

Parkside Elementary School

Kindergarten Orientation
May 8, 2019



First days of school: Staggered Entry

- July 9, 10, and 11 (Tracks 1, 2, 3) and July 29, 30, 31 (Track 4)
- Student-specific dates will be communicated by **Monday, June 10th** by Track and first letter of last name.
- Purpose: to get to know your kiddos so that we can create balanced classes and/or prepare the best instruction. Students are NOT expected to prepare in any way :)
- Experience - A day of playing, going to specials, lunch, recess, and complete assessments in literacy, math, and motor skills.
- Assessment results are shared at the first conference



First days of school: Staggered Entry, Con't.

- **Meet the Teacher**

- Friday, July 12th for Tracks 1, 2, 3 at 1:30pm and Thursday, August 1st at 1:30pm for Track 4
 - This is not a school day...
- First “Official” day: Monday, July 15th (Tr. 1, 2, 3) and Friday, August 2nd (Tr. 4)



First days of school: Is my child “ready?”

“Readiness” is not about academic skills - we expect a range of abilities in Kindergarten and our teachers are trained to differentiate!

General developmental expectations:

- Curious and confident in ability to learn
- Pays attention to tasks for a short period of time (approximately 15 minutes)
- Persists with tasks even when difficult
- Plays cooperatively and participates in a group
- Follows basic rules and routines
- Follows 1, 2, 3 step directions
- Demonstrates self-help skills



First days of school: Adjustment to school

- Talk positively about kindergarten but take any anxiety they have seriously
- Adjust bedtimes to ensure he/she is getting enough sleep
 - Take into account the loss of nap time
 - Your child should be getting 10 hours of sleep each night
- Read everyday and talk about the pictures and story
- Provide a daily routine that includes regular times for meals
- Interact frequently with your child each day by talking and listening
- Provide opportunities to play with other children and form relationships
- Practice opening food containers



First days of school: Before and After Care

- Before Care - School Based beginning student days at 7am
 - Registration in June - all tracks
- After Care - YMCA provided at school student days until 6pm
 - Registration is open (website or at the Carpenter Fire Station YMCA)



First days of school: Absences

- Sick - email teacher **and** send a note the day your child returns
- Request for excused absences for educational purposes
 - Trips that are intended as vacations are not eligible
- Vacations that extend track out
 - Please try to avoid this scenario but if it happens, we will support your child when they return. We cannot provide lesson plans, work, or materials to take with you on vacations/trips.

