

# CRESCENT PARK NEWS



## **Crescent Park Elementary School**

School District #59 (Peace River South)

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*Respectful, Responsible,  
Ready to Learn and Safe*

### **EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

November 20 & 21 are early dismissal days. School will end at 1:40.

Teachers are setting up dates and times for parent teacher interviews on these days, please contact your child's teacher if you have not heard from them.

### **BOOK FAIR**

There will be a book fair in the gymnasium on November 20 & 21 as well.

Stop by to look at books from 2:00 – 6:00 PM

There will be prize draws!

### **PARENTS AT SCHOOL**

If you are coming to the school, please check in at the office. Anything being dropped off should come to the office to minimize interruptions in the classrooms.

### **PLAYING OUTSIDE**

Weather permitting, we will be having fun in the snow. Please be sure that your child is dressed for cold weather: winter coat and boots, mitts, hat, scarf and snow pants.

### Safety of Students (Including Higher Risk Activities) Regulation 4555.10.3 tobogganing.

If your child wants to participate in tobogganing/sliding, we will have an area dedicated for sliding down the hill with toboggans/sliders. Students who want to use sliders/toboggans need to bring and wear a CSA helmet for safety. The helmet must be appropriate for winter, eg. hockey, skiing, snowboarding, not bike helmets.

### **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

As the seasons progress it is getting colder. Please ensure your child is warmly dressed for outside. Students are outside every day.

### **ILL STUDENTS**

To help us all stay healthy, please do not send your children to school if they are sick.

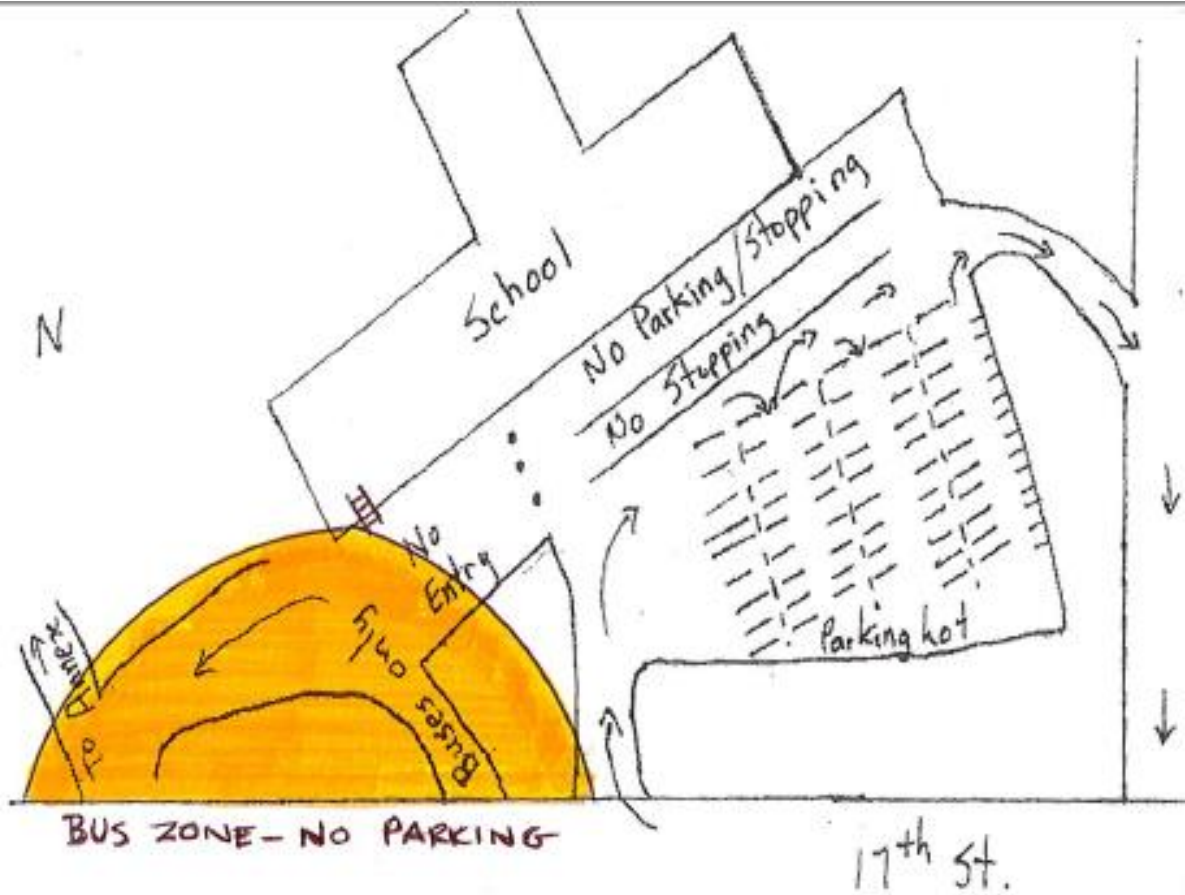
### **VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

