

# PANTHER PAWPRINTS

"EXCELLENCE THROUGH CARING"

SEPTEMBER 2015 EDITION



**Thomas J. Schroeder**  
Principal

**Vicki Flournoy**  
Assistant Principal

Our mission at Margate Elementary School is to create a nurturing environment so that our students will become independent, successful, life-long learners by providing a high quality, differentiated, and innovative curriculum based on the Sunshine State Standards.

**6300 NW 18th Street**  
**Margate, Florida 33063**  
**Phone Number:**  
**754-322-6900**

## Principal's Message

Hello Margate Panthers,  
I hope you enjoyed your summer vacation and feel excited and motivated about this school year. Teachers and students are already hard at work. We kicked-off our theme, Learning is an Adventure, by celebrating with students, parents, teachers, and staff on August 21st. Our PTA did an outstanding job planning and coordinating the celebration. The entire school applauds the work of our PTA Executive Board led by PTA President, CreeAnn Pepe.

It is always our main goal to provide an excellent education to each student based on his or her needs. In order to make this happen, we need your support. This year we are implementing a new intervention-based program designed to give our most at risk students extra support. We are also continuing to implement the reading programs RAZ kids and Accelerated Reader.



We cannot emphasize enough the importance of reading to and with your child/children daily. Additionally, every Wednesday, your child/children will receive a homework assignment based on the Florida Standards in reading. Students will also get math assignments each week as homework. Please review the Margate blue folder and your child's agenda each night.

Currently, we are looking for parents to join our SAC committee; and please join in with our fall fundraiser – both are great opportunities to support our school. Once again, it's a great pleasure to welcome you to this school year – please check out our website and our Facebook page for further information.

Here's to a fantastic Year!

Sincerely,

*Thomas J. Schroeder*  
Principal

**School Website:**

**[www.margateelementary.net](http://www.margateelementary.net)**

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## Calendar of Events

**Wednesday, 9/2/15**  
Fall Fundraiser Kickoff  
(Cherrydale & Yankee Candle)  
6:00pm - PTA Meeting  
6:30pm - Open House (Grades K-2)



**Monday, 9/7/15**  
No School

**Wednesday, 9/9/15**  
6:00pm - PTA Meeting  
6:30pm - Open House (Grades 3-5)

**Thursday, 9/10/15**  
6:30pm - Cub Scouts Night

**Friday, 9/11/15**  
Patriotic Day  
(Wear your red, white, and blue)

**Monday, 9/14/15**  
No School

**Wednesday, 9/16/15**  
Fall Fundraiser Ends

**Thursday, 9/17/15**  
Big Daddy's Pizza Night

**Monday, 9/21/15**  
Fall Student Picture Day  
(Students wear uniforms)  
Safety Patrol Fundraiser Kick-off  
(Entertainment Books)

**Wednesday, 9/23/15**  
No School

**Thursday, 9/24/15**  
7:00pm-Title I Parent Orientation 2015  
Guest Speaker-Ty Allan Jackson  
Arthur Ashe, Jr.-Atlantic Technical College  
1701 N.W. 23rd Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale

**Friday, 9/25/15**  
September Birthday Party  
6:00pm-PTA Family Fun Night  
(Movie Theater)

**Tuesday, 9/29/15**  
6:30-Family University

## Open House

Please join us for our Open House. Making the connection between home and school is vital to the success of your child's academic progress this year. During Open House your child's teacher will review his/her classroom expectations, upcoming projects, and school-wide events.



## Birthday Celebrations

In an effort to ensure that each student's birthday is recognized at Margate Elementary, we host a birthday celebration once a month honoring the students whose birthdays fall during that month. PTA provides cake and juice for the students. Thus, no individual birthday treats will be allowed in the classroom.





# Arrival Information

The first bell rings at 7:50

a.m. each morning.

The gates will open at 7:15 a.m. for students to eat breakfast.

Remember, all students are invited to eat breakfast at no charge. Students will be released to their arrival areas after breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. All students wait in either their interior hallways, in our

gym, or cafeteria (based on grade level). Staff will be on post at 7:30 a.m. supervising students at their arrival locations. It is vital that all students arrive to school on-time. Teachers plan important morning activities which immerse students immediately in learning.

