

PINES LAKES ELEMENTARY



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - DR. TRACY D. JACKSON

Hello PLE Panther Family!

Happy Mother's Day!

We are in the 4th quarter of our learning, and Assessment Season has begun! This is the time when students demonstrate their mastery with all standards-based instruction for end of the year assessments. All students, Kindergarten through 5th Grade, are participating in end of the year assessments.

We are so very proud of the Star ELA and Math assessments of our Kindergarten and 1st Grade! Students scores are available in the FOCUS Portal. **GREAT JOB!** Primary Star Assessments Results from MOY to EOY:

VPK End of the Year assessments are from April 27 – May 13. Grades 3 – 5 FAST PM3 assessments begin Thursday, May 5th. It is imperative that students are in school every day until the end of the year. Teaching and Learning are still occurring until the last day of school! Please assist us by making sure that students are well-rested, sitting at their desks by 7:50 am with materials in backpacks, and mentally reading to learn. Below are the testing dates for K-5 statewide assessments. This list DOES NOT include interim and cumulative assessments for Reading and Math. Please save these dates and help us to ensure that students are prepared for assessments.

Pines Lakes Elementary School 2026 End of the Year Testing Administration Calendar

Grade Level	ELA	Math	I-Ready ELA	I-Ready Math	Science
Kindergarten	4/21	4/28	5/4	5/5	5/13-14
First	4/22	4/29	5/4	5/5	5/13-14
Second	4/23	4/30	5/4	5/5	5/13-14
Third	5/12	5/19	5/15	5/26	5/21
Fourth	5/13	5/20	5/15	5/26	5/21
Fifth	5/14	5/7	5/22	5/26	5/21

WE ARE PUSHING THROUGH TO 62! WE ARE P-L-E PANTHER PRIDE!

Sincerely,

Tracy D. Jackson, Ed.D.
Proud Principal – Pines Lakes Elementary

A Message from the Assistant Principal – Ms. Balroop

As we reflect on the month of March, I am proud of the energy and excitement that carried into April through a variety of meaningful schoolwide events and celebrations for our students and families. These experiences highlighted not only our students' academic achievements, but also the strong sense of community that makes Pines Lakes such a special place.

We proudly recognized our students during the 3rd Quarter Honor Roll and Awards Ceremony, celebrating their dedication, perseverance, and academic success. In addition, our 3rd Quarter Student of the Month – Kids of Character recognition honored students who consistently demonstrated positive character traits, leadership, and responsibility. These moments reinforced the values we strive to instill in all of our Panthers.

April was also filled with opportunities for family engagement and joyful learning. Our Book Fair brought excitement to campus as students and families came together to celebrate literacy, discover new books, and foster a love for reading. Building on that theme, our PASS (Parent Academy for Student Success) Night provided parents with valuable information and strategies to support their children's success—particularly in reading and math—strengthening the home-school partnership that is essential to student achievement.

We were thrilled to welcome our Palm Cove families during a Grand Open House, where visitors had the opportunity to experience firsthand all that Pines Lakes Elementary has to offer. From academics to enrichment programs, the event showcased our commitment to excellence and inclusivity. To conclude the season of celebrations, our Spring Dance gave students a chance to relax, connect with friends, and enjoy music and dancing in a fun and safe environment—creating memories they will cherish.

As we move forward, I extend my sincere gratitude to our teachers, staff, families, and students for making these events successful and meaningful. Together, we continue to foster a school environment where students are celebrated for who they are and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Curriculum Corner

Mrs. Dejean – Literacy Coach

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, May is an exciting time for learning, growth, and celebrating progress! Here's a look at what your child is focusing on this month and how you can support them at home.

English Language Arts (ELA)

Students are strengthening their reading comprehension skills by focusing on identifying the main idea, making inferences, and using text evidence to support their thinking. Writing activities will include responding to texts and organizing ideas clearly.

👉 At home tip: Ask your child to summarize what they read each night and explain their thinking.

+ Math

In math, students are reviewing key concepts taught throughout the year, including problem-solving, number sense, and applying math strategies. This review will help prepare them for end-of-year assessments.

👉 At home tip: Practice real-world math—have your child help with counting money, measuring ingredients, or telling time.

Science

Students are exploring important science concepts and reviewing topics such as life science, Earth science, or physical science, depending on grade level.

