



Parkland Elementary School September 2011 Newsletter

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School Mission: To engage each learner; thereby, increasing achievement

GOAL Integrate personalized learning in each classroom

Objective 1: Focus and engage our students & staff in project-based learning

Objective 2: Develop and practice 21st Century skills

Welcome Back !!

Welcome back to a new school year at Parkland Elementary. A special welcome to all of our new students and families! We are looking forward to a new and exciting year! Parents are always welcome in the school at anytime and we are always happy to have you as a volunteer!

Parkland Elementary Staff

Mrs. Sharlene Weingart: Grades K-1
Ms. Kristy Rose: Grades K-1
Ms. Haeyoung Noh: Grades 2-3-4
Ms. Victoria Comer: Grades 4-5
Mrs. Brenda Lazinchuk: Grades 5-6-7
Ms. Diana Lindstrom: Principal, Grades 5-6-7 & Learning Assistance & PE K-7
Mrs. Carolyn Derfler: Aide & Preschool
Mrs. Lisa Cronier: Class Aide, lunch supervision
Mrs. Diane Dunphy: Class Aide
Mrs. Kim Strasky: Secretary
Mr. Mike Kroonen: Custodial
Mrs. Brandi McCallum: Strong Start

Please note!

Your school staff is a group of dedicated people. Most of the teachers are at school by 7:30 am each school day until 3:00 pm. Secretary hours are **Monday & Thursday from 9:00 am - 2 pm & Tuesday from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm & Wednesday from 9 am to 1:30 pm.** If you must reach the school other than during secretary hours, please call during recess or lunch or after school. You can also email the school at parkland@sd59.bc.ca.

School Times

Our school hours are as follows:

7:50 am	buses arrive, supervision begins
8:05 am	school begins
10:03 am	recess begins (play until 10:20)
10:33 am	instruction begins
11:00 am	switch to 3 classrooms for rest of day
12:03 am	lunch begins (play until 12:20)
12:33 pm	instruction begins
2:03 pm	afternoon dismissal
2:15 pm	buses gone

Recycling and Being Green

We have a recycling program at Parkland and students help with this. We will be recycling paper, plastics, cardboard and refundables. We are encouraging families to work towards sending litter free lunches.

Primary Fees

Just a reminder to parents of children in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3 that primary fees of **\$25** are due right away and please make cheques payable to "Parkland Elementary" and send to the teacher. This fee covers the cost of their school supplies for the entire year. **Please pay by October 1st.** Thank you!

Assemblies

We have a whole school assembly at the end of each month. This year we will have the **assemblies** at 1:15 pm, except for December and March.

At our assemblies, we recognize student accomplishments, have a presentation by a class, and much more! The dates will be in the calendar that comes home with each monthly newsletter. Our first assembly will be on **Tuesday, September 27th at 1:15 pm.** We encourage all parents to attend whenever they can.

Daily Planners

Each student has been given a daily planner. **These books will provide home and school communication.** Students will write the dates of important activities in this book and will notify you of things such as when they need a new concession card and homework. **Please make sure these books are returned to school everyday and start the habit of looking at the planner with your child each evening.**

Parkland PAC

Our Parent Advisory Council is very active in our school. They meet the 4th Monday of each month at 2:30 pm. Coming to a PAC meeting is a great way to meet other parents, keep up to date with school happenings and discuss issues with our Principal. The first PAC meeting is **September 26th at 2:30 pm.** All parents are welcome!

Personal Toys at School

Any toys, electronic devices or cell phones that are used on the bus ride to and from school **must** be put in the your child's back pack for the school day. In the past, these items have been lost, stolen, damaged or have been a distraction. **Thanks for your help in reminding your children about this message.**

New Social Responsibility focus:

Paying It Forward

The past two years, we focused on character development each month with chosen virtues. Also we recognized students who strongly demonstrated them.

This year, we are taking a step further with our social responsibility focus. We are creating a new initiative that has us teaching to and encouraging our students to demonstrate behaviors and actions that have to do with thinking of others. We want to challenge them to purposefully engage in actions and gestures that help make someone's day and raise school spirit. We also want our students to become more community-minded by participating in efforts that cause them to take an active role in making positive differences in their communities.

We will be recognizing students with citizenship awards, Gotcha tickets, continuing to participate in community-minded efforts, etc. More details to follow. ☺

Hot Dog, Pizza Days & Special Lunches

Hot dog lunches will be every Friday, beginning **September 16th**. Orders will be taken on Friday mornings. Milk and frozen fruit bars can also be ordered on Friday's. If Friday is a holiday, there will be no hotdogs that week.

