



Parkland Elementary School October 2013 Newsletter

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

GOAL Integrate personalized learning in each classroom

Objective 1: Continue to develop and refine 21st Century skills through inquiry/project based learning

Objective 2: Improve literacy skills

Important Dates to Note

- ✓ October 8th – school individual pictures
- ✓ October 14th – Thanksgiving – No School
- ✓ Non Instructional day – Fri. Oct. 25th
- ✓ Empathy assembly – Tue. Oct 29th at 12:15 pm

Primary Fees

Just a reminder to parents of children in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3 that primary fees of \$25 are due and please make cheques payable to Parkland School. If you have not paid your fees, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parkland Handbook

All families should have received one copy of our updated school handbook this week. If you have any questions or comments on the handbook, please call Mrs. Roberts.

Parent Advisory Council

Parents please note that the next meeting will be **Wednesday November 6 at 6:00 pm**. The PAC will be having all evening meetings this year to make it easier for more parents to attend. All parents/guardians of Parkland students are encouraged to attend. Minutes of PAC meetings as the yearly schedule will be posted on our school website. <http://parkland.sd59.bc.ca/>

Parkland Parent Email

We want to let you know about our email address for sending info to parents and for parents to send questions or comments to us. If you want to be on the email list to have school info sent to you, just send an email to the address and we will put you on the parent list. The address is parkland@sd59.bc.ca.

We will send the school newsletter in a pdf format for those who request it. We are **not** able to use this email for bus changes or anything requiring immediate attention.

Volunteers

We received a great number of slips from parents ready to volunteer at our school. Thanks very much for your support! If you did not fill out a slip to say you would like to volunteer, you can still let Kim know at the office. Kim will be checking for current Criminal Records forms and if you need to update yours, she will send a form home with your oldest child. Once completed, the Criminal Record checks are good for three years. Kim will also let you know if you need to update your driver's abstract.

Student Pictures



Individual student pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, October 8th at 8:20 am**. We will need 1 parent to come and help tidy up the students as they get their pictures done. It will be in the morning and you would be done by 9:30 am. If you can help please let Kim at the office know. Thanks!

Preschoolers can also get pictures done. Just be in the school lobby at 8:30 am that day. Remember students should **NOT** wear green or solid white!

Breakfast

We appreciate that mornings for families can be rushed! If your child does not have time to eat breakfast, we ask that you please pack something extra in their lunch and we will provide time for them to eat it when they arrive. Thanks very much!

Dressing for the Weather

A reminder that it's time to dig out the hats, mitts, scarves, warm boots and jackets. The students will still be going outside at recess and lunch on most days. Please remember to label their clothes (especially boots and jackets) and send the kids "bundled up".



T-Shirt Orders

The school t-shirts have been sent home to those that ordered them. If there are any questions please contact Kim at the office.

Terry Fox Run – Toonies for Terry

Our annual Terry Fox run was held on **September 27th**. This year we had more students make it all the way to the Farmington Hall than ever before! We raised \$150! Thanks to all the students and parents who participated and donated!

Non-Instructional Day

Friday, October 25th is professional development day in our district. School District employees will be taking workshops. Students will not attend school.

Special Lunch Friday Oct. 18th

This month's special is chicken wraps. They will be available for one punch per wrap on student lunch cards. There will be milk and a cold treat to order as well. If your child does not want the special lunch that day – remember to send a lunch. Also note that the Grade 6 – 7's will be away at Gwillim that day.

Breakfast Program

The PAC is looking into implementing a Breakfast Club of Canada program at our school. This would mean that breakfast would be offered at the school daily. The key to making it work is volunteer parents to prepare and serve the breakfasts. Breakfast Club of Canada would cover all costs and even provide some upgrades for our kitchen. We have attached a sign up and information sheet from the PAC to see if this is something our school would be able to support. Please fill out the sheet and return it to the school asap. Thanks!

Halloween Dress Up

Students are encouraged to dress up on **Thursday, October 31st**. They should bring their costumes in a bag and then they can put them on at school after lunch.



Barkerville Fundraiser

Mrs. Lazinchuk is organizing a trip to Barkerville for the Grade 5-6-7 class in May 2014. As you can imagine it is an expensive undertaking and in order to keep costs down for individual families they will be holding several fundraisers. The first one is called "Simply Delicious". It is a baking items catalogue with many frozen ready to eat baked goodies. The brochures will come home before the Thanksgiving weekend and the items ordered would be received by mid November. Please watch for the information to come home and help with the trip costs and your Christmas baking at the same time!

We are also asking families to save their refundable bottles and whenever you get a bag full - send it to school. All the money will be used for the trip. Thanks!



Community Events

- ✚ Farmington Farmerettes are having their annual *Get Ready for Christmas Tea and Craft* sale at Parkland Elementary on **Sunday, November 24th** from 1-3 pm. Admission is still just \$4. Come enjoy those ribbon sandwiches and squares and check out the many tables of crafts and such! If you would like to book a table to sell your items (\$15/table) call Kim 250 843 7018 or email: straskyk@pris.ca



SD 59 Notice

Fair Notice to Parents/Guardians

In the event of a serious threat to the well being of a students or staff, a Violence, Threat & Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol will be initiated. A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to. If the threat is immediate, the RCMP will be called upon to deal with the threat immediately.

What is the purpose of a student threat assessment?

- To ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and others
- To ensure a full understanding of the context of the threat
- To understand factors contributing to the threat makers' behavior
- To promote the emotional and physical safety of all
- To be proactive in developing an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker.

What behaviors initiate a VTRA?

A VTRA will be initiated when behaviors include, but are not limited to, serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill, verbal/written threats to harm/kill others, internet website/social media threats to harm/kill others, possession of weapons (including replicas), bomb threats and fire setting.

Duty to Report

To keep school communities safe and caring, staff, parents, students and community members must report all threat related behaviors to the principals and/or the RCMP.

VTRTA Teams at each school

Each school will have a multi-disciplinary threat assessment team. The team may include members of school staff and members from district and community agencies.

What happens in a student threat assessment?

All threat making behavior by a student shall be reported to the principal who will activate the protocol for the initial response. Once the team has been activated, interviews may be held with the student(s), the threat maker, parents and staff to determine the level of risk and develop an appropriate response to the incident. Intervention plans will be developed and shared with parents, staff and students as required.

Can I refuse to participate in a threat assessment process?

It is important for all parties to engage in the process. However, if for some reason there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat maker or parent/guardian, the threat assessment process will continue in order to promote a safe and caring learning environment.

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		1	2 Strong Start 9:30am	3	4 hotdogs Pre-school start delayed to Nov 1	5
6	7 pizza Strong Start 9:30am	8 School Pictures at 8:20 AM Preschoolers pictures at 8:30 am	9 Strong Start 9:30am	10	11 Hotdogs Pre-school start delayed to Nov 1	12
13	14 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	15	16 Gr.6-7 Gwillim trip Strong Start 9:30am	17 Gr.6-7 Gwillim trip	18 Gr.6-7 Gwillim trip special lunch: chicken wrap Pre-school start delayed to Nov.1	19
20	21 pizza Strong Start 9:30am	22	23 Strong Start 9:30am	24	25 NID – students do not attend school	26
27	28 Pizza Strong Start 9:30am	29 Assembly 12:15 pm	30 Strong Start 9:30am	31 Halloween Dress Up afternoon		



Question: What date is the next PAC meeting _____

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

Signed by

Parent / guardian

Please return to the school by Wednesday, October 23rd and your name will be entered in a draw at the assembly.