logo \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**Thomas (Rick) Redshaw, Principal**

**Lisa Rodriguez, Assistant Principal**

August/September 2015

Volume 1

The Trailblazer

*“Unmask Your Superhero at Park Trails Elementary”*

Welcome everyone to the 2015-2016 school year where . . . BAM!, POW!, ZAP! . . . all can “**Unmask Your Superhero at Park Trails Elementary”**. Yes, as you have probably already guessed, that is our super fantastic theme for the 2015-2016 school year. With the Park Trails staff prepared to utilize their superpowers to combine the District’s initiative of College and Career Readiness with our unceasing need to learn, grow, and better ourselves, AND provide nothing but the best for our students both academically as well as socially/emotionally, I believe that in 2015-2016 we’ll all be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound!

As always, we will continue with our past themes of “Making Sure Everyone’s Bucket is Full!” and “Building Character, Trait by Trait” to ensure that our students know all about the power of positivity and the importance of commendable character traits. We will certainly all continue to remain PAWsitively PAWsome, right? Afterall, as we all know, education is more than just readin’, writin’, and ‘rithmetic. And of course, in striving to make sure that every student reaches or exceeds their superhero potential, we will definitely continue with “Thinking Above the Rim”.

As we have done in the past, the staff at Park Trails Elementary will continue to provide our students with the high quality education that they so deserve. We are very fortunate to have an extremely active PTA and involved community which continues to support Park Trails in all endeavours. Your presence over the years has truly added to the school community that Park Trails is known to be and we want all to know that we truly appreciate it.

A huge Park Trails Panther welcome back to all of our returning students and their families and to all of our super new students and their families - we’re happy to have you here as a part of the Park Trails Panther Team. With the growth and development continuing to take place in Parkland, I’m sure we’ll be welcoming many more to the Park Trails Family throughout the school year – our arms are always open. Even as Park Trails starts our fifteenth year, I still marvel at the energy and excitement that continues to be generated by our staff, students, parents, and community - here’s to another fantastic year!

Proud as always,

Rick Redshaw, Principal



Park Trails

Elementary School

10700 Trails End

Parkland, Florida 33076

***754-322-7800***

**parktrails.browardschools.com**

***Individual Highlights:***

Inside Story 2

Inside Story 3

Inside Story 4

Inside Story 5

Inside Story 6

Inside Story 7

Last Story 8

***Special Interest Articles:***

• Add a highlight your point of interest here.

• Add a highlight your point of interest here.

• Add a highlight your point of interest here.

***Rumor Control Hotline***

754-321-0321

***Broward County***

***Homework Hotline***

754-322-1970

4:00pm – 8:00pm

***Park Trails***

***Attendance Line***

**754-322-7802**

**Trailblazer**

[**karen.lynn.gallo@browardschools.com**](mailto:karen.lynn.gallo@browardschools.com)

**After School Programs,**

**954-596-9000**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure that results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Benefits & EEO Compliance at 754-321-2150 or Teletype

Machine TTY 754-321-2158



**Dates to Remember:**

Sept 2 Open House Grade 2, 6-6:45 PM

Open House Grade 5, 7-7:45 PM

Sept 7 Schools & Administrative Offices Closed

Sept 9 Open House Grade 1, 6-6:45 PM

Open House Grade 4, 7-7:45 PM

Sept 11 Volunteer Round Up – 9 AM in the cafeteria

Sept 14 Schools & Administrative Offices Closed

Sept 17 Early Release Day – Dismissal 12:15 PM

Sept 23 Schools Closed

Sept 24 Interim Reports Issued

Sept 30 Open House Pre-K, Kindergarten, ESE, 6-6:45 PM

Open House Grade 3, 7-7:45 PM

**Visitor Parking**

Parking is available for visitors in the front of the school in any space not marked “Staff”.

No visitor parking is allowed in the back lot.

**Open House**

Pre-K September 30 6 – 6:45 PM

Kindergarten September 30 6 – 6:45 PM

ESE September 30 6 – 6:45 PM

1st Grade September 9 6 – 6:45 PM

2nd Grade September 2 6 – 6:45 PM

3rd Grade September 30 7 – 7:45 PM

4th Grade September 9 7 – 7:45 PM

5th Grade September 2 7 – 7:45 PM

Do you wish to have the Trailblazer

E-mailed to you monthly? If so, please e-mail [pierre.poulard@browardschools .com](mailto:pierre.poulard@browardschools%20.com) with your request.

