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A NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Palm Cove Elementary is a school-wide Title I School

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From the General Manager

Happy New Year to all our Palm Cove families! Welcome back. I'm confident that after a restful Winter Break, everyone is ready to get started on the second half of this school year. The next few months are going to be busy!

FCAT testing is just around the corner – 4th Grade FCAT Writing Assessment is scheduled for February 28th. It's important for parents to encourage their students to use all the tools available to them to help prepare for testing. We have also selected students to participate in FCAT Writing Camp. Writing Camp letters went home on January 4th and should be returned by January 6th.

We are also preparing for the April FCAT administration in grades 3 through 5 from April 16th through 27th. Students have been selected to attend Saturday Camp from grades in 3 to 5. Letters will be sent home on January 11th and should be returned by January 13th.

Important links to prepare your child for the FCAT test are listed below and can be found on Palm Cove's website www.broward.k12.fl.us/palmcoveelem:

- Destination Learning Management - <http://riverdeeplms4.broward.k12.fl.us/lms>
- FCAT Explorer - <http://www.fcatexplorer.com/>
- FCAT Helper (Grades 3-5) - <http://fcathelper.com/content/SiteMap.html>
- FCAT Express (Fourth Grade Reading) - <http://fcit.usf.edu/fcat/default.htm>
- FCAT Math (Grade 5) - <http://fcit.usf.edu/fcat5m/default.htm>
- FCAT (Sample questions Grades 3-5 released from State) - <http://fcat.fldoe.org/fcat2/fcatitem.asp>
- Ticket to Read – www.tickettoread.com (teacher provides password)
- BEEP Portal for resources and on line textbooks - <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/casdl/textbooks/index.asp>
- Education Elementary (Listing of Science websites for students) - <http://www.ncsu.edu/imse/4/elementaryEd.htm>
- Robert Krampf, The Happy Scientist (Science activities for Grades 3-5) - <http://thehappyscientist.com/>

Broward Schools Superintendent, Robert W. Runcie will continue his listening tour to hear from parents and community members on Monday, January 9th at 6:30 pm at Flanagan High School. The perspectives, experiences, opinions and concerns expressed by parents and community members will be used in developing the next District Strategic Plan.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sincerely,
Dorothy A. Cain
Principal



"ON-DECK" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Students Return To School	01/02/12
Papa John's Family Night: see flyer	01/05/12
Honor Roll Assembly: Kindergarten & 1 st Grade	01/08/12
Honor Roll Assembly: 2 nd & 3 rd Grades	01/09/12
SAC/SAF Meeting: Media Center, 2:30 pm	01/09/12
Honor Roll Assembly: 4 th & 5 th Grades	01/10/12
Class Pictures (students must be in uniform)	01/12/12
G.R.A.D.E. Graduation: 5 th Grade, 8:30 am	01/13/12
Holiday: schools closed	01/16/12
Early Release: students dismissed at noon	01/19/12
Teacher Planning Day: no school for students	01/20/12
Math & Science Night: Concession Stand, 6:30 pm	01/25/12
PTA Movie Night: Concession Stand, 6:30 pm	01/27/12

Searching for Title I Parents to attend the Annual Parent Seminar 2012

January 28th - 7:30 am to 3:00 pm

Signature Grand

6900 State Road 84 ♦ Davie, FL

Continental Breakfast

General Session Speaker – Door Prizes

Concurrent Sessions – Lunch

Entertainment will be provided by Title I Schools

Sponsored by Consolidated Programs
Title I, Pre-K – 2 (Head Start), Exceptional Student Education, Non-Public
Schools & Institutions for Neglected and Delinquent Students

You Must Register at Palm Cove Elementary to attend,
please contact Coach del Barrio, 754-323-6800.

Children will not be permitted to attend this Parent event.

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Classroom News



Kindergarten

A New Year has begun! Happy 2012! We have many fun activities prepared for this month. We are continuing to work on blending sounds in reading, positional words and numbers 10-30 in math, the way things move in Science and in Social Studies Martin Luther King and Neighborhoods. For the remainder of this year, we will be concentrating in preparing our students for the challenges of 1st grade while making learning fun and exciting.

1st Grade

Happy New Year to all of our first grade families! We hope you had a wonderful winter break and that your new year is off to a fantastic start! Our field trip to the Tradewind Park Farm on January 24th is fast approaching and we are very excited!

Language Arts: Our focus remains on reading comprehension strategies, making predictions, identifying main idea, and drawing conclusions. Soon we will start a Read to Achieve Program to help our students prepare for the End Of the Year Test in March. Students will bring home a weekly packet to be completed in addition to the homework.

