



Parkland Elementary School
November 2018 Newsletter
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Parent Advisory Council

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 7th at 6 pm. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. PAC will be sponsoring a Family Movie Night on Friday, November 2nd. This will be in conjunction with the last night of our Scholastic Book Fair. The movie will be Hotel Transylvania 3.

Meeting with Teachers

November 21 & 22 are Parent- Teacher interview days. Wednesday Nov. 21 interview hours are 1:20 to 3:20 pm and on Thursday Nov. 22 from 1:20 pm and 6:20 pm. Students will be dismissed one hour early on both these days.

All classes will be by appointment. Please call or email Kim at the office to pick a time. There is an appointment sheet on the office counter, if you are in the school – stop by and choose an appointment time.

Special Lunches – Friday November 23

Special lunch will be grilled cheese or grilled ham & cheese sandwiches. If your child does not want this please remember to send a lunch. Students can still order milk and treats that day.

FSA 2018

We have begun testing on-line and using the booklets. The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual snapshot of how the students in grades 4 and 7 are doing in literacy and numeracy. The parents will receive the student booklets and the results of the evaluations when report cards go home. If you have any questions, please, call Joanne Dueck to discuss.

Coach Mentor and Aboriginal Education

November 16th the anniversary of Louis Riel's execution in 1885. Schools across Canada commemorate Louis Riel's life and to celebrate the Métis people's culture, language, heritage and ancestral homeland. We will raise the Métis flag and work on various lessons and read stories teaching about Canada's history over the next few weeks.

PAC Fundraiser Family Movie Night

Friday, November 2nd. Doors open at 6pm, movie begins at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$10 per family. Concession items (popcorn, refreshments, candy) will be available for purchase as well. The movie will be Hotel Transylvania 3. Doors are opening abit early so parents can stop at the Scholastic Book Fair and do some shopping if they want to.

Scholastic Book Fair Week Oct 29 to Nov 2

Our library is in need of fresh books and we are hoping families will agree books make great Xmas gifts. Stop by and check out the great selection of books, crafts and small gifts. The night of the movie (Nov. 2nd) the Book Fair will stay open for parents to shop until 8 pm.

Important Dates to Note

- Next PAC meeting Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6 pm.
- Friday, Nov 2 - PAC Movie night 7 - 8:30 pm
- Friday, Nov. 2 - Book Fair last evening to buy till 8 pm
- Friday, Nov. 9 - Remembrance Assembly 10:30 am
- Monday, Nov. 12 - Remembrance Day - no school
- Friday, Nov 16 - School picture retake date
- Nov. 21 & 22 - early dismissal- parent/teacher interviews
- Friday, Nov. 23 - special lunch- grilled cheese and ham
- Friday, November 30 - NID - students do not attend
- Friday, Dec. 7th - Christmas Family Evening

Non-Instructional Day

Our next NID is Friday, Nov. 30. Students do not attend school that day. Teachers will be attending professional development workshops.

Volleyball

Our season is well underway. We are full of life and enthusiasm and having lots of fun! Thanks to Mrs. Sprinkle and Mrs Harris for coaching and Mrs. Dueck for sponsoring! Basketball will begin in the new year.

FreshGrade:

All three classrooms are up and running on Fresh Grade. Please, watch for an email invitation and, please, begin viewing your child's Fresh Grade portfolio by downloading the app or visiting the website. If you have not received your invitation, please contact your child's teacher.

SOGI 123

The province has called for schools and staff to participate in SOGI 123 efforts and understandings. Education is the way forward, so I have joined our local group and plan on attending meetings a few times per term. The group has asked that I make space on the staff meeting and PAC agendas each month for updates. We may or may not have new topics and will be able to attend to questions if any arise.

"Policies and procedures that explicitly reference SOGI have been proven to reduce discrimination, suicidal ideation, and suicide attempts for all students.

Inclusive learning environments—including SOGI and LGBTQ+ signage, word choices, and extra-curricular opportunities—create a positive and welcoming space for all students. Lesson plans that teach diversity and respect and include examples of SOGI topics and LGBTQ+ community members allow learning to reflect the SOGI diversity in students' lives and society." (from SOGI 123 website)

The main aims are to teach acceptance of diversity and to create a welcoming and safe environment. So, I will embrace the conversations. Please, call if you have thoughts or questions.

Student Photos

The student photos taken by Life Touch will be sent home soon. Please follow their instructions on the packages to place your order. If you are not happy with the photos please call the office to have your name put on a list for retakes. If we do not get any names we will be cancelling the retake session on November 16.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	31	1	2 PAC Family Movie night 6 - 8:30 pm Last day Book Fair- shop till 8 pm	3	4
5 Pizza	6 StrongStart	7 PAC Mtg 6 pm	8 StrongStart	9 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am hotdogs	10	11
12 STAT Holiday - no school	13 StrongStart	14	15 StrongStart	16 School picture retake date hotdogs	17	18 Farmerettes Xmas Tea and Craft Sale 12:30 - 3:30 pm
19 pizza	20 StrongStart	21 Parent-Teacher interviews early dismissal - 1 pm	22 Parent-Teacher interviews Early dismissal 1 pm StrongStart	23 Special lunch: grilled cheese	24	25
26 pizza	27 StrongStart	28	29 StrongStart	30 NID- students do not attend	1	2
3 pizza	4 StrongStart	5 PAC mtg 6 pm	6 StrongStart	7 Family Xmas Evening	8	9