👉 At home tip: Encourage curiosity—ask your child questions about how things work or explore nature together.

Looking Ahead

May is also a time to celebrate all the growth your child has made this year. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed!

ESE Information

Mrs. Pacheco – ESE Specialist

Please remember to return all meeting documents after each meeting.

The ESY bell schedule has not yet been distributed. Once I receive it, I will contact each parent with the information.

Please make every effort to arrive on time for meetings. If any changes to meeting dates and/or times are needed, please let me know, and I will be happy to work with you and the team to find a date and/or time that works for everyone.



Ticket to Technology

Mrs. Diaz – IT Tech

At the end of the school year, school technology is prepared for summer. This means checking, cleaning, counting, and turning off all technology used by students and staff. This includes student and teacher devices, classroom technology, network equipment, and laptop carts. Devices are collected and labeled, serial numbers are checked, and any missing or broken items are reported for repair and or obligations. Technology is locked in safe storage areas, and school leaders are contacted to follow district rules. These steps keep technology safe during summer and make sure it is ready for the next school year.



FOOD & NUTRITION

★Friday, May 1, 2026, is School Lunch Hero Day – Where we proudly celebrate our Food and Nutrition Services professionals – the everyday heroes who ensure our students receive nutritious meals with care, dedication, and heart.

Effective Friday May 1, 2026, the Food and Nutrition Services department will not be accepting checks as payment for student meals for the remainder of this school year. This does not affect on-line payment access at myschoolbucks.com.

As we are beginning to close out of this school year, we have also started planning for our menu for the next school year with some very exciting new menu choices.



PTA Press

Share your Feedback

At Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), we are committed to providing excellent customer service. Your feedback helps us learn, grow, and better serve our students, families, and community. Feedback is a gift! Please take a few minutes to share your customer service experience:

To provide feedback about a BCPS School, visit:
browardschools.com/customerserviceschools

To provide feedback about a BCPS District Department, visit:
browardschools.com/customerservicedepartments

Join Our SAC Team!

 Our next SAC Meeting is Friday,
May 29, 2026
All are welcome to join us—we'd love to see you there!

Parent/Guardian SBBC Policy 5900 Anti-Bullying

We encourage all parents to use the following link to access the parent/guardian training video:
<https://becon.eduvision.tv/play.aspx?qev=3SfVi13wT7QBXGDLRjBD0w%253d%253d>

School Improvement Plan

School Improvement Plan:
School Improvement Plan/Schoolwide Plan School staff and parents/guardians jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at:
<https://pineslakes.browardschools.com/our-school/school-information/view-our-sip>

As the school year comes to a close, Pines Lakes PTA would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing students, families, teachers, and staff for making this year so memorable! From the excitement of the Gabbie Bus to the creativity of our Intergalactic celebration and the hands-on fun of Mad Scientist Day, it has truly been a year full of learning, laughter, and community.

We are proud to have supported these special moments and are thankful for everyone who helped make them a success!

 Yearbooks are on sale now! Don't miss out on capturing this incredible year. Even more exciting golden tickets will be randomly placed in select yearbooks! Lucky students can win fun prizes such as gift cards and toys!

Looking ahead, we are always seeking passionate and dedicated parents and guardians to join our PTA board for the upcoming school year. Being part of the PTA is a meaningful way to support our school, strengthen our community, and make a lasting impact on our students' experiences.

If you are interested in joining or learning more, please email us at pineslakespta@gmail.com.

Thank you again for a fantastic year Panthers, let's finish strong!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram at PinesLakesPTA



CONGRATULATIONS

Special Congratulations to Kaylani Caladilla (2nd Grade) and Jayda Watson (3rd Grade) for their award winning entries in the Arbor Day Poster Contest for their City of Pembroke Pines. The students took a commemorative photo with Mayor Angelo Castillo, the City Commission, and other winning students from other BCPS schools. Their artwork is now on display in the Charles F. Dodge City Center.

We are also happy to recognize two students with Honorable Mentions. Those students are Allyson Bonelly (1st Grade) and Ayaan Rahmn (Kindergarten). They received certificates as well for their beautiful artwork. Great Job students!