Math: We will continue learning about addition and subtraction sentences and fact family. Students will learn about addition and subtraction facts up to 15. We also continue to practice problem solving strategies.

Writing: Students will continue their journey through the writing process by learning how good writers revise, edit, and publish their writing pieces by writing daily.

Science: First graders will learn about motion. We will discuss the importance of push or pull and how this can affect the motion of an object.

Social Studies: In January, we study the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as we prepare to celebrate his birthday on January 16th. We emphasize strategies for getting along with others and ways to solve problems: a theme that will continue throughout the year.

Reminders to Students

- Read everyday for 20 minutes
- Practice your writing skills
- Practice those spelling words
- Practice your addition and subtraction facts

2nd Grade

It is 2012 and the Second Grade Team is welcoming in the new year with lots to do! We hope that all of our players and fans had a safe winter break and are well rested. We have so much coming up in the next few months and are so excited!

We are continuing our weekly mad minute tests in addition and subtraction. Check with your child's coach to see what week they are working on and have them practice, practice, practice!

In Reading, we are looking at all forms of literature, and we will also be reading about heroes such as Martin Luther King, Jr. The students have been logging into Compass, I station, and First In Math on the computers and doing different kinds of activities. They can log in at home, too! Please contact your child's teacher for login information.

Thank you for continuing to sign your child's planner, having them come to school with pencils and paper, and for being involved in their education. We are thankful to have such great parents, and know this is going to be a winning new year!

3rd Grade

Happy New Year 3rd grade parents! We are off to a fresh start in reading and math. We are working full steam ahead to sharpen the skills necessary to perform well on the FCAT.

There are many ways to help your child:

- ◆ Put away the electronic games
- ◆ Monitor your child's homework completion
- ◆ Review multiplication facts daily
- ◆ Encourage reading as a family activity
- ◆ Provide additional support using workbooks
- ◆ Use the BEEP website (www.browardschools.com) for a wealth of programs such as Go Math, FCAT Explorer, Odyssey and First in Math.

Please return promptly the Saturday camp permission slips to your child's teacher. Space is limited.

4th Grade

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Winter Break. The next two months will be very busy as we prepare for the Writing FCAT Test. Students will continue working on Expository and Narrative Essays. By now, students should be writing essays with four paragraphs in 45 minutes. All essays should be focused on the prompt, organized properly, detailed, and with the correct conventions. We are paying special attention to grammar and spelling this year. Students must capitalize and punctuate every sentence properly, as well as indent every paragraph. The Writing FCAT Test will be on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. In addition to writing, please continue reinforcing the importance of reading every night for 30-60 minutes. Thank you for your continued support!

5th Grade

Hooray! We are at the half way mark. We hope everyone has enjoyed his or her winter break.

Fifth graders have been working hard. Our students are doing an awesome job in class by staying on task and focusing on their work.

Students are working diligently towards mastering the reading, math, and science skills needed to become successful fifth graders. They will make us proud by reaching for the stars!

Safety First!

We advise parents to refrain from using cell phones in our drop off/pick up areas during arrival and dismissal. Drivers should be paying attention to our students as they attempt to enter or leave campus and the movement of traffic through the car loops.

We all need to work together to ensure students arrive and depart safely from our campus!

eTutor: Free Homework Help Is Just a Click Away!

eTutor provides free online homework help through live chat with a certified tutor from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Broward eTutor also offers practice tests available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service is available to anyone with a Broward County library card. To obtain a free Broward County library card, visit your local public library.

For more information go to www.broward.org/library.

Pay For School Meals On Line

Broward County Schools has made it possible for parents to add money to their child's school meal accounts on line. The website is SchoolPaymentSolutions.com. You can use your Master Card or Visa Credit Cards to make payments.



Stay up to date with your child's spending in the cafeteria. You can even receive notifications when your child's account balance is low. Once an on line payment is made, money is added to your child's account within 2 business days. The payment amount and a nominal transaction fee of \$2.50 will be charged to your account for each transaction.

Go to www.SchoolPaymentSolutions.com to create an account. You'll need the following information to add your child(ren) to the account: US State Where School District Resides = Florida; Child's School District = School Board of Broward County; Child's School = Palm Cove Elementary; Child's Student ID # (10 digit number); Street Address; Child's Birth Date; A valid email address for your account.

Please contact Food and Nutrition Services at 754-321-0215 for further assistance or information.

DRIFTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

5th GRADE MAGNET/BOUNDARY OPEN HOUSE

Driftwood Middle School, The Academy of Health and Wellness, will be hosting a Magnet Open House for anyone interested in attending the school next year. This includes boundary parents. *The program will be on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.* The school is located at 2751 N 70th Terrace in Hollywood.