Please refer to the map provided in the First Day Packet for specific arrival locations. It is vital that

the following guidelines are followed.

There is no parking or leaving cars unattended in the Car Rider Loop. Violations will be enforced by our School Resource Officer.

For the safety of our students, we ask that parents in the arrival car lane abide by some simple safety rules:

1. No cell phones when dropping off your child.
  2. Children are to exit the car from the right side(sidewalk).
  3. Please stay in one lane, the outside lane is for those cars that are parking.
  4. Pull all the way up
- The safety of your children is our utmost concern.

Please Support PTA! Membership is \$6.

All Visitors are to Report to the Front Office

Volunteers Can Register at [www.getinvolvedineducation.com](http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com)

Ice Cream is Sold in the Cafeteria on Wednesday \$.65

Support Our School with Boxtops



## A Special Note from Officer Guarino

The traffic pattern for the front parking lot prohibits left turns from NW 18th Street into the school. A sign is posted on N.W. 18th Street, which prohibits left turns into the front parking lot. Therefore, all traffic must enter the front parking lot from the east side of the school. In addition, the farthest parking lot east is a "Park and Walk" lot.



Please do not make U-turns in that lot as there is an increase of children and parents walking in that area. Please review the traffic pattern map for further information.



Entrance Route

Exit Route



# Margate Elementary

## A Title One School

Margate Elementary School was identified as a Title I School for the 2015-2016 school year, based on our number of eligible free and reduced lunch students. Schools with 50% or more of the student population receiving free or reduced priced meals meet Title I eligibility.

Title I is a federally funded program for economically disadvantaged children who reside in school attendance areas with a high concentration of children from low income families. Since a high incidence of poverty in a school has a direct correlation with low academic student achievement, Title I funds are used to provide supplementary instruction to raise the achievement of students who are failing to meet the challenging state standards. Title I funded personnel are instructional or support staff that directly contribute to the education of children and parents.

The purpose of Title I is to support school efforts to ensure that all children meet challenging academic standards and have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. This purpose can be accomplished by

providing additional resources for high poverty schools to enhance educational opportunities for disadvantaged students. Title I funds must be used in addition to District and State Funds. All of the services students would receive in the absence of Title I must be in place before Title I funds are used.

Title I funds may be used to benefit all of the students in a school wide project. All Title I schools are required to spend no less than 1% of their Title I allocation on parental involvement training activities. The Title I program for parents is designed to: 1. Inform parents about Title I regulations. 2. Provide literacy training. 3. Offer parents training in schools and the community on ways. 4. Encourage active participation in their children's schools and education.

A **Parent Compact** (which is an agreement by staff, parents, and students to share the responsibility for improved student academics and then a means to build a partnership that will help student's achieve the State's high standards) was sent home with all of the students in their first day packet. We are asking that you please read over the document, sign, and return it back to school with your child to give to his/her teacher. More information will be forthcoming regarding parent trainings we have scheduled.

### Title One Documents & Resources

Please check out our website for important information regarding Title I policies and procedures. You will find a link from the home page to Title One Resources. In addition, to having a link to the District's Title One Office along with the NCLB section 1118 and the Parent Involvement Policy 1165, you will find our Parental Involvement Plan for our school.

We also invite all of our parents to check out the following Parent Involvement Resource Center (PIRC):

Title 1 Parent Resource Center  
701 NW 31st Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311  
754-321-1426  
[www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/)

The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center  
<http://www.floridapartnership.usf.edu/>

### School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) & School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Florida law and school board policy mandates that parents have the right to request information regarding overall school achievement.

If you would like a copy of the SPAR report, please visit the Broward School Improvement website following link: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/schoolimprove/>

If you would like a copy of the SIP, please visit the our website at [www.margateelementary.net](http://www.margateelementary.net)

Please call 754-322-6900 with any questions or to request these documents in other languages.

