



Parkland Elementary School

January 2018 Newsletter

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Happy New Year to all our families!

Important Dates to Note

- PAC Meeting Tuesday, Jan 9th at 6 pm. Feb meeting is Tue. Feb 6 at 6pm
- Friday Jan.26th Special lunch - no hot dogs. Special lunch will be Taco in a bag for one lunch spot on the cards.
- NID Friday Feb. 2nd - no school for students
- Tuesday FEB 12th is Family Day. Schools are closed.
- Kindness Week Feb 19 - 23rd
- Early dismissal for report card meetings Feb 21 & 22.

Parent Advisory Council

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 9 at 6 pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Grade Seven Leaving Plans

Parkland has a tradition of making memory albums for our Grade 7's as they leave us to head to Grade 8. The previous parents have left a nice collection of scrapbooking materials for working with. We also usually arrange for a hoodie or sweatshirt for each student as a leaving gift. These things are usually done by parents of Grade 6 or 7 students. To make it happen we need parents who are willing to work on the albums and one parent willing to work with the students as to what they want on their hoodies and arrange ordering them. Please talk to Mrs. Lazinchuk if you can help with any of this. Thanks!

Library Update:

We are excited about the progress in Parkland's new library. The book fair was successful and we were able to purchase a nice collection of new books. We are in the process of re-labelling and putting all the books into the Alexandria system, which is a district-wide computerized library catalogue program. This monumental task of updating the entire library has required the services of a district library technician. She has completed 5 full days of work on this project and will complete another 5 full days in March as her schedule allows. Once this process is complete children will be able to sign out books easily using our digital scanner. The students are showing a lot of excitement. Our grand opening is set for after spring break. Thanks for all the donations and support to this very worthy project. Please, keep watching for announcements coming soon.



Basketball Season

If your student is playing and you might be driving other students to games, please check with Kim at the office to see if your driver's abstract is up to date. Everyone on the team should have received a schedule of games. Thanks!



Jump Rope For Heart Event:



Friendship and JR4H event will be on Tuesday, February 20th. We will be dividing the school up into 5 multi-age colour teams and travelling through the stations on the afternoon that day. We will have several highly active stations, a nutrition station, and some information-oriented stations. Please, let us know if you would like to join us as a helper at one of the stations or assist with one of the teams. More information will be coming home as the day approaches.

Friendship/Kindness Week Activities (February 19 - 23):

Mrs. Guild has been heading up some interviews and recognition of student caring and kindness on the playground and in the classrooms. As well, we have been working with the students in the 4/5/6/7 class to create these activities for the week. Here is a general plan so far and more details will come as we get closer to the week.

- Monday, Feb 19 - Tie-dye t-shirts activity (schoolwide craft)
- Tuesday, February 20 - Jump Rope For Heart
- Wednesday, February 21 - Cupcakes for kindness (and early dismissal)
- Thursday, February 22 - TBD & early dismissal
- Friday, February 23 - Pyjama Day & month end special lunch

Pink T Shirt Day (Wednesday February 28th):

In an effort to draw attention to the problem of bullying in schools, workplaces, homes and online; schools and businesses across the country are recognizing Pink Shirt Day. Over the month of February, and throughout the year, CKNW Children's Charities' Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness of these issues, as well as raise funds to support programs that foster children's healthy self-esteem. Our school would like as many children as possible to wear a pink shirt or something with pink that day.

Country Christmas Evening

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend and for all the help to make the event fun for everyone!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4 StrongStart	5 hotdogs	6	7
January 2018						
8 pizza	9 StrongStart PAC Mtg 6 pm	10	11 StrongStart	12 hotdogs	13	14
15 pizza	16 StrongStart	17	18 StrongStart	19 hotdogs	20	21
22 pizza	23 StrongStart	24	25 StrongStart	26 special lunch: taco in a bag	27	28
29 pizza	30 StrongStart	31	1 StrongStart	2 NID-students do not attend	3	4
February 2018						
5 pizza	6 StrongStart PAC Mtg 6 pm	7	8 StrongStart	9 hotdogs	10	11