The last Friday of the month will be special lunch day, starting in October. Items may include chili, soup or grilled cheese, tacos along with milk and fruit bars. Read the newsletter each month to see what the special will be.

Pizza, milk & cold treat orders will be taken on Monday mornings and delivered that day. Our first pizza day will be **Monday, September 12th**. If Monday is a holiday, there will be no pizza that week.

There will be 3 choices for pizza toppings this year, pepperoni, plain cheese or chicken. Parents of primary students might want to go over the choices with their child(ren) at first so they have time to think about what they would like.

All students need to have a **lunch card** to order food items. Lunch cards are available for **\$20** each from the office. Please make cheques payable to "Parkland Elementary". Each card has 27 spots on it. Items such as milk, fruit bars and hot dogs will require one spot each (\$.75) and pizza will require two spots per slice (\$1.50). Our once a month special lunch items can also be purchased using punch cards. You will get a note from your child's teacher when the need a new lunch card.

Thanks to our dedicated PAC for organizing all our school lunch activities!!

Bus Notes

Any changes to your children's after school bus arrangements requires a bus note for each driver involved. Bus slips are on the office desk or you can just write your own note. We need the date, student names, bus drivers name or route # and what the change is. If you have a **last minute change** in plans you must call the bus garage at 782-2106 and they will forward the information to your driver. The Bus Auto-Announcement line # is 782-1061 to see if busses are running and you can also check the School District website to see if busses are late or cancelled. Students will not be permitted to use the phone to make after school arrangements unless it is an emergency. If your children are staying for an after school activity, please give the bus driver a note. If you plan to pick your children up at school please be here by 1:55 pm. **If you are not here, your children will be put on the bus.**

Finally, please follow our bus safety rules when you are dropping off or picking up your children..

Transition to Kindergarten: Pre-school Program

We have a wonderful Preschool here at Parkland run by Carolyn Derfler. Children ages 3 - 5 years can attend on **Tuesdays from 9 am - 11:00 am**. A child must be turning 3 by the end of December 2011 to attend. Preschool will be starting up on **October 4th** and there is room for a few more children. You can call the school and leave your name and number if you are interested and Carolyn will call you back.



Strong Start Continues

Join us on **Monday's and Wednesday's from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** for this free, school based drop-in program. Bring your children 4 years and under and play at Parkland! For more info call 250 784 6330. **Wednesday, September 7th** was the first day. You can check the School District website each week for any changes or cancellations to this program.

Full Time Kindergarten Days

This year, Kindergarten students are at school full time. They will attend Monday to Friday all day. If parents feel they need a transition plan in place for their student before doing full days, please contact Ms. Lindstrom and Mrs. Weingart.

Play & Eat

We will continue our Play & Eat plan for recess and lunch. Children go outside to play first and then come back in and have their food.

School T-Shirts

This year's order for our red Parkland School t-shirts will be made soon. We use these for field trips, sports events and gym. T-shirts are partially being paid for by the PAC. **The cost for families will be \$3 per shirt and it is requested that each student have one.** Returning students may use last year's shirt if they like. New students and others, who would like a new shirt, please send the fee and size requested by **Friday, September 26th. There is an order form attached to this newsletter.**

Grades K - 2 are expected to have their inside shoes for gym. Grades 3 -7 are expected to have shorts, inside shoes and their t-shirts for gym.

School Registration

If you know of anyone in our area who might have students not registered with us yet, please have them contact the school as soon as possible.

Volunteers

Parent volunteers play an important role in this school. We greatly appreciate the time they spend helping to make this a dynamic and vibrant place for students. School District 59 has implemented policies to ensure that our students are safe. All parents who wish to volunteer need to submit their name to the office. We have attached a volunteer request form to this newsletter.

All volunteers need to have an updated **RCMP Criminal Records check**. You can get the forms at the school office. This check is good for 3 years. If you want to know if you are up to date, call Kim at the office.

All parents who will be driving students to and from school activities will also need to **submit a driver's abstract request** and must have minimum of one million dollars of liability insurance coverage. Kim at the office has the information to get this done and can tell you when your current one expires.

Parents must check with individual teachers if they wish to volunteer in a classroom. Attached to this newsletter is a form to indicate if you would like to volunteer for various things in the school. **Please fill it out and send it back with your oldest child.** Thanks!

School Pictures

Student and class pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, October 12th**. More info will be sent home soon!

School Calendar

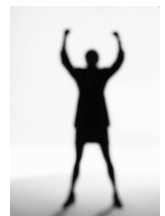
You can access the yearly school calendar anytime on the SD website. This shows all holidays, non instructional days and report card dates.

