



# Parkland Elementary School September 2014 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, Everyone! We are very excited to begin another great year at Parkland! Parental support and participation are cherished here. Thank you for following the school's events in the newsletter. Thank you very much to Kim Strasky for putting together and editing the newsletter for all of us. You will also find information about: school goals, policies, procedures and expectations for staff, parents and students in the handbook that we will be sending home soon. Please, drop in or call with questions, suggestions, and offers to help.

*Mrs. Joanne Dueck*

## Parkland Staff

We wish to welcome all of our returning staff and staff that are new to our school! Welcome back to Kim Strasky as our secretary and book keeper, Brenda Lazinchuk our grade 5/6/7 teacher, Carolyn Derfler as our support staff in the 5/6/7 class, and Lisa Cronier as our support staff who works in each of our classrooms. We also wish to welcome back and congratulate Karen Frederickson. She is staying with us for O.3 and has also taken a district position in the learning resource centre and with implementing inquiry based learning in the district. We wish her well with her new pursuits. She will be sharing the grade 2/3/4 class with Robert Eichelberger. Mr. Eichelberger is also returning to Parkland Elementary as he attended the school as a student. We also welcome back Sharlene Weingart. She taught in Dawson Creek for a year and is now returning to Parkland with her daughter Katie-May. Also, welcome to Joanne Dueck. She comes to us from Rolla Elem. She will be working in the K/1/2 class on Wednesdays and alternate Fridays and teaching music to each of the classes. Mike Kroonen returns as the school's custodian.

## Parkland Elementary Staff List

Mrs. Sharlene Weingart: Grades K-1-2  
Mr Robert Eichelberger: Grades 2-3-4  
Mrs. Karen Frederickson: Grades 2-3-4  
Mrs. Brenda Lazinchuk: Grades 5-6-7  
Mrs. Joanne Dueck: Principal, Learning Assistance, Prep coverage & Music  
Mrs. Carolyn Derfler: Support Staff  
Mrs. Lisa Cronier: 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 to 2:00 pm & Thursday from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Please call during secretary hours, at recess, lunch or right after school.

## 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!

## 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 October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from **5 - 7 pm**, you will have a chance to "meet and greet" your child's teacher(s). We will be having a bonfire hot dog roast so bring the kids and forget about cooking supper! Families are welcome to come in, meet the staff and have a look around the school and visit the classrooms. There will be a short meeting from 6:30 - 7 pm. for parents and students in Mrs. Lazinchuks class about the music program.

## 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 meeting date is not yet decided. We will send home the info as soon as we have it. The calendar and times of meetings for the year will be decided at the first meeting. All parents are welcome!

**A reminder for parents to put your child's name on all of their clothing. Thanks!**

### 2013 / 2014 School Forms

Eight 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 and current permissions up to date. The forms are in a brown envelope and should be signed and returned in the same envelope. All of the forms can be done one to a FAMILY except for the orange medical form. That one needs to be done one for each CHILD.

1. **Emergency Contact** (pink) 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. **Photo and Video Release** permission form (purple) allows your child to have their photo taken and published in school ONLY. This would include our newsletter. On the back side of the purple form is a new form- **Consent to Send Electronic Messages**. This means emails from the Parkland to you.

3. **Internet permission form (blue)** gives your child(ren) permission to have supervised access to the Internet at school.

4. **Outside Media permission** (blue) on the back of the internet permission form is a form to give permission for your child's picture and/or work to be displayed to the **public at large**.

### 5. 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.

### 6. Volunteer Form and contact survey. (green)

7. The last form is the **student medical form (orange)** 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 Mr. Eichelberger & Mrs Weingart classes there will be a letter coming home outlining the school district's exciting primary literacy project.

### Parkland Band Program



Clarinet



Flute/Piccolo



Soprano



Alto

For Mrs. Lazinchuk's class there is a form coming home 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 short meeting for parents and students about the program during the Meet & Greet on October 1<sup>st</sup> from

6:30 - 7 pm.

### 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.

### Hot Dog, Pizza Days & Special Lunches

Hot dog lunches will be every Friday, beginning **September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Orders will be taken on Friday mornings. Milk and a treat 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 & treat orders will be taken on Monday mornings and delivered that day. Our first pizza day will be **Monday, September 29<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 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, treats 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.

### Daily Planners

Students in Mrs. Lazinechuk'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. Ask your bus driver or Mr.s Dueck. if you have any question regarding bus safety or procedures.

### Pre-school Program

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

### 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 Oct. 6**. 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.

### Student Photos

We will be using a local person to do our school photos this year. We want to be able to ensure that your pictures come back in plenty of time for Christmas. We will send home information early next week on how this will work.

### 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. These are good for one year.

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. Weingart or Mrs. Dueck.

**Terry Fox Run - Toonies for Terry**

The annual Terry Fox Fun is on **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** right after lunch. 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 15<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your support!

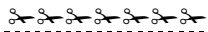
**REMEMBER TO DO:**

- ✓ FILL OUT ALL SCHOOL FORMS AND SEND BACK IN BROWN ENVELOPE
- ✓ SEND IN MONEY FOR T-SHIRT(S) and LUNCH CARDS
- ✓ SEND IN PRIMARY FEES (GR.K-3)
- ✓ Gr-5-7 - BRING BACK YOUR BAND PROGRAM FORM
- ✓ SEND IN A TOONIES FOR TERRY

| Sunday                        | Monday                              | Tuesday             | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday                | Saturday |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 31                            | 1                                   | 2                   | 3   | 4        | 5                     | 6        |
| <b>SEPTMEBER/OCTOBER 2014</b> |                                     |                     |   |          |                       |          |
| 7                             | 8                                   | 9                   | 10  | 11       | 12                    | 13       |
| 14                            | 15                                  | 16                  | 17  | 18       | 19                    | 20       |
| 21                            | 22<br>1st day of school             | 23                  | 24<br>Strong Start begins                         | 25       | 26<br>1st hot dog day | 27       |
| 28                            | 29<br>1st pizza day<br>Strong Start | 30<br>Terry Fox Run | 1<br>Meet & Greet Hot Dog Bonfire Supper 5 - 7 pm | 2        | 3<br>Hot dog lunch    | 4        |
| 5                             | 6<br>Pizza Day<br>Strong Start      | 7                   | 8<br>Strong Start                                 | 9        | 10<br>Hot Dog day     | 11       |

**School District No.59 (Peace River South)**  
**Revised SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013-2014**

Monday, September 22 - First Day for students (late arrival, early dismissal)  
Tuesday, September 23 – First full day for students  
Monday, October 13 – Thanksgiving  
Friday, October 24 - Non Instructional Day – District Based  
Tuesday, November 11 - Remembrance Day  
Wed & Thur November 26 & 27 - Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews  
Monday, November 24 – Non Instructional Day – School Based  
Winter Vacation – December 22 – January 2  
Monday, January 5 - School Reopens  
Friday, January 30 - Non Instructional Day  
Monday, February 9 – Family Day  
Wed & Thur February 25 & 26 Early Dismissal (1h) for Parent Interviews  
March 16 to March 27 - Spring Vacation  
Friday, April 3 - Good Friday  
Monday, April 6 - Easter Monday  
Monday, April 27 - Non Instructional Day – District Based  
Monday, May 18 - Victoria Day  
Friday, June 05 – Non Instructional Day – School Based  
Thursday, June 25 – Last Day of attendance for students  
Friday, June 26 - Year End Administrative Day



Paying attention question: When is the Meet & Greet supper? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the newsletter, brought home by my child \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent / guardian*

Please return to the school by Monday September 29 and your name will be entered in a draw at our next assembly.