



PARKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 2023

Parkland Staff

Mark Elson: Principal, Gr. 2/3, Coach Mentor
Nairena MacLellan: K/ 1 Teacher
Hantie Gauche: 5/6/7 Teacher
Sandra Giesbrecht: 2/3 Teacher
Krystal Austin: Learning assistance, Library teacher prep
Clarise Handfield: Education Assistant
Asia Bedell: Education Assistant
Carolyn Derfler: Strongstart Educator
Mike Kroonen: Custodian
Jason Lowcay: Computer Tech

School Fees

There will be no school fees this year. This will be covered by the school. Please ensure students bring:

- Inside shoes
- Water bottle
- Lunch Kit

We ask that students bring one Kleenex box. Thank you!

Parkland PAC News

All parents with students at Parkland are invited and welcome to attend Parent Advisory Council meetings. The first PAC meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 6:30pm in the school library.

Bell Times

Start of Day

8:19

Recess

9:45-10am

Lunch

11:30-12:00

End of Day

1:57

Important Dates

Sept. 6th- First Day of School 10am-1pm
Sept 20th -PAC Meeting
Sept. 22nd-Terry Fox Run
Sept 28th- Meet The Teacher
Sept 29th-Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30th- Truth and Reconciliation Day
Sept 29th-Orange Shirt Day
Oct 2nd- Stat for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
Oct 9th- Thanksgiving
Oct 20th-NID (no school)

Orange Shirt Day

On September 29th our school will recognize Orange Shirt Day. On this day staff and students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt to recognize the impact of residential schools and show our commitment to a better future for all children. There will be activities throughout the week leading up to Orange Shirt Day.

Office Hours

We have a new secretary this year Mrs. Abdollah-Khani. She will be available in the office on Tuesday from 8am to 12pm and Wednesday and Thursday from 8am to 2pm. Any other day please leave a message for us on the answering machine. However, to maintain security of staff and students the door will be locked on days when there is no office staff. All day Monday and Tuesday afternoons you will need to ring the doorbell for access to the building.

Non Bus Days

You can find information on the district website www.sd59.bc.ca on using information (to know if the are running). 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 or call the school (leave a message if the office is not staffed) and call the bus garage to notify the bus driver about changes. This includes letting us know if someone other than the primary caregiver 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.

Student Agendas

All students from grade 2-7 have been given an agenda. These schoolbooks 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. Thank you for helping with this organization habit for your child.

Student Belongings

A reminder to all parents to write student names in all of their belongings.

For safety and cleanliness reasons all students must have clean indoor shoes that are appropriate for daily PE. All students need to be able to take off and put on their shoes independently. If your child cannot tie laces yet please send them with Velcro or spring laces.

Strongstart

Our Strongstart program will be running soon. Mrs. Carolyn Defler 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 Tuesdays and Thursday from 9am to noon.

Parent Volunteers

In order to ensure the security and safety of our staff and students, all volunteers in our schools need to be registered. This must be completed annually. The information held on this form will be held in strict confidence. Volunteers are required for things such as field trips, hot lunch helpers, and other various activities throughout the year.

We will ensure that this is a good school volunteers help it go from good to great.

Student Attendance

We strive to keep track of all students daily attendance for safety reasons. We ask parents to please let us know when their student will be away or late this can be done by:

- Put a note in your child's agenda
- Call the school during secretary hours
- Email: parkland@sd59.bc.ca
- Leave a message on our phone line it will be checked between 8-8:15am and at 2pm daily 250-843-7777.