

PARKLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 2024

Important Dates

Oct 9th – PAC AGM **Oct 14th** – Thanksgiving – (no school) Oct 23rd – Retake's day/Halloween Dance Oct 25th – NID (no school) **Oct 31**st – Hallowen

Parkland PAC NEWS

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is thrilled to announce that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is happening on October 9th at 6 PM. We'd love to see you there! As we bid farewell to a couple of senior members, we are looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our group. The Parkland PAC is at the heart of organizing many wonderful events and adding new features to our school. Your involvement is essential in shaping the future of our school. Join us and be a part of something amazing! Please send nominations to

pacland59@gmail.com

Roles open are President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Hall<u>oween:</u>

We will be hosting a Halloween dance on October 23rd at 5-7PM. Our PAC will be running a concession so please come hungry and ready to dance! Famalies are welcome. On October 31st, 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.

Strongstart

Mrs. Carolyn Derfler is our Strongstart Educator. This is a free drop-in parent and child time for children from 0-5 years that operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to noon.

Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox run was held on September 20nd. Parkland was able to riase \$185.50 Thank you!

School Fees:

Reminder school Fees and annual forms need to be returned to the school as soon as possible. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, or EFTs sent to parkland@sd59.bc.ca

Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch Starts October 4th! We will be serving hot dogs on Friday and alternate between BarBurrito and Panago on Tuesdays this term.

If you would like to help out reach out to Nikki at nphair@sd59.b.ca to get scheduled.

* Note - Hot Lunch Will Not Be Served On NO Bus Days. If your child is at school on these days, please send them with a packed lunch and you will receive a credit for the meal. If your child is absent on Friday, you will receive a credit for the hotdog.

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.

Library

Reminder - Library day is on Wednesday. Please remind your child to bring their books back. If they'd like to keep their book, they can bring it back and re-check it out. Also, mark your calendars because in November, Mrs. Austin will be hosting the book fair. It's going to be a lot of fun, so be sure to check it out!

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. 4. Leave a message at 250-843-7777. We check messages daily at 8:00-8:15 am and 1:30 pm.

Feeding Futures

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.

<u>Just a reminder...</u>

Microwaves are not available for students

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.

Retakes Day

Jessica Kimble will be here again on **Wednesday, October 23rd at 9am** for retakes.