The volleyball tournament will be Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23 @ Central. Crescent Park is excited to have two teams competing. Go Crescent Park!

## PARKING LOT

- 1 – Bus loop - please do not park in or drive through the bus zone.
- 2 - Sidewalk – these spaces are for staff only – please don't park here as backing out is very unsafe for our students. Parents, please only park in the parking lot on the west side of the barricades.
- 3 - Portables – If your child attends class in a portable, you can use the northern loop by the annex to drop off and pick them up.

**We have had some minor fender benders in the parking lot due to triple parking; please do not do this.**



### Crescent Park PAC

Place · Community

9300 17th street, Dawson Creek, BC, Canada

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Attending a P.A.C. meeting enables you to:

- get involved with your School District,
- advise the principal on the school's education plan,
- recommend programs and events for the school,
- provide input into the school's budget.

Attend one meeting or many...have a say in your child's education and enhance your school community.

**The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 in Room 9. Child minding is provided by grade 6/7 leadership students.**

Upcoming meeting are also announced on the PAC Facebook page.

## UPCOMING DATES

Friday, November 15	Hotdogs
Monday, November 18	Subway
Wednesday, November 20	KFC

Wednesday, November 20	Parent Teacher conferences/Book Fair
Thursday, November 21	Parent Teacher conferences/Book Fair
Friday, November 22	Quesadilla
Friday, November 22	Volleyball Tournament
Saturday, November 23	Volleyball Tournament
Monday, November 25	BP
Wednesday, November 27	Panago
Friday, November 29	Hotdogs
Monday, December 2	NID
Tuesday, December 3	PAC meeting
Thursday, December 12	Holiday Carnival 5:00 – 7:00
Wednesday, December 18	Report cards go home
Friday, December 20	Last day of classes
Monday, December 23	Winter Break starts

Personal Digital Devices including Cell Phone Use:  
To align with policy 4370 effective as of July 1, 2024

### **Cell Phone Use – Code of Conduct Update Effective July 1, 2024**

Cell phones and electronic devices have become an increasing issue over the last few years – both as a distraction to the learning in the classroom and as an issue on the school yard. Technology is a wonderful tool but when misused, it can put your child in danger or cause difficulties for other children (cyberbullying). The laptops and iPads we use in the school have high-risk sites blocked and we can monitor what students have access to.

It is not possible to do that with cell phones and other electronic devices. The district has amended the policy to help students learn, to keep them safe and to align with the provincial mandate. As of July 1, 2024, personal digital devices (including but not limited to cell phones, smartphones, tablets, computers, smartwatches, and portable video game systems) will not be permitted at any time during the school day. This is from the arrival on school property to their departure from school property.

Following policy 4370 (<https://www.sd59.bc.ca/sites/default/files/district-policies/4370R%20District%20Code%20of%20Conduct-June2024-rev.pdf>) schools will exempt specific students from restrictions on the use of personal digital devices when they are needed as an essential support for their medical support plan and needs (i.e. diabetes, medication, etc.) or as outlined in a student’s Competency-Based Individual Education plan.

If parents feel they want their child to have access to their cell phone before arriving on school property and after leaving school property, cell phones may be brought to school and left turned off in the student’s backpack. The security and storage of personal devices is the sole responsibility of the owner, and the school assumes no responsibility for the safety, security, loss, repair, or replacement of such devices.

Parents and caregivers needing to leave important messages for their child during the school day can do so by contacting the school office.

Should students have their phone or digital devices out, the first time they will receive a warning, a review of expectations and the device will be kept with the teacher until the end of the day. (Level 1)

Should it happen again, the phone will be sent to the office and parents will be contacted to pick up the student's phone/device. (Level 2)

Should chronic issues occur, they will be addressed individually, and a plan will be put in place with administration. (Level 3/4).