# School Advisory Council



SAC- This is our School Advisory Council. It is a monthly meeting where we discuss the budget, the School Improvement Plan, and how to keep our kids learning at their

ultimate abilities. Sometimes the meetings are at 2:15, and others are at 6:00 p.m. prior to other night events. We are currently looking for parent representatives to be a part of SAC. On SAC we need a balance of at least 51% as members of the

community while about 49% should be school members. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in being a part of SAC, please contact our SAC chairperson, Shannon Mills at 754-322-6900

## SAC Meeting Dates

October 27, 2015  
6:00 p.m.-Cafeteria

November 10, 2015  
2:15 p.m.-Library

December 1, 2015  
2:15 p.m.-Library

or email  
[shannon.mills@browardschools.com](mailto:shannon.mills@browardschools.com)

## From the Desk of CreeAnn Pepe PTA President



Our New Board of hardworking, dedicated volunteers are very excited for this year's adventure! With the Support of our Amazing Families, the possibilities are endless!

Our Fall Fundraiser is Yankee Candle and Cherrydale (9/2-9/16/15). After you sell your first THREE items,

please turn in your coupon & get a lanyard with one eye popping Monster. Sell more and get more monsters. Help the entire school attend the BMX Bike Show by participating!!

Don't forget to send in your annual PTA Membership of only \$6.00! Thank You all!! Email us at [margateelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:margateelementarypta@gmail.com).

## PTA Membership

We have only been in school for two weeks and we already have 200 members that have joined the PTA for 2015-2016 school year. Joining the PTA is a great way to help our school! The yearly membership is only \$6 donation per person. For less than 3 cents a day, you can become a PTA member, joining more than 5 million other people who share your interest in issues affecting children.

Everyone (parents, grandparents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities) is invited to join our not-for-profit parent association. Help the Margate Elementary PTA reach the goal this year of 500 members!

Patty Moore, Membership Coordinator

# Breakfast Menu

## Elementary

# SEPTEMBER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**Breakfast Prices**

Adult (includes beverage) (\$1.80)

**Free Breakfast for all students!**

	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pork Sausage Patty &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt Parfait</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Chilled Pears</li> <li>• Fresh Fruit</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey Canadian Bacon and Egg &amp; Cheese Croissant</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Mini Loaf</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Mini Loaf</li> <li>• Strawberry Cup</li> <li>• Raisins</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baked Chicken Patty &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Crispy Baked Hash Browns</li> <li>• Apple Juice</li> <li>• Chilled Apricots</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apple Cinnamon Bun</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Chilled Applesauce</li> <li>• Dried Strawberry Flavored Cranberries</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>
<b>7</b> No School – Labor Day	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Toast Sticks</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Chilled Peaches</li> <li>• Florida Orange Juice</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max Cinnamon Pancakes</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Mini Loaf</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Mini Loaf</li> <li>• Strawberry Cup</li> <li>• Raisins</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baked Chicken Patty &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Crispy Baked Hash Browns</li> <li>• Apple Juice</li> <li>• Chilled Apricots</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sausage Wrapped Pancake</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Super Star Rounds</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Super Star Rounds</li> <li>• Chilled Applesauce</li> <li>• Dried Strawberry Flavored Cranberries</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>
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<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Toast Sticks</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Florida Orange Juice</li> <li>• Chilled Peaches</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pork Sausage Patty &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt Parfait</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Chilled Pears</li> <li>• Fresh Fruit</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>23</b> No School	<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baked Chicken Patty &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Crispy Baked Hash Browns</li> <li>• Apple Juice</li> <li>• Chilled Apricots</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheese Quesadilla</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Chilled Applesauce</li> <li>• Dried Strawberry Flavored Cranberries</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>
<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Toast Sticks</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Florida Orange Juice</li> <li>• Chilled Peaches</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pork Sausage Patty &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Yogurt Parfait</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Biscuit</li> <li>• Chilled Pears</li> <li>• Fresh Fruit</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snack N Waffles</li> <li>• Assorted Cereals &amp; Mini Loaf</li> <li>• Yogurt &amp; Mini Loaf</li> <li>• Strawberry Cup</li> <li>• Raisins</li> <li>• Low Fat Milk</li> </ul>		

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