UPCOMING EVENTS

For

MAY

5

**I-READY
TESTING**

Teacher and Staff
Appreciation



Lower school
Math i-Ready

6

**PEP
RALLY**

In School Pep Rally
for students



7

**FAST
PM3**

Teacher and Staff
Appreciation

5th Grade Math
FAST PM 3



8

**MUFFINS
WITH MOM**

Teacher and Staff
Appreciation

Muffins with mom



12

**FAST
PM3**

3rd Grade ELA
FAST PM 3



13

**FAST
PM3**

4th Grade ELA
FAST PM 3



Lower School
Science Test

14

**FAST
PM3**

5th Grade ELA
FAST PM 3



Lower School
Science Test

15

**I-READY
TESTING**

3rd Grade
ELA i-Ready



19

**ELA
TESTING**

3rd Grade
Math FAST PM 3



20

**MATH
TESTING**

4th Grade
Math FAST PM 3



21

**SCIENCE
TESTING**

Upper School
Science Testing



22

**I-READY
TESTING**

5th Grade
ELA i-Ready



25

**NO
SCHOOL**

No School in honor
of Memorial Day



26

**I-READY
TESTING**

Upper School
Math i-Ready



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**SPIRIT
WEEK**

5th Grade
Spirit Week begins



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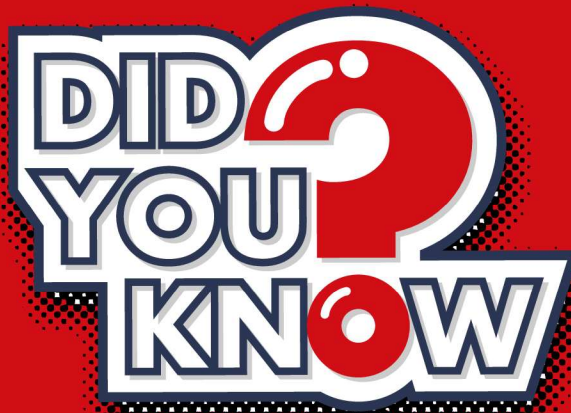
**SPRING
SHOW**

Chorus performance
at 6:30 p.m.



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**SAC
MEETING**



All charges for lunch are now Student Obligations

What this means:

Students will not be able to participate in field trips unless their obligations are settled.

These obligations will follow students throughout Broward County Public Schools.

When does this take effect?

Charges are retroactive to
September 24, 2025.

Questions?

Call Food and Nutrition Services 754.321.0200.

Meal Benefits Application

Meal Benefits Payment Portal

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/>

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2025-2026
Exceptional Student Education
PARENT SURVEY

Your participation is requested!

The 2025-2026 survey takes less time to complete making it easier for you to provide feedback.

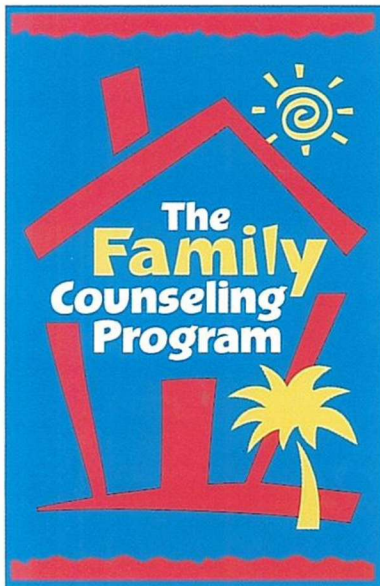
To complete the survey, scan the QR code or visit

bit.ly/ESEParentSurvey

*Use your camera
to scan here!*



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EDUCATION
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Student and Family Counseling Assistance

The Family Counseling Program at Broward County Public Schools provides services to help families cope with complex issues and challenges they may experience in everyday life. These challenges often affect student performance in school, and counseling can help the student function more effectively at school, at home and in the community.

CHARLES W. FLANAGAN ZONE

ELEMENTARY

Lakeside
Palm Cove
Pasadena Lakes
Pembroke Lakes
Pines Lakes
Silver Palms

MIDDLE

*Pines
*Walter C. Young

HIGH

*Charles W. Flanagan

**Therapist on site*

Staff

The Family Counseling Centers are staffed with master's or doctoral level, licensed therapists who have extensive experience in individual and family counseling. Services are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole.