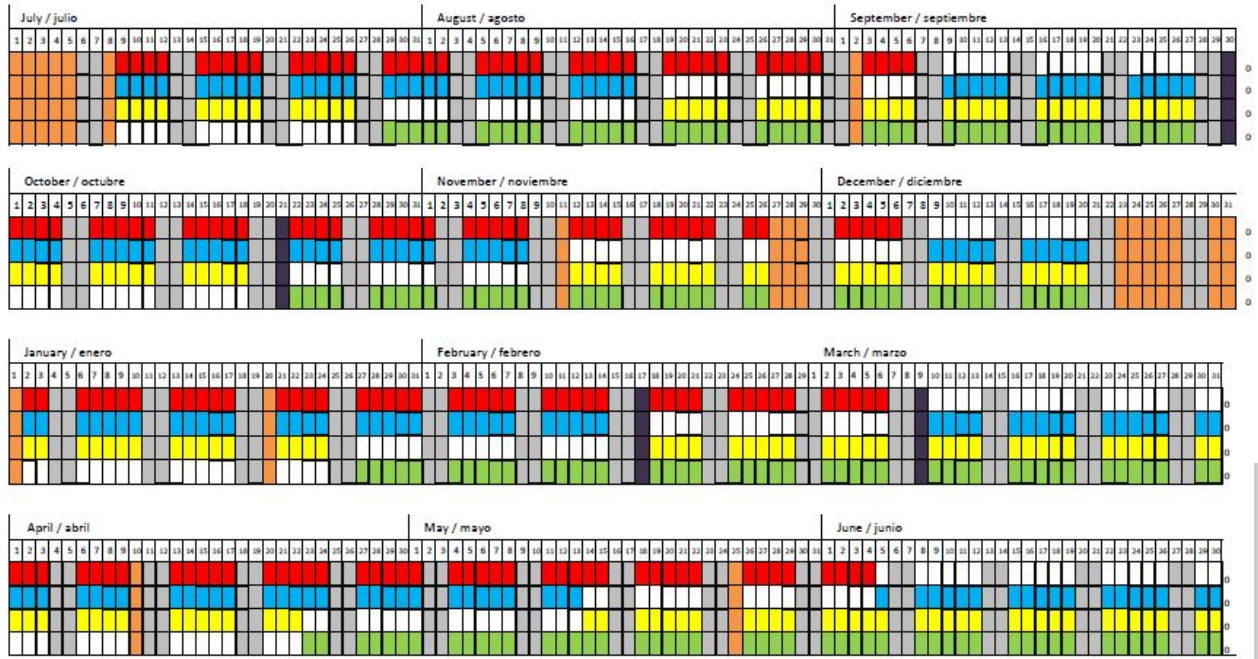


First days of school: Track Outs/Holidays



2019-2020 Year-Round Multi-track Calendar

Calendario de Ciclo Continuo



In accordance with the NC Calendar Law, if the school district must close schools, the superintendent will update this calendar to provide additional days/time by using scheduled



First days of school: Lunch!

- Packing a lunch - we cannot heat or cook foods
- Allergies
- Lunch with your child - school wide after first two weeks, best to wait 3-4 for kinders to support adjustments and confidence in the building.
- Bringing items to your child/others at lunch
 - Celebrations/Birthdays



First days of school: Lunch!

- Buying lunch - currently \$2.55
- Payment Options
 - mylunchmoney.com
 - send money in an envelope with child's name and lunch number
- Account balances can be monitored on the internet and restrictions can be set. More information will come home about how to set up an account.
- Extra items can be purchased.
- Application for free and/or reduced lunch - will be sent to all families



First days of school: Health needs

- “1702 form” from doctor - no meds without, even tylenol and sunscreen/lotion
 - <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/167>
- Meeting with nurse
 - Care Plan
- What to do if sick (fever, gastrointestinal guidelines)
 - Fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT medication
 - No gastrointestinal symptoms for at least 12 hours



First days of school: Transportation/Walk Zone

- Arrival begins at 8:45 - students are not able to get in the building before then so please do not have them walk or drop them off as there is not supervision
- Dismissal begins at 3:45. Early dismissal are not possible after 3:15
- Walk zone/tags
 - Likely all of Breckenridge with 2 crossing guards. Tags if can walk alone or only with a parent/sibling
- Car pool/tags
 - Available at meet the teacher



First days of school: Transportation/Walk Zone

- Bus routes - school wide message from Transportation Services this Friday, May 10th, about signing up for bus service if eligible (with deadline June 10th).
 - Bus routes will be posted June 21st

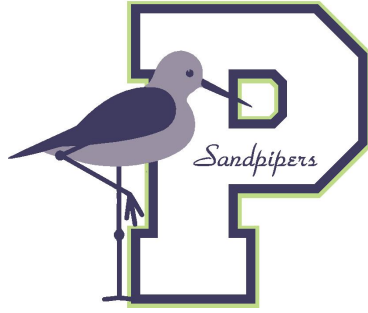
- Bus tags - EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY :)



First days of school: Transportation **CHANGES**

- Please send a **handwritten** note to your child's teacher if you need to change the way in which you child will go home.
 - Please do **NOT** email the teacher - teachers may not receive the email before dismissal (teaching, absent, etc.).

If you **MUST** change during the day, you will need to call the front office 919-694-7888 AND email an Office staff member to confirm identity.



A Year of Learning

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A year of learning: Sample schedule

- Arrival and morning meeting
- English/Language Arts Part 1
- Specials
- Math
- Recess
- English/Language Arts Part 2
- Lunch
- Social Studies/Science/Project Work
- Dismissal



A year of learning: English/Language Arts

- Expeditionary Learning (EL) Curriculum
 - Aligns with county-wide adoption of EL
 - Focuses on integration of content with grade level texts - supports all learners with provided scaffolds to increase understanding or go deeper conceptually
 - Incorporates writing (Informational, Narrative, How To, and Opinion)
- Letterland
 - Phonics based program
 - Whole and Small Group



A year of learning: Math

Number Sense

Geometry

Addition/Subtraction

Measurement

- Hands-on Manipulatives
 - Supports conceptual understanding of concepts
 - Students will need to be able to explain their thinking
 - The standard algorithm in math is RARELY used!
- Math discourse
 - Teacher to Student Discussions
 - Student to Student Discussions



