



# PANDA PAW

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## Arrival And Dismissal

### Arrival:

- Students are **NOT** allowed to enter the building before 7:30 am. For the safety of your child please do not leave them alone in the front of the building **BEFORE 7:30 am**.
- Instruction begins at 8:00 am. We encourage ALL of our students to be in class by 8:00 am.
- At 8:01 am, students must get a tardy slip.
- Parents dropping off students must drop them off in the Rotunda. If you would like to meet with the teacher please schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

### Dismissal:

- Parents please notify the school prior to 2:00 pm if there is a change in student's mode of transportation.
- Early dismissal for students must be prior to 2:00 pm.
- Parents please do not enter building during dismissal between 2:00 p.m. and 2:50 p.m.

**STUDENT SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY AT PARKSIDE**

## Upcoming Events/Dates

- ◆ Aug-17 PTA Meeting 5:30 PM
- ◆ Aug-18 GO Team Meeting 4:00 PM
- ◆ Aug-21 Solar Eclipse Day (late dismissal)
- ◆ Aug-31 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Georgia Milestones Parent Meeting 5:30 PM
- ◆ Aug-25 **PANDA PRIDE** Day (wear Panda shirts)
- ◆ Sep-4 **\*\*No School\*\* LABOR DAY**
- ◆ Sep-6 Instructional Night 5:30-7:30 PM
- ◆ Sep-7 Progress reports go home

## Volunteers

Volunteering is an important part of your child's education. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents or interested community members. **Volunteers make a difference in our students' lives** and play an invaluable role in their education and development. Students' behaviors improve drastically when they know their parents or other interested parties are a part of the school. Examples of volunteers include parents/guardians volunteering for a field day or school fair, classroom helpers, in-class tutors, performers and speakers from external agencies.

- ◆ If you would like to volunteer at Parkside, you must complete the Volunteer Training.
- ◆ The training will be held **every Wednesday at 8:30 AM** in the Media Center.
- ◆ Please see **Mrs. Brown, School Counselor**, if you have any questions.
- ◆ New training must be completed every year (even if you have in the past).

## School Supplies

Our PTA has PRE-ORDERED school supplies for EVERY Parkside student (K-5).

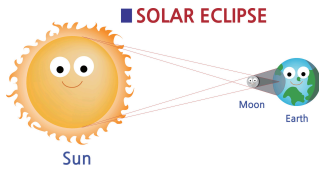
- You may purchase ONLINE ---and save money.
- [www.atlantapublicschools.us/parkside](http://www.atlantapublicschools.us/parkside)
- Only \$30 (\$50 value)
- Please consider buying extra packs to donate to other deserving Parkside Pandas.

## Uniforms & Dress Code

We are a **UNIFORM SCHOOL** and we "encourage and expect" all students to be in uniforms **MONDAY-THURSDAY** to show their Panda Pride! We will have fun incentives and rewards for students and classes that comply the best.

**Friday** is a Uniform Free Day!!!!

## SOLAR ECLIPSE Viewing With PERMISSION



On Monday, August 21, for the first time since 1918 a **SOLAR ECLIPSE** will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. Therefore, Parkside will delay dismissal for ALL students to 3PM.

Students have three options:

1. Permission to stay and view
2. Stay and not watch
3. Or, early dismissal before to 12:30 PM.

A permission slip (required) went home last week. If you need another copy please contact your student's teacher. APS and Parkside we provide all students, who stay and view, with a pair of **special-purpose solar filter glasses** for outside viewing.

## Join Us On "REMIND"

REMIND is an easy way to stay informed and connected with Parkside and Principal Foster. Subscribers receive convenient and informative text updates **directly to your phone.**



**From Your Phone:**

**Text: @gfa82 → To: 81010**

## International Baccalaureate

We are pleased to announce that the application for candidacy for the **PYP (Primary Years Programme)** at Parkside Elementary has been **approved** as of June 2017. Now that Parkside Elementary is a candidate school, we will be taking the next few years to prepare and pursue authorization as an *IB World School*. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to **high-quality, challenging, international education**- that we believe is important for our students.

## Lunch Time at Parkside



Here at Parkside we want students to have a safe and fun learning environment. This includes non-instructional times as well, like lunch. Lunch is a time when students get to talk to classmates while eating. We have cafeteria expectations for all students to follow. Please review the expectations with your children.

- ✓ Stay seated
- ✓ Raise your hand for assistance
- ✓ Knees under the table (face forward)
- ✓ Talk to students to right, left and across
- ✓ When an adult hand it up, voices quiet

### CAFETERIA MONITORING SYSTEM:

- Green cup** -- Great, class following expectations
- Yellow cup** -- Warning, class almost following, may need a reminder or two
- Red cup** -- 2 minutes silent time, class not following expectations and needed 3 or more than reminders.

### INCENTIVES FOR STUDENTS:

Top class in each grade level with best behavior will be announced weekly. Classes earn extra recess, game time, tokens, etc.

## Our Big Three Principles

You may have noticed a small change to our Parkside logo (three words added to the black ring). We are excited to emphasize three principles that say so much about us:

**DIVERSITY • PRIDE • COMMUNITY**



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