The school's magnet theme addresses all areas of health and wellness: physical, mental, social, educational, environmental, and emotional. With the use of advanced technology and the infusion of the theme throughout the curriculum, students are able to explore career choices and make decisions concerning their health and well-being. Students and parents will discover the foundation of a nationally recognized Magnet School of Distinction, have an opportunity to tour the school, visit our Wellness Center, and meet the teachers.

Applications for the magnet programs will be available that evening. Driftwood is a total-school magnet, boundary students do not need to apply. They will automatically attend Driftwood.

Tours will be available during the school day by appointment only. For more information please call the school at 754-323-3100.

PARKWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

5th GRADE MAGNET OPEN HOUSE

Parkway Middle School of the Arts will be hosting its Magnet Open House for anyone interested in attending the school next year. **The program will be held Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** The school is located a 3600 NW 5th Court, Lauderhill, Florida.

The school's magnet theme addresses all areas of the performing and visual arts: dance, band, vocal, piano, percussion, strings, guitar, drama and the visual arts. We are a county-wide magnet program and transportation is provided. Students will have unique experiences in the arts, including the opportunity to work alongside professionals in the entertainment industry. If your children are interested in pursuing their talents, they owe it to themselves to come and see exactly what makes Parkway School of the Arts so different.

Tours will be available during the school day by appointment. For more information please call the school at 754-322-4060. We look forward to showing you everything we have to offer.

Other Magnet School Open House Dates

New River Middle School
January 9, 2012 @ 7 pm

Theme: Marine Science
Address: 3100 Riverland Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312 / Phone: 754-323-3600

McNicol Middle School
January 13, 2012 @ 6 pm

Theme: Science & Pre Engineering, International Affairs & Business, STEM
Address: 1602 S. 27th Ave., Hollywood, FL 33020 / Phone: 754-323-3400

Beachside Montessori
January 31, 2012 @ 6 pm

Theme: Montessori
Address: 2230 Lincoln St., Hollywood, FL 33020 / Phone: 754-323-8050

Students interested in the magnet program must meet eligibility requirements, which are a 2.0 GPA and Level 3 or greater FCAT score in both math and reading. Applications for the magnet programs will be available that evening.

Please contact the individual schools for more information.

Contact Information: How to reach your child's teacher

Below is a listing of all the voice mailboxes for Palm Cove's teachers. You can leave a message by dialing 754-323-6800. Follow the options to leave a voice mail. Dial the 6 digit extension and leave your message. The teacher will return your call within 24 hours.

Teacher	Mailbox #	Teacher	Mailbox #	Teacher	Mailbox #
Kindergarten		1st Grade		2nd Grade	
Guy, Madelen	5243046	Chang, Jackelyn	5243035	Castillo, Maribel	5243023
Henderson, Shuwana	5243013	Figueroa, Tania	5243034	Felix, Ismelie	5243039
Kamin, Judith	5243047	Pacquette, Vanessa	5243033	Hoff, Yoslaxis	5243038
Masterson, Lindey	5243045	Suarez, Alina	5243010	Kuperberg, Melissa	5243022
Roach, Karen	5243011	Rodriguez, Marilyn	5243008	May, Kimberly	5243020
Storper, Sasha	5243012	Clotfelter, Megan	5243043	McLean, Marti	5243021
		Tellez, Ana	5243009	Cerrato, Carolyn	5243019
3rd Grade		Chang, Jackelyn	5243035	Saunders, Lazara	5243018
Bellande, Natasha	5243078				
deVeer, Jetty	5243079	4th Grade		5th Grade	
Gardner, Nicole	5243085	Binios, Maryann	5243016	Acosta, Maria	5243050
Holzer, Marnie	5243075	Alfred, Jennifer	5243014	Armband, Julia	5243053
Hopkins, Lisa	5243080	Gerwin, Valerie	5243017	Benitez, Idania	5243074
Lelling, Marc	5243083	Ibarrondo, Dacy	5243081	Emery, Heather	5243051
Ortiz, Judith	5243084	Ungurait, Jill	5243082	Ginoris, Aylen	5243054
Patrick, Martyne	5243077	Zang, Christine	5243015	Heinz, Victoria	5243040
				Smith, Melissa	5243041
				Turturici, Diane	5243052
Support Staff/ Other Campus Support					
Perkall, James – ESE Specialist			3236813		
del Barrio, Giselle - Reading Coach			3236814		
Coia, Shelly - Reading			5243076		
Tindell, Susan - Guidance			3236809		
Golovin, Heidi - Psychologist			3236819		