One to One Reading Program

Parkland School is hoping to start up the One-to-One program again this year if there are parents interested in volunteering their time. This program provides one-to-one reading practice with students in all grades in the school. If you have the One-to-One training and are interested in participating this year, please let us know by filling out the form attached. If you do not have the training but are interested in volunteering your time, a training session may be planned.

Terry Fox Run - Toonies for Terry

The annual Terry Fox Fun is quickly approaching! Our school is participating by watching a video at 9:30 am and then running at 10:35 am on **Friday, September 23rd**. We are also encouraging students to bring in toonies for Terry to help find a cure for cancer. Any student that brings a donation will get their name in a draw for a Terry Fox t-shirt. Parents that would like a receipt for a donation over \$10 will need to send a note with your name and address with the donation so we can notify the Terry Fox Foundation. Please send in your donations by **October 5th**. Thank you for your support!



2011 / 2012 School Forms

Five forms are being sent out with the newsletter and must be completed for each student in our school **each year** so we can keep current about our students. The forms are in a brown envelope and should be signed and returned in the same envelope. Send the envelope back with your oldest child by September 24th please.

Four of the forms can be done one to a family, these are:

1. **Emergency school closure (YELLOW) form** gives us important instructions on where to contact you and send your child(ren) should there be a school closure or if your child has an accident or illness.

2. **Media permission form (BLUE)** allows your child to have their photo taken and published in school newsletters. These may be used for special activities such as food bank donations, assemblies etc.

3. **Internet permission form (BLUE)** gives your child(ren) permission to have supervised access to the Internet at school.

The media form and the internet form are on the same paper - remember to sign both sides!

Fruit & Veggie Program Form (WHITE)

This one is different from the others - you only send it back if you do **NOT** want your child(ren) to participate in the program OR if there are allergy concerns. (see the brochure for more info on the program)

5. The last form is the **student medical form (GREEN)** that lets us know about any medical information we need to know about your child(ren). Please fill this one out even if there are no issues. **This must be done one for each child** and we have sent enough copies with your oldest child.

During the year , whenever there is going to be a field trip for your child(ren) we will send home a specific form with all the trip details and requesting your permission for your child(ren) to attend. District policy says that we must have the

permission form or the child(ren) will not be allowed to go on the field trip.

If you need more copies of anything, just stop by the office or send a note with your child. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Lindstrom or Kim Strasky at the office. Thanks!

THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO:

- ✓ FILL OUT ALL SCHOOL FORMS AND SEND BACK
- ✓ SEND IN VOLUNTEER & T-SHIRT ORDER FORM
- ✓ SEND IN MONEY FOR T-SHIRT(S), LUNCH CARD, AND PRIMARY FEES (GR.K-3)

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Strong Start 9:30 Pizza Day	13	14 Strong Start 9:30	15	16 Hot Dog Day	17
18	19 Strong Start 9:30 Pizza Day	20	21 Strong Start 9:30	22	23 Hot Dog Day Terry Fox Run	24
25	26 Strong Start 9:30 Pizza Day PAC Mtg 2:30pm	27 Assembly 1:15 pm	28 Strong Start 9:30	29	30 Hot Dog Day	

Families: You can fill out whatever parts of this form that you need to and send the whole thing back to school with your oldest child. Thanks!



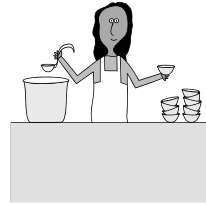
I can assist the PAC on lunch days:

_____ Pizza Day - Mondays

_____ Hot Dog Day - Fridays

_____ Special Lunch Day – usually last Friday of the month
name

_____ phone number



Volunteers, (depending on numbers) usually assist about every second month

I would like to find out more about the One to One Reading Program. Please contact me at:

_____ phone number

Name- please print

I would like to put my name in as a volunteer for field trips, driving to after school sports, helping in the classroom, etc at Parkland.

_____ phone number _____

Name – please print

What I would like to volunteer for: _____

I have read the newsletter, brought home by my child _____
(Child's name)

Signed by _____
Parent / guardian

Please return to the school by Friday, September 24th and your families' name will be entered in a draw to be done at our month end assembly.

Yes, I would like new t-shirt(s) for my child(ren).

The T-shirts come in Youth sizes: Small (6-8), Medium (8-10), Large (10-12) and Adult sizes, Small (10-12), Medium (14-16) & Adult Large (16-18)

Student name: _____ Size: _____

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Please enclose \$3 per t-shirt ordered and send with your oldest child, in an envelope, to the office.