



## PARKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### September 2021

#### Important Dates

**Sept 8th** – First day of school  
**Sept 15th** – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the school library  
**Sept 20th** – Terry Fox Run  
**Sept 29th** – Orange Shirt day  
**Sept 30th** – Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school)  
**Oct 8th** – Picture Day  
**Oct 11th** – Thanksgiving – (no school)  
**Oct 22nd** – NID (no school)

#### Parkland Staff

**Kristy Rose:** Principal, Gr. 1/2/3, Coach Mentor  
**Shelbie Waddell:** Gr. 4/5/6/7 teacher  
**Nairena McLellan:** K/1 Teacher  
**Carmen Kurjata:** Gr. 1/2/3  
**Krystal Austin:** Learning Assistance, Library Teacher & Prep  
**Jill Burres:** Secretary and Bookkeeper  
**Clairise Handfield:** Education Assistant  
**Cecelia Gauche:** Education Assistant  
**Carolyn Derfler:** StrongStart Educator  
**Mike Kroonen:** Custodian  
**Jason Lowcay:** Computer Tech

#### 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. All day 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.

#### School Fees

Grade K-1-2-3 students fee: \$30  
Grade 4-5-6-7 students fee: \$40  
Please send cash, cheque or e-transfer by September 28th 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!

#### Terry Fox Run

Our Annual Terry Fox run will be held on **September 20th**. Students are encouraged to bring a toonie or loonie to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thanks for your support!

#### 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 **September 15th 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)

### **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.

### **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.

### **Orange Shirt Day**

On September 29<sup>th</sup> our school will recognize orange shirt day. On this day students and staff 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.

### **School T-shirts**

This year's order for our red Parkland School t-shirts will be made soon. We use these for field trips, sports events and gym. T-shirts are partially being paid for by the PAC. The cost for families will be \$5 per shirt and it is requested that each student have one. Returning students may use last year's shirt if they like.

New students and others, who would like a new shirt, please send the fee and size requested by Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The order form will be with the package of forms coming home next week.

Grades K–3's are expected to have their inside shoes for gym. Grades 4 -7's are expected to have shorts, inside shoes and their t-shirts for gym.

### **Hot lunch**

We are going to be using Munch A Lunch again this year. Parents will be able to go online and order their children's food for two months ahead of time. Almost everyone has credits on their accounts brought forward from last year. Log into your account to order and you will see how much credit you have. We will send an email as soon as the menus are up for the first session for you to begin ordering. We will be happy to send paper menus home for those that do not want to go online. Just email Jill.

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.

### **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.

### **Student Belongings**

A reminder to all parents to write students names in all of their belongings. Remember to label lunch kits, inside and outside footwear, hoodies and coats. Mitts and toques are items that go missing a lot, if you can figure out how to label them – it would save a lot of headaches in the future!  
Thanks!

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. Loose laces are not allowed. If your child cannot tie laces yet, please send them with Velcro or spring laces.