PTA. Thanks for supporting our Movie Night! Please check with your child for the Valentine Gram order form. We will be offering: Starbursts, Hershey's Cookies & Cream bars, Sour Patch Kids, and Hershey's Chocolate bars.



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