



Parkland Elementary School September 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

Welcome Back

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

Parkland New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Kelly Lees as our new K-1-2 teacher. She comes to us from Crescent Park. We are also pleased to welcome Elke Lukac as a classroom aide.

This term we are fortunate to have 2 student teachers. Krystal Miler will be working in Mrs. Frederickson's class and Rick Davidson will be in Mrs. Lazinchuk's class. Our student teachers will be here from September 6th until the end of November. Ms. Miller and Mr. Davidson will be in their classrooms as the full time teacher for 6 weeks.

Parkland Elementary Staff

Mrs. Kelly Lees: Grades K-1-2
Mrs. Karen Fredrickson: Grades 2-3-4
Mrs. Brenda Lazinchuk: Grades 5-6-7
Mrs. Amanda Roberts: Principal, Learning Assistance & Prep coverage
Mrs. Carolyn Derfler: Support Staff
Ms. Elke Lukac : Support & lunch supervision
Mrs. Kim Strasky: Secretary
Mr. Mike Kroonen: Custodial
Mrs. Brandi McCallum: Strong Start

Please note!

Most of the teachers are at school by 7:30 am each school day until 3:00 pm. Secretary hours are Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm & Thursday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Please call during secretary hours, at recess, lunch or right 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 **Thursday, September 26th** 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 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 "Empathy". The assembly will be on **Tuesday, October 29th 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:

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.

Inside Shoes

For safety reasons all students must have clean indoor shoes that are appropriate for daily PE. All students need to be able to take off and put on their shoes independently. Loose laces are a tripping hazard and therefore, need to be tied. If you are going to send laced shoes please ensure your child can tie them very well.

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 date will be announced soon. The calendar and times of meetings for the year will be decided at the first meeting. All parents are welcome!

Parkland Band Program



Clarinet



Flute/Piccolo



Soprano



Alto

For Mrs. Lazinchuk's class there is a letter attached outlining the grade 5-7 band program. Please talk with your student(s) and fill out the instrument choice and sign the form at the bottom. There will be a meeting for parents about the program and a short "Music 101" course on

Thursday September 11th at 6:00 pm. All parents are encouraged to attend. Please note that this meeting is for parents only.

2013 / 2014 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.

Four of the forms will 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 (orange)** gives your child(ren) permission to have supervised access to the Internet at school. Parents sign one side and students the other side.
4. **Fruit/ Veggie & Milk 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.

Primary Literacy Project

For parents in Ms Lees & Mrs Frederickson's classes there is a letter attached outlining the school district's exciting new primary literacy project.

New Social Responsibility focus:

Paying It Forward

Over the past two years, we have focused on character development each month with chosen virtues. 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 that will be given out at assemblies! 😊

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.**

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.

Pre-school Program

We will let everyone know when the preschool program will be starting up as soon as we know.

Student Photos

Mountain West will be taking individual student photos on Tuesday, October 8th at 8:30 am. We will be sending a reminder slip home the day before. Picture proofs will be sent home with order forms when we get the pictures back.

Hot Dog, Pizza Days & Special Lunches

Hot dog lunches will be every Friday, beginning **September 13th**. 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 9th**. 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 home 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. 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.

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 1st**. Thank you!

Daily Planners

Students in 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 lunch card. Please make sure these books are returned to school everyday and start the habit of looking at the planner with your child each evening.

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. 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 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 23rd**. 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.

Volunteering at Our School

Parent volunteers play an important role at our 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 Record 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.

Cops Ride for Cancer

The RCMP Riders will be visiting our school on their tour up the Alaska Highway! They will stop in for half an hour on September 13th at 11:30 am. The Canadian Cancer Society's Cops for Cancer Tours are truly community events involving committed members of law enforcement and emergency services from four regions of BC, who complete a 7-14 day cycling tour in September for the fundraising benefit of children with cancer and their families. The Tours are supported by caring individuals and organizations, in over 60 communities throughout BC who fundraise from spring to late fall in support of individual riders or the Tour. We are asking all students to send in a toonie for us to present to the riders when they visit us. Thanks for your support!

Terry Fox Run - Toonies for Terry

The annual Terry Fox Fun is on Friday, September 27th. 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 5th**. Thank you for your support!

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)
- ✓ Gr-5-7 - BRING BACK YOUR BAND PROGRAM FORM
- ✓ SEND IN A TOONIE FOR TERRY AND ONE FOR COPS RIDE FOR CANCER

Community News

Yoga Classes-All levels welcome.

Tower Lake - Mon. at 8 pm

Bessborough Hall - Tue. - time to be decided

Farmington Hall - Wed. at 8 pm

For more info call Clarice at 250 843 7954



Paying attention question: What is our first High Five focus?

I have read the newsletter, brought home by my child _____

Signed by _____

Parent / guardian

Please return to the school by Monday September 30 and your name will be entered in a draw at our October assembly.

September 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 PIZZA DAY STRONG START	10	11 STRONG START	12 GR. 5-6-7 PARENT MUSIC MEETING 6PM	13 HOT DOG DAY COPS FOR CANCER RIDERS 11:30 AM	14
15	16 PIZZA DAY STRONG START	17	18 STRONG START	19	20 HOT DOG DAY	21
22	23 PIZZA DAY STRONG START	24	25 STRONG START	26 TEACHER MEET & GREET 6 PM	27 HOT DOG DAY TERRY FOX RUN	28
29	30 PIZZA DAY STRONG STRART	Oct. 1	Oct 2 STRONG START	Oct 3	Oct 4HOT DOG DAY	Oct 5
Oct 6	Oct 7 PIZZA DAY STRONG START	Oct 8 PICTURE DAY 8:30 AM	Oct 9 STRONG START	Oct10	Oct 11 HOT DOG DAY	Oct 12
Oct 13	Oct 14 PIZZA DAY STRONG START	Oct 15	Oct 16 GWILLIM GR6-7 STRONG START	Oct 17 GWILLIM GR 6-7	Oct 18 GWILLIM GR6-7 HJOT DOG DAY	Oct 19