Services

The Family Counseling Program provides short-term individual and family counseling to help address challenges across a number of areas including:

- Significant family issues including communication, divorce/separation, abandonment, parenting skills, abuse, and bereavement/loss.
- Social issues including self-esteem, bullying, peer pressure, and conflict resolution.
- Emotional issues such as anxiety/depression, crisis intervention, trauma, anger management, stress management, and mild substance misuse.
- School-related issues including study skills, school anxiety/phobia, attention deficit disorder, attendance, and behavioral issues in class.

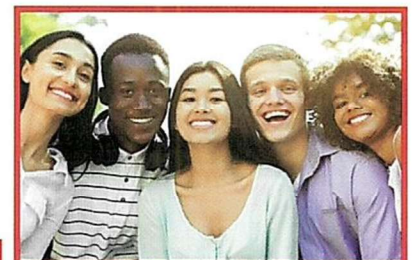


Appointments

Appointments for day and evening counseling sessions can be arranged by contacting the Family Counseling Office at 754-321-1590.

Who is Eligible?

Services are available to families residing in Broward County with a school-aged child enrolled in any school within the county.



For more information call: 754-321-1590
You can also find your school's counselor and more at browardschools.com/familycounseling.

All Services are Private, Confidential & Free of Charge.

ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD



Access Your Student's Report Card(s)



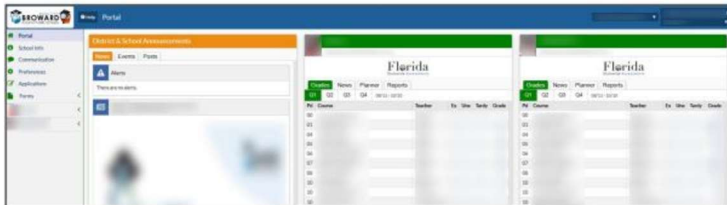
Focus Parent Portal:

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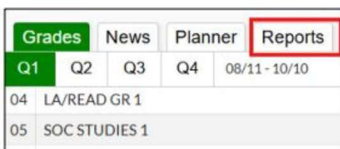
View Current School Year Report Card(s)

After logging in to your Focus Parent Portal account at

<https://browardschools.focuschoolsoftware.com/focus/>, you will see the following window:



Click the Reports tab.



Select one of the available report cards. The document will open on a new window.

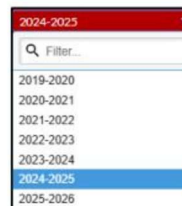


Access Your Student's Report Card(s)



View Previous School Year Report Cards

To view previous school year report cards, open the school year dropdown menu, located on the top right corner, to select a previous school year.



Repeat the steps from the section above.

Access Your Student's Report Card(s) - Spanish



Acceda a las boletas de calificaciones de su hijo(a)



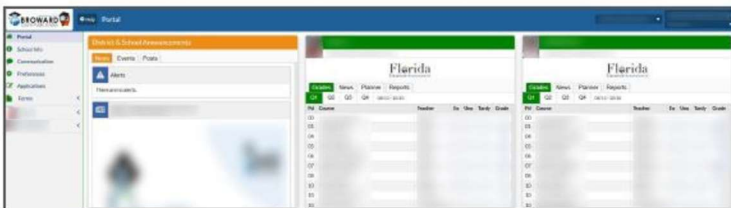
Portal Focus para Padres:

Para crear una cuenta en el Portal para Padres, visite <https://www.browardschools.com/focus>.

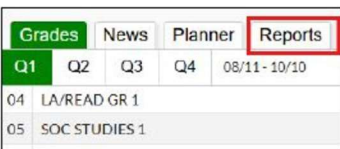
Vea las boletas de calificaciones del año escolar actual

Después de iniciar sesión en su cuenta del Portal Focus para Padres en

<https://browardschools.focuschoolsoftware.com/focus/>, verá la siguiente ventana:



Haga clic en la pestaña Reports.



Seleccione una de las boletas de calificaciones disponibles. El documento se abrirá en una nueva ventana.



Access Your Student's Report Card(s) - Spanish

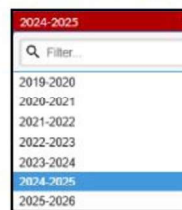


Acceda a las boletas de calificaciones de su hijo(a)



Vea las boletas de calificaciones de años escolares pasados

Para ver las boletas de calificaciones de otros años escolares, abra el menú desplegable del año escolar, ubicado en la esquina superior derecha, para seleccionar un año escolar pasado.