A year of learning: Social Studies/Science

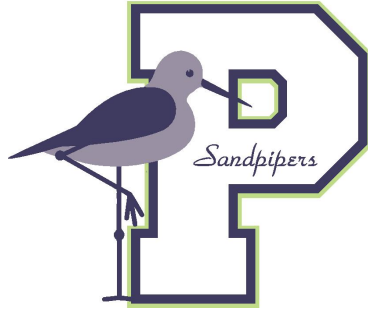
- Social Studies Units
 - "I Am a Citizen"
 - "We Are Alike! We Are Different!"
 - "What's Around me?"
 - "We Have Needs and Wants"
- Science Units
 - Earth Systems, Structures and Processes (Weather)
 - Structures and Functions of Living Organisms (Animals)
 - Matter, Properties and Change
 - Force and Motion

Project Work [Video](#)



A year of learning: “Specials”

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Yoga
- Media



A Year of Growth

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A year of growth: Benchmark Assessments

- **mCLASS:** assessment that measures reading skill development of K-5 students using the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and the Text Reading Comprehension (TRC) assessments.
- **Home Connect Letters** Provide information about the student's results for completed measures
 - Explain the relevance of the DIBELS Next measures and TRC to parents
 - Recommend targeted activities for the student to practice related skills at home
- **Number Knowledge Test: Developmental Test**
 - Conceptual knowledge of number sense
 - Created to guide instruction



A year of growth: Progress Reports and Report Cards

Quarter End & Report Card Dates

Track	Quarter 1 Ends	Q.1 Report Cards	Quarter 2 Ends	Q.2 Report Cards	Quarter 3 Ends	Q.3 Report Cards	Q.4 Report Cards
1	September 6 (Day 43)	October 4	December 6 (Day 88)	January 10	March 6 (Day 133)	April 9	June 4
2	September 27 (Day 44)	October 4	January 3 (Day 85)	January 10	April 3 (Day 133)	April 9	June 30
3	September 27 (Day 43)	October 4	January 3 (Day 85)	January 10	April 3 (Day 129)	April 9	June 30
4	September 27 (Day 44)	October 25	December 20 (Day 89)	January 31	March 31 (Day 134)	May 1	June 30



A Year of Growth: Standards Based Grading

What is Standards Based Grading?





A Year of Growth: Standards Based Grading

PROFICIENCY SCALE for Standards Based Grading

4. Advanced

The student has demonstrated proficiency and can apply knowledge above and beyond the standard

3. Proficient

Student has mastered the standard.



2. Emerging

Student is able to demonstrate some understanding of the concept required by the standard, but lacks proficiency in key areas.

1. Beginning

Student has difficulty demonstrating understanding and needs support to complete key tasks.



A Year of Growth: “Above” or “Below” Grade Level

- Remediation
 - Additional support with specific skills
- Enrichment
 - Additional support to extend conceptual understanding
- **Project Approach**



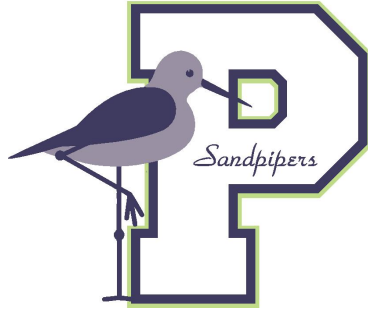
A Year of Growth: English as a Second Language (ESL)

- Our students have come from various countries around the world. Some qualify for extra support outside the classroom
- All Regular and ESL classes are taught in English!
- They work in small groups, receiving intensive instruction in English.



A Year of Growth: Specialized Needs

If you have concerns about a special need your child may have in speech, language, academics, or motor skills, please express this to your child's teacher. Support will be provided to meet each individual child's needs. The special programs team is also available as needed.



Parent Involvement

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Being Involved - Volunteer!

Volunteer registration procedures

- Can only register on-site at any Wake County School AFTER July 1, 2019
- You will not get information that you have been cleared - 3 weeks later, can check with the front office.

Previously a cleared volunteer? Need to **re-register**



A NEW PTA Has Formed!!

- The PTA is a chapter of the NCPTA, and is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) organization
- We have defined our organizational structure
- We are forming committees
- We must do some initial fundraising
- We are considering the events and activities for our inaugural year
- We provide a mechanism for you to be involved!!

