



Parkland Elementary School
October 2017 Newsletter
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Parent Advisory Council

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 4th. This meeting is the AGM and elections will be held. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Meet & Greet

We are having our annual meet the teachers evening on Wednesday, October 4th from 6:30 to 7:30 am. Join us for a beverage and snack and a tour of the classrooms. Unfortunately, Mrs. Weingart will be away that evening. Parents can arrange to meet with her at another time as needed.

Student Photos

Class pictures and individual student photos will be taken on Friday, October 13th. Proofs will be available online. You will place your order based on the proofs.

Month End Special Lunches

Our first special lunch of the year will be on Friday, October 27th. Lunch will be chili and a bun for one spot on the lunch card. If your child(ren) does not like chili please send a lunch.

Primary Fees

Just a reminder to parents that primary fees of \$30 & Intermediates fees of \$35 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 will receive one copy of our updated school handbook this month. If you have any questions or comments on the handbook, please call Mrs. Dueck.

Halloween

Students will dress up at lunch time and there will be a parade around the school and to the gym. Then there will be class parties in each classroom until days end.

School Year Calendar

We have attached a copy of the online calendar for the school year. If you need a copy later you can always find it on the school district webpage.

Fire Safety

We sent home a booklet from the fire department with home fire safety info and a couple of draw slips for contests. If you want to be in the draws, please send the slips back to school by the end of October.

Volleyball

Our volleyball season will be starting on Oct 4th with our first game at Mountain Christian school. All team members were given a schedule. Remember if you are not able to drive your own child to the games to have a signed permission slip saying who is taking them for each away game. Thanks again to Mrs. Lazinchuk for organizing the teams and to Lana Sprinkle for coaching.

Thanksgiving Holiday

There is no school on Monday October 9th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

November Remembrance Assembly

Our Assembly will be at 10 am on Friday, November 10th. Parents are welcome to join us.

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.

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!

Lunches

First of all, thank you to all of our parents who've been preparing healthy lunches that don't require our lunch monitors to add utensils, bowls, condiments, or to microwave/boil, or cut food. We depend on our two lunch monitors (intermediate students) per week to help open packages and solve problems with the two primary classes. While they will do their best to serve the younger students, it really helps when parents make it easy for them. Thanks so much for doing that and serving/preparing foods that make your children happy and well fed, too.

Terry Fox Run – Twoonies for Terry

Our annual Terry Fox run was held on September 29th. If you did not get a chance to send in your donation there is still time! We will be depositing our donation next week so get those toonies in asap! We are up to just over \$100 so far and trying for our goal of 200. Thanks to all the students and parents who participated and donated!

Non-Instructional Day

Friday, October 20th is professional development day in our district. School District employees will be taking workshops. Students will not attend school.

Fresh Grade

All classes should be on the system now and you should have received a notification. If you need to update your email, have had trouble logging on or have not received an invitation from your child's classroom teacher by email, please call your child's teacher or Mrs. Dueck.

T-Shirt Orders

The school t-shirts have been sent home with all students who ordered them. If anyone did not get a shirt that paid for one please let Kim know asap.

Community Events

Farmington Farmerettes are having their annual *Get Ready for Christmas Tea and Craft sale* at Parkland Elementary on Sunday, November 19th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Admission is still just \$4. Come enjoy 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



Fire Prevention Week 2017– October 8 -14

Fires are real, not just events in the news or movies. Fire is fast, extremely hot and spreads rapidly. It creates thick black toxic smoke that is even more deadly than flames! When fire strikes, seconds are important! There is no time to stop and think. Everyone needs to know what to do! Smoke alarms provide the early warning of the problem and a home fire escape plan will provide time to escape safely. Although we hope you never have to use it, planning and practising your home escape plan may one day save your life and the lives of your loved ones.

The 2017 Fire Prevention Week Campaign is “**Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years**”. This year's theme focuses on raising awareness and keeping your family safe by replacing smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old. To check how old your smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

The fire service has again partnered with local schools to teach children and their families the importance of developing and practising a home fire drill. Children will learn these skills by completing an interactive fire safety worksheet – “**Fire Safety Starts with You!**” –provided by your local fire department. Those children successfully completing the activity booklet and the entry form and returning the entry form are eligible to enter to win one of six iPads.

Remember, fire safety starts with you!

School Bus Announcements

School bus announcement line

250.782.1061

School bus announcement web site

www.sd59.bc.ca

The web site and announcement line
are both updated daily usually at 5:30am

Contact School District 59 Transportation

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