



# Parkland Elementary School

## February 2012 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

### Parent Advisory Council

The next meeting is **Monday, February 27 at 2:15 pm**. All parents are welcome to attend whenever they can.

### PAC Calendar fundraiser update

*The calendar is done and some extra copies were made, so if you missed the pre-order you can still get this great country calendar. Copies are available at the office. If you can't make it in just send a note saying how many you want with cash or a cheque (made out to PAC) and we will send them home with your child. Calendars are \$15 each.*

### Special Lunch

Our month end special lunch will be on **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** and the lunch will be chili and a bun. There will be no hot dogs that day.

### Scrabble

Grade 4 - 7 started their scrabble games on **January 26<sup>th</sup>**. They are playing during recess and lunch. Mrs. Manson is organizing things again but she needs some help from parents to supervise the students while they play. If you can spare a half hour at recess and/or lunch on Thursdays please let Kim at the office know as soon as possible. Thanks!

### Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

This assessment is administered to **Grade 4 and 7 students** in BC public schools. We will be writing them in the last 2 weeks of February. Anyone needing more information should call Ms. Lindstrom at the school.

### Ski Trip to Bear Mountain

We are planning a ski trip in **February** for our **Grade 2-4** class - weather permitting. A trip for the Grade 5-7 class is being considered. We will need parents to help with these trips. If you are interested in skiing with the students, please let Kim know at the office and make sure you have an up to date criminal record check on file.

### Important Dates to Remember:

- PAC Meeting Feb 27 at 2:15 pm
- NID February 17<sup>th</sup> - no school for students
- Early Dismissal days Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
- Benefit Dance at Farmington Hall
- March 6 - last date for input on calendar

### Donation

We have received a donation from Arc Resources of **\$3000** to be used for field trips for the students this year. We very much appreciate this support so that our students may have some extra curricular experiences that our budget might otherwise not allow.

### Technology and Ipad Update -

We have received a donation of **\$6500** from **Encana Corporation** towards our IPAD 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Project. We thank them very much for their support in giving our students the latest in technology for their learning.

### Proposed 2012-2013 School Calendar

The Board of School District 59 is asking for input regarding the Local Proposed Calendar for 2012/2013. This input will be used as part of the Board's decision-making process in the development of a Proposed Local Calendar. The timeline for this process is as follows:

- January 25 to March 6 - Input from staff, parents, SPCs, PACs, DPAC, employee groups, etc. This information will be gathered through school principals and location managers.
- March 7 - Board reviews feedback from all groups.
- March 7 - The Board adopts the 2012/2013 Local Calendar.

There are 4 calendars circulating for people to discuss. Parkland has a poster on the wall outside the Grade 5-6-7 room with all the calendars and room for comments. You can also go to the SD website and all the calendars are there to download and there is an online survey you can complete in 5 minutes to have your say. The Board will make its decision on which calendar to go with based on feedback from parents and SD employees. **Deadline for input is March 6, 2012.**

### Early Dismissal Days and Reporting Progress

**February 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** are early dismissal days. Students will be dismissed one hour earlier than usual.

There will be no reports cards being sent home for this term due to the ongoing teachers strike.. As well, there will be no formal meetings with teachers on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> but if parents wish to make arrangements to talk to teachers about their children's progress they can call the school and make arrangements with the teacher. Parents are encouraged to keep in touch with their children's teachers.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Benefit Dance for Dilworth Family

A family in our community, Connie & Blaine Dilworth, had their house burn down last week and there is going to be a benefit dance for them. The dance will be at the Farmington Hall on **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 pm. There will be a live band (Binder Twang) and a midnite lunch. Tickets are \$ 20 per person and there will be a raffle and 50-50 draw as well. Get tickets at Inland Auto (on Tim H. and McD road). For more info or if you can help with food please call Carolyn and Brian Derfler at 843 7143 or Brenda Lazinechuk at 843 7465.

#### Ski Hill Lessons

We have attached a form for the grade 2-7's from the DC Ski Hill (Bear Mountain) if anyone is interested in getting ski lessons for their children. This is not a school initiative - the form is just for your info and convenience.

February						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2 scrabble	3 Hot dogs  Field trip forms need to be back to school	4
5	6 Pizza Strong Start  Field trip whole school – to Canalta for performance	7 preschool	8 Strong Start	9 scrabble	10 hot dogs	11
12	13 Pizza Strong Start	14 preschool	15 Strong Start	16 scrabble	17 NID – no school for students	18
19	20 Pizza Strong Start	21 preschool	22 Strong Start	23 scrabble	24 Chili and bun	25
26	27 Pizza Strong Start PAC mtg 2:15 pm	28 preschool 1 hr early dismissal	29 Strong Start 1 hr early dismissal			

March						
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2 hot dogs	3
4	5 pizza Strong Start	6 Preschool	7 Strong Start	8	9 hot dogs scrabble tournament last day before break!	10
11	12 SPRING BREAK	13 SPRING BREAK	14 SPRING BREAK	15 SPRING BREAK	16 SPRING BREAK	17
18	19 SPRING BREAK	20 SPRING BREAK	21 SPRING BREAK	<b>22</b> SPRING BREAK	23 SPRING BREAK	24
25	26 Pizza Strong Start	27 preschool	28 Strong Start	29	30 BBQ hamburgers	31