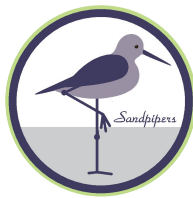
Parkside Elementary PTA Board

President - Mark Dixon

Vice President - Nikki Johnson

Secretary - Jenn McKay

Treasurer - Pankaj Sahasrabudhe



Academic Affairs

TBD

Examples:

Cultural Arts
Artist in Residence

Art Reflections

Book Fair

Science Expo

Theater Experience

Others?

Student Affairs

TBD

Examples:

Kindergarten B'Fast

Yearbook

Field Day

5th Grade Celebration

Heros Lunch

Fitness Club

Odyssey of the Mind

Coding Club / Robotics

Others?

Fundraising

TBD

Examples:

Membership

Coupon Books

Fall Fundraiser Auction

Merchant / Retail / Restaurant
Nights

Art Fundraiser

Box Tops

School Store

Spirit Wear

Corporate Sponsors

Spring Fundraiser Boosterthon

Professional Photographer

Community Affairs

TBD

Examples:

Staff Appreciation
Staff Luncheons
Staff Birthdays

Volunteer Appreciation

e-Newsletter

Website

Membership Drive

Family Fun Nights

Donuts with Dads

Career Day

Movie Nights

Beautification Days

PTA Picnic

Other Members

Principal - Ms. Caswell
Vice Principal - TBD
Teacher Rep - TBD
Nominating - TBD
Audit - TBD
Advocacy - TBD
Member At Large - TBD

Total Leadership Members

Officers - 8
Standing Chairs - 3
School Reps - 3
Other - 1

Total Votes - 15
Quorum - 8

Support not PTA Sponsored

Examples:
Hispanic Parent Academy
Science Night



Parent Involvement

The success of the PTA rests entirely on **Parent Involvement**

With the help of **MANY** parents, the students and teachers can enjoy an great enhancement to the Parkside Elementary School Community

Link to a Google Form to see how you can help participate in the PTA...

<https://forms.gle/CVMkihFPktBBrbyk8>



Some First Activities - Be Involved!

- Teacher Breakfast (before school year starts)
- Community Outreach to our Corporate Neighbors
- Membership Drive
- Yearbook - Capture Inaugural Events
- Spirit Wear



Parents (Especially Dads)...

Do not let these years go by without visiting your school!

You can

Have lunch with your student

Come to recess

Go on Field Trips

Help with Field Day

Most Importantly...



BE A MYSTERY READER!

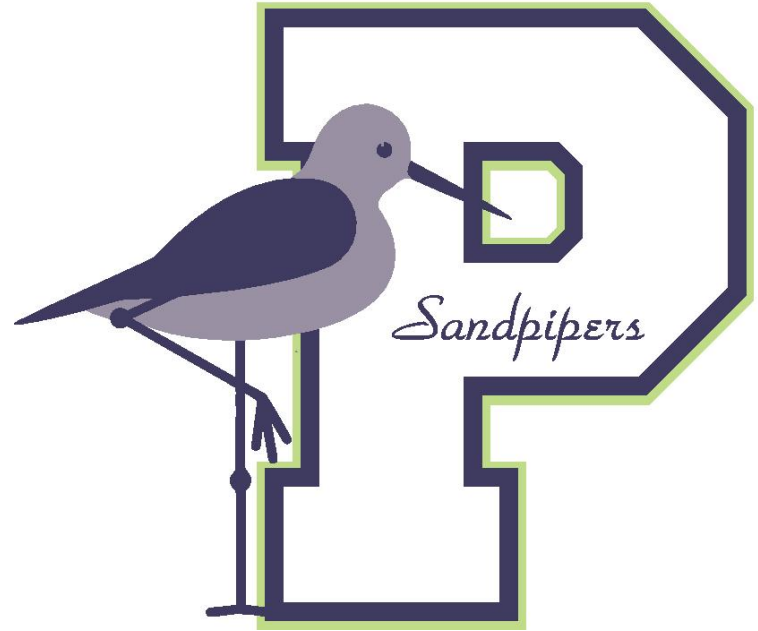
“The look on your child's face at the moment you enter in their classroom the first time when they are not expecting it is an image that you will never forget.”

THANK YOU! It is going to be an amazing year!

Questions?

See you June 8th - Popsicles on the Playground!

Staggered entry dates will be posted on the website (By Track and first letter of last name) **June 10th.**



End

Questions?

Ask an Officer!

Or E-mail us:

president@parksidepta.net



Follow the link to consider volunteering