



# Parkland Elementary School September 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

## 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 New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Amanda Roberts as our new Principal. She comes to us from Crescent Park Elementary. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Karen Frederickson who will teach the Grade 1, 2, 3 class. She comes to us from Crescent Park Elementary as well.

## Parkland Elementary Staff

Mrs. Sharlene Weingart: Grades K-1  
Ms. Karen Fredrickson: Grades 1-2-3  
Mrs. Brenda Lazinchuk: Grades 4-5-6-7  
Mrs. Amanda Roberts: Principal, Learning Assistance & Prep coverage  
Mrs. Carolyn Derfler: Support Staff  
Mrs. Lisa Cronier: Support Staff & lunch supervision  
Ms. Nicole Soontiens: Support Staff  
Mrs. Kim Strasky: Secretary  
Mr. Mike Kroonen: Custodial  
Mrs. Brandi McCallum: Strong Start  
Mrs. Amanda Stafford: Preschool

## Please note!

Most of the teachers are at school by 7:30 am each school day until 3:00 pm. Secretary hours are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:30 am - 2 pm & Tuesday from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you must reach the school other than during secretary hours, please call during recess or lunch or after school.

## School Times

7:50 am	buses arrive, supervision begins
8:03 am	warning bell
8:11 am	instruction begins
9:33 am	recess begins (play until 9:50)
10:03 am	instruction begins
11:33 am	lunch begins (play until 11:50)
12:03 pm	instruction begins
2:03 pm	afternoon dismissal
2:10 pm	buses gone

## Meet and Greet

On **Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** from 6 - 7 pm, you will have a chance to "meet and greet" your child's teacher(s). Families are welcome to come in and have a look around the school and visit the classrooms.

## Assemblies

This year we will have a total of five month-end assemblies this year, beginning in October. At each assembly we will recognize students who demonstrate one of the five attributes we call our "High 5". Our "High 5" includes: curiosity, integrity, reflection, confidence and empathy. The first attribute we are focusing on is "curiosity". The assembly will be on **October 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm**. The dates for the rest of the assemblies will be in the calendar that comes home with each monthly newsletter and on our website.

## Transition to Kindergarten: Pre-school Program

We have a wonderful Preschool here at Parkland run by Amanda Stafford. Children ages 3 - 5 years can attend on **Friday's 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 **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please call Amanda for more info and to register your child. 250 789 9866.



## 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. You can check the School District website each week for any changes or cancellations to this program.

## Parkland PAC

Our Parent Advisory Council is very active in our school. 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 **Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 pm**. The calendar and times of meetings for the year will be decided at this meeting. All parents are welcome!

## 2012 / 2013 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 our records up to date. 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 24<sup>th</sup>** please.

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

1. Emergency Contact (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. 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!

### 4. 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.

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 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.

## 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*

Over the past two years, we have 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.

"Gotcha Tickets" will be used to recognize students who "Pay it Forward". Gotcha tickets will be put in a draw box for prizes!☺

### Hot Dog, Pizza Days & Special Lunches

Hot dog lunches will be every Friday, beginning **September 14<sup>th</sup>** Orders will be taken on Friday mornings. Milk and frozen fruit bars can also be ordered on Fridays. 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, grilled cheese or 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 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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 BBQ 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 **\$25** each from the office. This is the first price increase in over ten years. 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 (\$.92) and pizza will require two spots per slice (\$1.84). 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 they need a new lunch card.

## Student Photos

Mountain West will be taking individual student photos on **Tuesday, October 9th** in the morning. We will be sending more info home when we receive it.

## Daily Planners

Students in Mrs. Frederickson and Mrs. Lazinchuk's classes have 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. **You can also put cheques or cash in them when buying a new** Please make sure these books are returned to school everyday and start the habit of looking at the planner with your child each evening.

## 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. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you!

## 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. These rules are listed in the school handbook.

## 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

## 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. Please note that lunch time is now at 11:30 am instead of noon.

## 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 \$4 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 **Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. There is an order form attached to this newsletter.

Grades K -3's are expected to have their inside shoes for gym. Grades 4 -7's are expected to have shorts, inside shoes and their t-shirts for gym. Please put your child's name on all items.

## 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 has the information at the office 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!

**Full Time Kindergarten Days**

K's 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 Mrs. Roberts or Mrs. Weingart.

**Terry Fox Run - Toonies for Terry**

The annual Terry Fox Fun is on **Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Our school is participating by watching a Terry Fox video from 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm and then we start our 40 minutes walk/run down Parkland Road. We are 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 and posters. Please send in your donations by **October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your support!

**Save Four Liter Milk Jugs**

Mrs. Frederickson would like families to please save your 4 litre plastic milk jugs for a project. You can send them to school as you empty them. Please rinse out really well! Thanks for your help!

**THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO:**

- ✓ FILL OUT ALL SCHOOL FORMS AND SEND BACK IN BROWN ENVELOPE
- ✓ 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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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
2	3	4 Admin Day	5 1 <sup>st</sup> day of school	6	7	8
9	10 Strong Start 9:30 – 12:30  Pizza	11	12 Strong Start 9:30 – 12:30	13	14 Preschool 9 – 11 am  Hot Dogs	15
16	17 Strong Start 9:30 – 12:30  Pizza  Terry Fox Run 12:45 pm	18 Meet and Greet 6-7 pm	19 Strong Start 9:30 – 12:30	20	21 Preschool 9 – 11 am  Hot Dogs	22
23	24 Strong Start 9:30 – 12:30  P{izza	25	26 Strong Start 9:30 – 12:30	27	28 Preschool 9 – 11 am  Hot Dogs	29
30		School Pictures are on Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> .				



Mrs. Roberts (left) and Mrs. Frederickson join Parkland staff.

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 where parents listen to kids read. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Days of the week I am available: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / guardian

Please return to the school by Monday, September 24th and your families' name will be entered in a draw to be done at our October 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 \$4 per t-shirt ordered and send with your oldest child, in an envelope, to the office.