



## PARKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### November 2020

#### Important Dates

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Picture Retake Day  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>**- Remembrance Day (No School)  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Early Dismissal  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Early Dismissal  
**November 27<sup>th</sup>**- NID (No School)  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>**- End of Term 1  
**December 17<sup>th</sup>**- Report Cards go Home  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day before Christmas Break

#### Office Hours

Mrs. Burres will be available in the office on Wednesday's and Thursday's from 8:30am to 2pm. Any other day please leave a message for us on the answering machine.

#### Doorbell

There is a doorbell at the main front door entrance. ***If you drop of a child later in the day or need to pick up a child during the day***, please ring the bell and we can assist you.

#### New Staff

We would like to Welcome Marisa Kemp to our staff as Education Assistant.

#### Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch is beginning in November. Hot Lunch is offered on Tuesdays and Fridays. Ordering for this session (November-December) has closed. But Please watch your email for information on the next order session (January – February).

#### Bus Notes

If your child is not riding the bus home at the end of the day, it is important to send a note, call the school (leave a message) and call the bus garage to notify the bus drivers about any changes. ***Students who do not have notes from parents indicating a change will be sent home on their regular bus.***

### Parkland PAC News

All parents with students at Parkland are invited and welcome to attend Parent Advisory Council meetings. Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month in the school library.

The PAC is currently running a Purdy's Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser. **Orders need to be in by November 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you need more information, please contact the office.

#### PAC Executive for 2020-2021 School Year

**President:** Denise Paulin

**Vice President:** Nadine Harris

**Secretary:** Jill Burres

**Treasurer:** Kristen Kopetski

**Aboriginal Council Rep:** Serena Brent

**DPAC Rep:** Serena Brent

**Fundraising Committee** - Cory and Kara Green

## **The 7 Teachings at Parkland Elementary**

It is said that the original elder was given gifts of knowledge that he received from the seven grandfathers when he was just a child. These gifts have since been handed down and passed on to the younger ones as they are learning. Many indigenous families follow the teachings of the seven grandfathers to help live in balance and harmony.

This year at Parkland we will also be learning about the 7 Teachings. In October we focused on the Buffalo which represents respect. We learned what respect means and how we can show it to ourselves, friends, community and environment. Students who demonstrated Respect were given Buffalo tokens to recognize their hard work.

In November we will be focusing on the Bear which represents courage.

## **Early Dismissal & Parent Teacher Conferences**

Early dismissal for Parent Teacher conferences in November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Students will arrive home 1 hour early on these days.

Teachers will be booking appointments with parents to come in and get an update on their child's progress this term. If you would like an appointment, please contact your child's teacher to set a time to come in.

Mrs. Waddell – [swaddell@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:swaddell@sd59.bc.ca)

Ms. Rose – [krose@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:krose@sd59.bc.ca)

Ms. Maclellen – [dmaclellen@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:dmaclellen@sd59.bc.ca)

## **NID Days**

Noninstructional Days (NID) are days when students do not attend school. Teachers and staff will attend school on these days for training and learning opportunities.

## **Remembrance Day**

We will be hosting our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. Due to Covid Protocols, this year we are unable to have guests join us.

## **Book Fair**

Book Fair will take place November 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to attend the book fair at school, and bring money to purchase books.

Parents can access the book fair online using the following

link: <https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5138163>

## **Strongstart**

Our StrongStart program is running again this year. Mrs. Carolyn Derfler is the Educator for the program at our school. Strongstart is an early learning program offered to children age 0-5 years. This year Strongstart will be by appointment only. Please contact Mrs. Derfler to set up a time for you and your child to attend. You can email her at [cderfler@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:cderfler@sd59.bc.ca) or you can call the school and leave a message and Mrs. Derfler will contact you.

