



## PARKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### December 2021

#### Important Dates

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm  
**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>** – Report cards go home  
**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** – YouTube Christmas Concert  
**Dec 17<sup>th</sup>** – Pancake and Pajama Day! Last day before winter break!  
**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>** – First day back on a Tuesday  
**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>** – NID (no school)

#### Hot lunch

Tuesdays we will swap back and forth between Edo Japan and Panago, and Fridays we will serve hot dogs! **If you are willing to volunteer to pick up and deliver hot lunch meals, please let Mrs. Burres and Ms. Rose know.**

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

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered this year for hot lunch! The students and staff appreciate you.

**Just a reminder, that if the busses aren't running on a hot lunch day, hot lunch will not be served. If you drop your child off at school, please make sure to send them with a lunch.**

#### Food Drive

Mrs. Waddell's class is hosting a food drive until December 15<sup>th</sup>. All students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to contribute to the food drive.

#### CBC Canadian Music Club Challenge

Ms. Kurjata's music class performed 'Working for the Weekend!' They have submitted a video of their performance to CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge!

#### Pancake & PJ Day!

The PAC will be serving students and staff pancakes and sausages free of charge on **December 17<sup>th</sup>!**

#### Volunteering

Thank you to all the parent volunteers so far! As per our district regulations we require all of our volunteers to have a Criminal Record Check. If you are willing to volunteer on field trips, hot lunch, etc. please contact Mrs. Burres in the office and she will send home a package.

#### Christmas Concert

We are hosting a virtual Christmas concert Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. A YouTube link and details will come out closer to the date. Check your emails. Permission forms for each student will be sent home.

#### Winter Weather Gear

A reminder that winter is upon us and can get quite chilly. Please send your children with the appropriate attire as they go outside each day for recess and lunch.

#### Inside days

From time to time the weather may require us to have inside days. Generally, we will call inside days when the temperature is below -20, including wind chill temperatures. On these days, students still need to be prepared with appropriate winter wear.



### 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.

### Health Check

All visitors are required to wear a mask while at school. This includes hot lunch volunteers and parents attending meetings. Please remember to sign in at the office and complete a health check.

### 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 8am to 12pm, and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 2pm. 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 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.

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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 **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school library.** This year's Purdy's fundraiser raised \$332.33! Thank you for all your support! Orders will be ready for pick up at the school within the next couple weeks. If you would like your order sent home with your child, please let the office know.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					Panago	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Edo Japan	PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm	Music Club	Hot dogs	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Panago	Report cards go home	Music Club	Pancake/PJ Day! Christmas activities 	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	-----Winter Break-----					Christmas Day!
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Boxing Day	-----Winter Break-----					