**AM Car Line**

As the 1st week of school comes to an end, hopefully all have noticed that the car line in the morning seems to get a little better day by day. Just so that all know, Mr. Redshaw is currently working closely with the Transportation Department in getting our buses out of the back parking lot in a timely matter so that we can resume the procedure that we had last school year - dropping 2nd and 3rd grade students off in the back. This not only makes it more convenient for the 2nd and 3rd graders, but it also lessens the load in the front car line. Hopefully we will be able to have all buses out by 8:00/8:05 sometime next week, Mr. Redshaw will make arrangements for that process to begin, and the mornings will be a bit smoother for all. 2nd and 3rd grade car riders, keep a watch out for this information - thanks!

**Volunteers**

**All volunteers working at school must have a permanent volunteer badge for the school year. If you don’t have one yet, please register online at** [**www.broward**](http://www.broward) **schools.com/**

**getinvolved**

Did You Know?

**Down’s Syndrome is the most common form of learning disability affecting 1 in every 1,000 live births a year. It is caused by the presence of an extra chromosome. Instead of the usual 46 chromosomes a person with Down’s syndrome has 47. Children with Down’s syndrome will have some degree of a learning disability.**

**Children with Down’s syndrome can benefit from mixing with typically developing peers. They are often very keen to do the same activity as their peers and generally use them as role models for social behavior and motivation for learning. In the classroom the teacher uses a variety of strategies that facilitate learning and interact with peers.**

**Yu can find more information about Including Pupils With Down’s Syndrome Association and Scottish Down’s Syndrome Association. Website-www.sdsa.org.uk Email-sdsa.org.uk or Website** [**www.downs-syndrome.org.uk**](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk) **Email** [**info@downs-syndrome.org.uk**](mailto:info@downs-syndrome.org.uk)

**Diane Scarf**

Diane Scarf

ESE Committee Chairperson

**Dismissal: Car Pool**

If you are interested in picking up in Car Pool at the back of the school, you must have a group of 5 or more students to pick up. Please visit the main office and complete the Car Pool forms to receive your number. Car Pool will start in the back lot of the school on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Dismissal: Car Line

We have many car riders and walkers this year! It is important that all of our students are safely dismissed each day. If you are walking to the school to pick your child up, please wait by the brick wall closest to the Kindergarten dismissal area. Once students and teachers are out of the building, your child will meet you in the walker area. Please remind your child to walk over to the wall each afternoon. If you are picking up by car, display the color sheet with your child's name and teacher's name on your dashboard each day. Also, please move all the way up in the car line and remain in your car at all times. Our staff will ensure your child is safely dismissed each day.

**Arrival time:**

***Students should not arrive at school before***

***7:45 am***

**Cafeteria Prepayment Schedule - August/September 25 Days**

Full Paid Reduced

Lunch 24 @ $2.00 = $50.00 Lunch 24 @ $0.40 = $10.00

Breakfast 24 @ $1.20 = $30.00 Breakfast 24 @ $0.30 = $7.50

Ice cream 04 @ $0.65 = $3.90 Ice cream 04 @ $0.65 = $3.90

Icie (Friday) 05 @ $0.50 = $3.00 Icie (Friday) 05 @ $0.50 = $3.00

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus can be found online at http://browardschools.nutrislice.com



Calling all "Super" Volunteers.....please join us on Sept 11 at 9 am in the cafeteria to learn about all of the super opportunities to get involved. Snacks will be served.



**Now Hiring Friendly, Reliable, Trainable, and Enthusiastic Part Time After-School Staff!**

**Find out more about us at: www.aspkids.com**

****

**Counselor's Corner**

Hello Park Trails Families,

I am thrilled to be the new School Counselor at Park Trails Elementary. I look forward to working with the students and families here.

Did you know that Elementary School Counselors.......

-teach classroom guidance lessons on a variety of topics

-counsel individual students as needed on a short term basis

-counsel small groups of children with similar concerns or to build social and academic skills

-coordinate referrals to school and community agencies

-consult with parents regarding their child's challenges or concerns

Guidance services are available to all parents/guardians and their children. Please feel free to call or stop by if you have a question or concern.

Looking for some Back To School Tips? Check out the website below.....

http://schoolcounselor.org/parents-public/back-to-school-tips

http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-to-school/back-to-school/back-to-school-tips-for-parents/

http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/school/back\_to\_school.html



Book Fair details to come. September 28th – October 2nd.



