



Parkland Elementary School

June 2013 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

Important Dates to Note

- Strong Start continues on Mondays and Wednesdays until June 26th. Preschool is done for the year.
- McQueens Slough field trip for Grade 4 - 7's - Wed. June 12
- Last PAC Meeting of year: Thur, June 13th at 4 pm
- Aboriginal Education Celebration Mon, June 17th
- Year end picnic: Mon. June 24th
- Year end swim: Tue. June 25th
- Report cards to parents Wed. June 26th
- Year end assembly: Wed June 26 10:30 am
- Last Day for students Thur, June 27th

Pitch In Done!

This month primary students picked up litter all around our school yard and the intermediates picked litter along Parkland Road. Well done to all students for keeping our school and community in great shape!

Gwillim Trip

The Grade 6 & 7 students spent 3 days out at the school districts campsite this month. Judging from the comments and pictures, a fabulous time was had by all! Thanks so much to the parents who went camping and helped with the supervision!

Field Trip Forms

We have attached permission forms for the year end picnic and swim. Please return as soon as possible. Please let us know if you can join us to help supervise the students in the pool by filling out the form at the bottom of the permission slip.

Supplies List for Grade 4 - 7 Students

There will be a supplies list for the Grade 5 -6 -7 class and one for the Grade 4's. These will be attached to the student report cards and be given out the last week of school.

We have a supplies list for the Grade 7's going to Central Campus and will attach it to their final report cards. DCSS will post it on their website as well.

2013 - 2014 School Calendar

We have attached a copy of the school calendar for next year for you to use to plan holidays.

Year End Assembly

Our year-end assembly is on Wednesday, June 26th starting at 10:30 am. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Year End Fun Swim & Picnic

Our year-end picnic is Monday, June 24th at Mathew's Park. The bus will leave the school at 10:30 am and return by 1:45 pm. Thanks very much to our PAC for organizing and paying for the BBQ! Please note: there will be NO PIZZA order, lunch will be provided for all students and parents who attend at the park.

The year-end fun swim will be the next day, Tuesday, June 25th at the pool in Dawson Creek from noon to 1 pm. Students need to bring a lunch, a swim suit and towel and a quarter for the lockers. The bus will leave at 11:15 am and return at 1:40 pm. The pool requires a ratio of 3 children to 1 adult for children 0 - 7 years. The adults must be in the water and within arms reach. So we have to have 5 parent volunteers to help supervise the primary students. If we do not get enough volunteers the under 7 year old students will have to stay at the school and have a fun day here. You can sign up on the bottom of the permission form.

Grade 7 Tea

The annual Grade 7 Leaving Tea was held on Tuesday, June 11th. Grade 7's received recognition from their fellow students. We wish them all the best in Grade 8!

High Five Awards

Our focus for this term was "Empathy".

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates:

K-1 Class: Evany, Tytis, Alex, Sophia, Katie T., Katie-May, Cassidy
1-2-3 Class: Domanik, Austin, Tayla
4-7 Class: Courtney, Cade, Emma, Abby, Connor, Julian
Also congratulations to the Kotanko family for winning the newsletter draw and to Jack Wilde for winning the Gotcha award draw.

Review of SD 59 Bus System

Keep watching the SD website for updated information.

Welcome to Kindergarten/ Ready Set Learn

We had 4 new upcoming Kindergarten students and several of the younger children attend the program. Thanks to everyone who came. If anyone knows of someone whose child will be starting kindergarten with us that is not yet registered please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible. Thanks!

Presentation of Learning

For the past couple of months the students have been working on their school wide project of creating games to help students be more active on the playground. Students worked together in multigrade groups and each group created a game. All the games were presented to a panel of experts and then everyone got to go see the games in action! Thanks very much to our experts and to the parents who came out to be the audience!

Parkland Preschool Changing for 2013-14 Year

Mrs. Boumeester is not able to run the preschool next year. The school is open to having someone step in to keep the preschool going. The preschool runs as an independent body under the umbrella of the PAC. Being under the PAC's umbrella gives the program the schools liability insurance coverage. It has been a fee-based program with parents paying directly to the person running it.

Aboriginal Education Day June 17

Devereaux will be joining us for our celebration. Students will have the opportunity to experience Aboriginal culture through various crafts and Metis dances! There will be NO PIZZA that day as lunch will be provided for students.

2013-2014 School Year

Staff has been discussing how to make the best use of the short time and the many things that students need to get done in a year. A couple of simple but important things that take up time have been noticed. For next year:

1. We are asking that parents pay attention as to whether your primary student can easily tie up their shoe laces themselves. If they cannot - *we are asking that you send them with velcro or slip on shoes until they can.* If you are having difficulty training your child we have a great hands on kit that you can borrow. Just ask at the office.
2. Many students have been bringing food items for lunch and snack that need to be cooked. This works well for the intermediate students but does not work for the primarys who require supervision and help. We are asking parents *not to send items that need cooking in primary students lunches.*

McQueens Slough Trip

The intermediate class is going to McQueens Slough out near Rolla on Wednesday, June 12th. This is a natural wetland and students will learn about the wildlife and insects that live there! Remember to dress for the weather and the bugs! We will be going rain or shine!