



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



PANDA CALENDAR

- August 23 PTA Meeting 5:30pm
- August 30 Assessment Night 5:30pm
- August 31 PANDA PRIDE day (Parkside Shirts)
- August 31 PTA Bake Sale (all items only \$1)
- September 3 Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- September 6 Progress Reports go home
- September 7 "No Place For Hate"
Jackson Cluster Football Game
5:30pm @ Grady Stadium

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).

Join us on "REMIND"

REMIND is an easy way to **stay informed** and **connected** with Parkside and Principal Foster. You'll be able to receive convenient text updates directly to your phone.

It is convenient, easy, and very helpful. Over 270 parents are already on board.



From Your Phone:

Text the message: @pandainfo

To the number: 81010

SEL News from Clara Green, SEL Coach



SOCIAL
EMOTIONAL
LEARNING

I'm thrilled to support Parkside for another year as the **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coach!** This year we have intensified our focus on building an even stronger SEL program. Every morning, all Parkside staff members are involved in SEL explicit instruction. Homeroom teachers lead SEL instruction, and all non-homeroom staff pushes in to a assigned class to help build community with students. Teachers utilize both community gatherings and the Second Step curriculum to teach and build SEL competencies. Parkside is also engaged with **the SEL book of the month** initiative and pre-k - 2nd classrooms will receive peace corner kits, as a result of a generous grant the GO Team obtained. We are working hard to get families more involved with SEL, including home activities (check your Thursday folder!) and future parent trainings.

To learn more or get involved, please check out the Parkside website or reach out directly to me!
My email is clara.green@atlanta.k12.ga.us

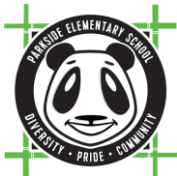
Assessment Night

Come One! Come ALL!

Assessment Night will be held
Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 5:30-7:00pm.

The focus for Assessment night is to discuss how data is utilized from student formative assessment results to drive instruction. Information on the STAR Assessment (K-5), GKIDS Readiness Assessment, Guided Reading Assessments, and the format of the Georgia Milestones Assessment (3-5) will be shared. Please attend to learn more about how you can help your child be a more student at Parkside!

Child care will be provided!!!



Message from Gifted



The parent referral window for gifted testing is open. Please adhere to the following information:

Any parent with a child enrolled in an APS school may refer his or her child for gifted and talented testing. Parents must complete the Gifted Referral and Parental Permission Form and submit it to the school's gifted eligibility team for review. The permission forms are located in the main office in the parent communication corner, as well as, the Gifted and Talented tab under the Atlanta Public Schools website.

Please give all completed forms to Dr. Donerlson in Room 114 or the front office. The window **will close September 28th**. For additional information regarding the program, please visit the APS website, click department and services, followed by a click on Gifted and Talented.

Star Testing



STAR ASSESSMENTS

8/8-8/24 Grades K-5

[Star Assessments](#) are short tests that assess in the areas of early literacy, reading and math, which provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child. By pinpointing exactly what your child knows, teachers can personalize your child's practice to keep them growing. Plus, short test times ensure your child spends more time learning and less time testing.

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!
Friday is a Uniform Free Day!!!!

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