



## PARKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# September 2024

### Important Dates

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** - First day  
(Starts 2 Hours late / Ends 1 Hour early)  
**September 5<sup>th</sup>** - First Full Day  
**September 18<sup>th</sup>** - Pac Meeting @ 6 PM  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>** - Terry Fox Run  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Picture Day  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>** - Orange Shirt Day  
**September 30<sup>th</sup>** - Truth and Reconciliation Day  
No School

### Parkland PAC NEWS

You're invited to our first Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting of the 24 – 25 school year. Save the date for **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**. We'd love to see you there!

### Meet the Teacher

Come in, **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 8am-9am**, for coffee and a snack and meet your child's teacher. This is a chance for parents to meet staff and get to know our school

### Picture Day

Jessica Kimble will be here on **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am** to take pictures. Retakes will be **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15am**

### School Fees:

School Fees will be **\$30 per student** this year. Please send cash, cheque or e-transfer by **September 27<sup>th</sup>**.

This fee covers all the needed supplies for students. All students need to bring inside shoes, water bottle, backpack, and one box of Kleenex

### Student Agendas

Students in grades 2 to 7 have agendas to help keep families in the loop about what's happening at school. Make sure to return these books every day and take a peek with your child each evening. Thanks a bunch for helping our students stay organized!

### Just a reminder...

Microwaves are not available for students

### Parkland Staff

**Mark Elson:** Principal, Gr. 1/2/3 Teacher, Coach Mentor  
**Nairena Maclellan:** K/1 Teacher  
**Sandra Giesbrecht:** Gr. 1/2/3 Teacher  
**Cecelia Gauche:** Gr. 4/5/6/7 Teacher  
**Krystal Austin:** Learning Assistance, LRT, Library Teacher & Prep  
**Nikki Phair:** Secretary and Bookkeeper  
**Clairise Handfield:** Education Assistant  
**Asia Bedell:** Education Assistant  
**Naiomi Yanota:** Education Assistant  
**Carolyn Derfler:** StrongStart Educator  
**Mike Kroonen:** Custodian

### Terry Fox Run

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

### Truth and Reconciliation Week

We will plan activities throughout the week that recognize the impact that residential schools had on Indigenous culture and education. We will need the week with orange shirt day on Friday.

### Orange Shirt Day

On **September 27<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.

### Office Hours

Ms. Phair will be in the office on **Tuesdays and Wednesday's from 8 am to 2 pm and Thursday's from 8 am to 12 pm**. Any other day please leave a message for us on the answering machine.

The main 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.

If the door is locked please ring the doorbell for access to the building.

### **Student Attendance**

To ensure student safety and attendance, please inform us in advance if your child will be absent or late. Here's how to reach us easily:

1. Note in your child's agenda.
2. Call during Secretary's hours or recess/lunch.
3. Email [parkland@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:parkland@sd59.bc.ca).
4. Leave a message at 250-843-7777. We check messages daily at 8:00-8:15 am and 1:30 pm.

### **Hot lunch**

Munchalunch will be starting in October!

Parents will be able to go online and order their children's lunches. 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.

**If you are interested in helping out this year please reach out to Nikki at [nphair@sd59.b.ca](mailto:nphair@sd59.b.ca).**

**Reminder - Hot lunch won't be served on days when the busses aren't running. If your child is at school, please be sure to send them with a lunch. If your child is absent on Friday, you will receive a credit for the hotdog.**

### **Feeding Futures**

The program, Feeding Futures started on **September 5th** for the 2024-2025 school year. This program offers a no-cost breakfast for all students, providing a variety of nutritious options, such as fruits, grains, and dairy, to give our kids the energy they need to thrive throughout the day.

### **Strongstart**

Mrs. Carolyn Derfler is the Educator for our Strongstart program that will start **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **Non Bus Days**

For bus information and notifications, visit our website at <https://www.sd59.bc.ca/>. Create an account there to get bus updates via email or text. Remember to inform us about any changes by sending a note, leaving a message, or calling the bus garage at 250-782-2106, especially if someone other than a parent is picking up your child. Students without notes for changes will be sent home on their regular bus.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
09 September	1	2	3	4 First Day 2 Hours Late 1 Hour Early	5 First Full Day	6	7
	8	9	10 Strong Start Begins	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18 Pac Meeting 6 PM	19	20 Terry Fox Run	21
	22	23	24	25 Picture Day	26 Meet the Teacher 8-9 am	27 Orange Shirt Day School Fees Due	28
	29	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day No School					