



## PARKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### October 2021

#### Important Dates

**Oct 8<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day  
**Oct 11<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving – (no school)  
**Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** – NID (no school)  
**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Day (no school)  
**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** – Early Dismissal  
**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** – NID (no school)

#### New Staff

We would like to welcome Mikayla Lynch to our staff as Education Assistant!

#### School Fees

Grade K-1-2-3 students fee: \$30  
Grade 4-5-6-7 students fee: \$40  
If you haven't already, please send cash, cheque or e-transfer to Mrs. Burres and she will issue a receipt. This fee will cover all the needed supplies for students. All students need to bring shoes to wear inside the school and the intermediates need gym strip and a cloth bag to put their gym strip in. If possible, we are asking families to send 1 box of Kleenex, a hand sanitizer and a refillable water bottle. Thank you!

#### Hot Lunch

Hot lunch will be starting soon. We hope to have it up and running for November. Possibly sooner. **If you are willing to volunteer to pick up and deliver hot lunch meals, please let Mrs. Burres and Ms. Rose know.**

We'll also be looking for parents with their Food Safe certificates to be able to serve hot lunch to the students. I.e. hotdogs, special lunches.

#### Terry Fox Run

Thank you for all of your donations! We were able to raise \$124 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

#### Picture Day

Lifetouch will be here on **Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am** to do student pictures. The photographer will be wearing a mask and physically distance from students. If you have any questions please let Ms. Rose know.

#### Parkland PAC News

All parents with students at Parkland are invited and welcome to attend Parent Advisory Council meetings. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school library.**

We are currently looking for a PAC Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. If we do not have these positions elected by October, the PAC will fold. Please show your school support and send in your nominations to Serena Brent. [serenabrent@hotmail.com](mailto:serenabrent@hotmail.com)

#### Halloween

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, Students will be invited to bring their costumes to school and change into them at lunch time. Teachers will plan an activity for the afternoon.

#### SD59 Website

There is a complete year calendar showing the holidays and NIDs for this year on the SD 59 website. You can also get bus alerts and StrongStart daily information on the site.



### Student Agendas

All students have been given an agenda. These books will provide home and school communication. Students will write the dates of important activities in this book and will notify you of things such as homework. Please make sure these books are returned to the school every day and start the habit of looking at the agenda with your child each evening. Thanks for your help with this organization habit for the students.

### Strongstart

Our StrongStart program is running again this year. Mrs Carolyn Derfler is the Educator for the program at our school. This is a free drop-in parent and child time for children from 0 – 5 years. The program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to noon. Again, this year will be by appointment only. Please contact Mrs. Derfler to set up a time for you and your child to attend. [Cderfler@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:Cderfler@sd59.bc.ca)  
Or text 250-784-8012.

### Student Attendance

We strive to keep track of all student's daily attendance for safety reasons. We ask parents to please let us know when their student(s) will be away or late. We have several methods for parents to use for this:

1. Put a note in your child's agenda
2. Call the school during Secretary hours or at recess and lunch
- 3.. Email: [parkland@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:parkland@sd59.bc.ca)
4. Leave a message on our school phone line 250-843-7777. It will be checked between 8- 8:15 am and at 1:30 pm daily.

### Office Hours

Mrs. Burres will be available in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 12pm. Any other day please leave a message for us on the answering machine.

The main front door will be open this year. However, in an effort to maintain security of our students and staff it will be locked on days when there is no office staff to monitor who is entering the building. Monday, and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, you will need to ring the doorbell for access to the building. Also, please remember to wear a mask and make sure you are feeling well before visiting the school. Thank you.

### Non Bus Days

You can find information on the school's website <https://www.sd59.bc.ca/> on busing information to know if they're running or not. You can also create an account to get bus notifications via email or text. The school bus information line is 250-782-1061.

### 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. ***This includes letting us know if someone other than a parent is picking up your child.*** The school bus garage number is 250-782-2106.

***Students who do not have notes from parents indicating a change will be sent home on their regular bus.***

### Art Academy Fridays!

Every Friday afternoon, each class will be taught by an expert teacher in each of the strands of art throughout the year!

Mrs. Waddell will be teaching Dance and Drama.

Ms. Maclellan will be teaching Visual Arts.

Ms. Kurjata will be teaching Music.

Each class will change art teachers throughout the year to try each subject. Everyone is super excited and showing lots of creativity!

