



# Parkland Elementary School

## April 2015 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

- Swimming lessons: April 13 - April 24
- Regional Science Fair: Thursday, April 16
- Mr. E.'s class field trips on April 14, 16 & 21
- NID: no school for students Monday, April 27th
- Special lunch - Friday, April 24th
- Deadline for Satisfaction Survey's April 29th
- Month end assembly - Thursday, April 30 at 1 pm
- PAC Meeting Wednesday, May 6 at 6 pm
- Exhibition of Learning Friday, May 15 at 11 am
- Victoria Day Monday, May 18th - no school
- Aqua Van here: Friday, May 22
- PAC Fundraising Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction - May 22nd
- Gwillim Camping trip: May 25-26-27
- Rural Sports Day - Thursday, June 4. Intermediates at Parkland and Primary at Devereaux
- NID: no school for students Friday, June 5
- Grade 7 Leaving Tea - Wednesday, June 10

Reminder that our website has all events posted on it under the "Upcoming Events" tab.

### Planning for 2015-2016 School Year

We are starting to create our preliminary budget for next year. It is very important that we have accurate student numbers. Many other parts of the budget depend on these student numbers including class configurations, staffing, and supplies. If your child will NOT be attending Parkland next year please let Kim or Joanne know ASAP. We would also appreciate it if kindergarten registrations could be dropped off as soon as possible. If you know someone in the area with a child who will be 5 years old by December 2015 please let them know. Thank-you for your help. Mrs. Dueck

### Regional Science Fair

Nine students have been selected to take their science projects to the Regional Science Fair on Thursday, April 16th. Good luck to all!

### Grade 7 Leaving Preparations

Thanks very much to Mrs. Smith for volunteering to organize the Grade 7 memory books and the leaving gift. Save the date: the celebration tea will be on Wednesday, June 10. Mrs. Lazinchuk will be sending home information on the Grade 7 celebration tea once things are firmed up.

### Grade 5-6-7 Swim Lessons & Class Field Trips

The yearly swimming lessons for Grade 5-6-7 students will be from April 13th to April 24th. Please ensure that they have their swimsuits, towels, snacks, lunch and 50 cents per day for the lockers. During this time some of the other classes may go on field trips to town to take advantage of the seats on the bus. Parents will be informed of any upcoming trips and permission forms will be sent home.

### 3 Year School Calendar

The district has decided on the calendar format for the next 3 school years. You can view and download the calendar on the SD website.

### Gwillim Camping Trip

The Grade 5-6-7 class will be camping at Gwillim on May 25-26-27. Any parents who would like to join them need to make sure they have a Criminal Record check done before the trip. It can take over a month to get the results back - so please ask Kim for the forms at the office asap!

### Special Lunch

Our April month end special lunch will be on Friday, April 24th. It will be chili and a bun. There will NOT be hot dogs that day.

### Parent Advisory Council

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 6th at 6 pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Satisfaction Survey 2015

This year's survey has been sent home to all parents of Grade 4 & 7 students. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The school computers will be available for parents who would like to participate but do not have access to a computer. Another option is to send in the paper copy and we will input the data for you. Please do the survey before April 29th. Thanks for your help with this important initiative!

### Cogmed:

The school district has signed on for a site license for Cogmed training (Cogmed.com). Somewhat like Lumosity, which you may have heard of, Cogmed is a guided series of lessons and activities based on developing working memory. We have had a few students do this training over the last couple of years. It does take 40-50 minutes per day for the regular version and so it does require considerable commitment.

There are a group of primary students recommended by Richelle Greek, our school psychologist, who will begin the training soon. The junior version for these students will take about 20 minutes per day. With strengthened working memory, it has been shown to help the students begin reading. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the program and your child's participation, please, call Joanne Dueck at the school.

### Classroom Champions and Healthy Living:

Brittany Webster, the cross country skier who has been inspiring us with conversations about goal setting, perseverance, and effort will be back on May 19th. Devereaux School and Parkland have been working with Brittany and Encana. As a wrap-up we will be hosting a barbeque and event on the evening of May 19th for the two schools together. Families are invited to the BBQ. Many details are still to be figured out. More information to come. Please, save this evening date!

### Welcome To Kindergarten / Ready Set Learn:

Thursday, May 21st from 12:00 - 1:30 pm will be our Welcome To Kindergarten and Ready Set Learn Event. On that day we will have activities set up in the gym to prepare our next-year's-kindergarten students and children ages 3+ for attending our school. Please, call the school if you know of someone we should call and invite and, please, let them know about the event. There will be many great activities and a bag with books and supplies for the children who come. Please call us to let us know you will be attending so we can have enough Learning bags for everyone!

### Aqua Van is coming to Parkland!

The Vancouver aquarium mobile unit will be at our school on Friday, May 22. Parents are welcome to join in the fun! AquaVan programs are designed to inspire the stewardship of all aquatic habitats and encourage the discovery of connections between animals, environments and ourselves. AquaVan Educators deliver award-winning aquatic programs, featuring live animals, artifacts and activities in schools and communities throughout Western Canada.

### 21st Century Learning and Exhibition of Learning:

On May 15th, we will be having an exhibition of learning to celebrate our current projects in progress and activities in literacy and healthy living. Please, come at 11:00 am. We will start with an informal tour of the literacy activities going on in all three classes. Please, join us for lunch. Stay tuned for the menu. Then, we will continue to see displays and presentations by individuals, groups, and classes. More information to follow and, please, plan on joining us that day.

Newsletter draw question: What date is the next PAC meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(child name)

signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(parent/guardian)

Please cut off this slip and return to school by April 17 to have your families name entered in our May assembly draw.