Repita los pasos de la sección anterior.

ACCESS YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD



Paran Kouman Ou Ka Gen Aksè a Kanè Pitit ou

Access Your Student's Report Card - Haitian Creole



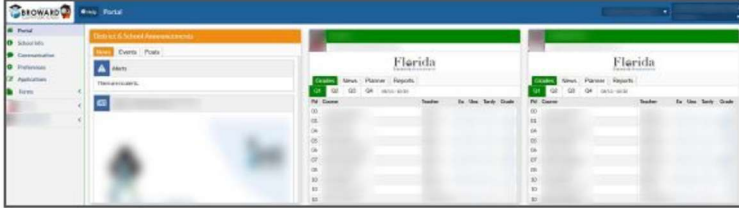
Focus Parent Portal:

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Gade Kanè Aktyèl pou Ane Eskolè A

Apres ou konekte (logging in) sou kont Focus Parent Portal sou sit

<https://browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/>, wap wè sou ekran an fennèt sa:



Klike sou onglè (tab) Reports.

Grades	News	Planner	Reports
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
08/11 - 10/10			
04	LA/READ GR 1		
05	SOC STUDIES 1		

Seleksyon youn nan kanè (report cards) ki disponib. Dokiman an ap louvri nan yon nouvo fenèt.

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06/03 6:00AM	Q4 Standard Report Card		
04/08 6:00AM	Q3 Standard Report Card		
01/01 6:00AM	Q2 Standard Report Card		
11/05 6:00AM	Q1 Standard Report Card		



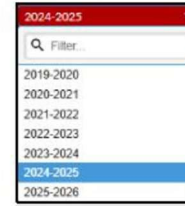
Paran Kouman Ou Ka Gen Aksè a Kanè Pitit ou

Access Your Student's Report Card - Haitian Creole



Gade Kanè (Report Cards) Ane Eskolè Anvan

Pou gade kanè, ane eskolè anvan yo, louvri meni dewoulan ane eskolè (school year dropdown menu), ki sitye nan kwen anwo adwat epi seleksyone ane eskolè anvan.



Repete etap nan seksyon anwo a.



Acesse o Boletim de Seu Filho(a)

Access Your Student's Report Card(s) - Portuguese



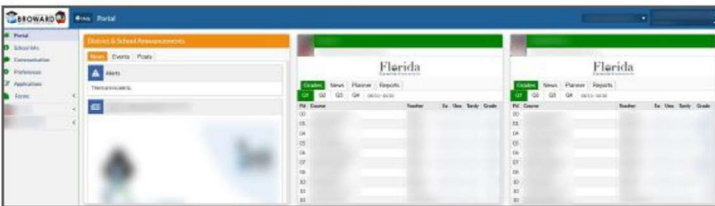
Portal dos Pais – Focus:

Para criar uma conta no Portal dos Pais, acesse <https://www.browardschools.com/focus>.

Visualizar Boletim do Ano Letivo Atual

Após fazer login na sua conta do Portal dos Pais do Focus em

<https://browardschools.focuschoolsoftware.com/focus/>, você verá a seguinte tela:



Clique na guia Reports (Boletins).

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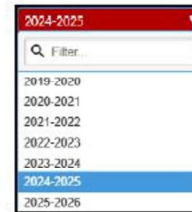
Acesse o Boletim de Seu Filho(a)

Access Your Student's Report Card(s) - Portuguese



Visualizar Boletins de Anos Letivos Anteriores

Para acessar boletins de anos letivos anteriores, abra o menu suspenso do ano letivo, localizado no canto superior direito e selecione o ano desejado.



Repita os passos da seção acima.



Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Antmann



Non Instructional
Employee of the Year

Ms. Newman



BETHE CHANGE

LEARNING THEME



MISSION

Preparing the next generation to be problem solvers and innovative thinkers through STEM project based learning.



VISION

Pines Lakes is committed to providing a happy, caring, and stimulating environment where children will recognize and achieve their fullest potential. Our MISSION: Preparing the next generation to be problem solvers and innovative thinkers through S.T.E.M. project-based learning.

