



PARKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Date: September 13, 2023



Dates to Remember:

Sept 14 Meet the Teacher Night 5:30 pm
Sept 15 Dot Day- wear dots
Sept 22 Terry Fox Run
Sept 28 Home & School Social Play Date for families in K & 1; 6-7 pm on playground
Sept 28 Orange Shirt Day
Sept 29 Prof Learning Day (no classes)
Oct 2 Truth and Reconciliation Day (no classes)
Oct 3 Picture Day
Oct 9 Thanksgiving (no classes)
Oct 27 Prof Learning Day (no classes)

Welcome back

We are very excited to welcome all of the students back to Parkdale school! Things have gone very smoothly. The students have been absolutely terrific in adjusting to routines and expectations.

Meet the Staff Night will be held on **Thursday, September 14th 5:30-7:00 pm.** We will start with a corn boil social in the back pavement area.

General Information

We are peanut friendly at this time! Please understand that this can change on a day's notice if we get a student who is anaphylactic.

2022-2023 Staff

Kristen Moore – Principal
Faber MacDonald – Vice Principal/Grade 4/5
Jackie Lund – Admin Assistant
Shari MacKenzie – Kindergarten
Nathan Carroll – Kindergarten/Phys Ed
Megan Grounds – Kindergarten/Music
Trena Matheson – Grade 1
Marcie Boyle – Grade 1
Victoria Sentner – Grade 2
Marcia Peters – Grade 3
Melissa Gallant – Grade 4
Robin Goss – Grade 6, STC
Ellen Taylor – Core French/Class Support
Jo Cullen – Counsellor/Class Support
Dawn Gallant – Foundations/Class Support
Michelle McCabe – Resource
Melissa Johnson – Resource/Class Support
Philip Cutcliffe - EAL
Rick Lush – Custodian
Ross Burton - Cleaner
Carol Chappell – Educational Assistant
Melanie Hughes – Educational Assistant

Michele Ash – Educational Assistant
April Havenga – Educational Assistant
Krista Pelley - Educational Assistant
Darby Myers – Youth Service Worker
Jillian Avender – EAL Itinerant Youth Service Worker
Sheila Lee – Bus 119
Alan Jackson – Bus 128
John Gormley – Bus 130
Jeff DeCoste – Bus 123
Margaret Younker – Bus 183

DOT Day

To celebrate the importance of giving something a try, even when it's hard, students are encouraged to wear polka dots on Sept 15th. Classes will read the book "The Dot" by Peter Reynolds and talk about persevering and taking risks.

Absences If students are going to be absent, please notify the main office by phone at (902) 368-6945 or email Jackie at jmlund@edu.pe.ca as well as your child's teacher.

Improving Student Attendance will be one of our goals this year. Most children miss a few days of school each year without long-term consequences. However, when students miss too many days, the effects are almost always negative. We are continually working to make our school environment a place where everyone is safe, healthy, and ready to learn. What can you do to help?

- Build regular routines for bedtime and the morning,
- Set out clothes pack backpacks, and lunches the night before,
- If there is a reason that they aren't looking forward to school regularly, please reach out and let us know so we can address it,
- Schedule trips when school is not in session when possible,
- Schedule medical appointments after dismissal if possible

Breakfast Program will run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. We are in the process of getting things organized and hope to have it up and running next week. We will send an email to let you know. **Please let us know if you can volunteer 7:50 am – 8:45 am.**

Food Program Our Hotlunches Program is up and running for the year. **All orders and payments must be in by 9 am on Mondays.** Please Note: If there is NO school on Fridays we will have pizza day on Wednesdays.

The PEI Food School Program is up and running. Families can register at www.peischoolfood.ca If you have questions you can email info@peischoolfood.org.

Please send a fork and spoon with your child each day. Cutlery is not provided with lunches.

Terry Fox Run will take place on Sept 22. Students are encouraged to bring in a donation for our Walk on Friday (weather permitting). Students will have the opportunity to learn about Terry Fox throughout the week.

Forms: Parents/Guardians are asked to please fill out and sign all forms that were sent home as a package. Please ensure all forms are completed and signed in all necessary places. **All forms are due back to the school so if you haven't done so please return them to the classroom teacher ASAP.**

Free Milk from Dairy Farmers of PEI!

Dairy Farmers of PEI, on behalf of the PEI School Milk Foundation, is extremely excited to provide new kindergarten students with free access to white milk for three straight weeks beginning Monday, September 11th. This initiative is designed to welcome students to school with easy access to nutritional products, educate new parents on the School Milk Foundation and its benefit to Island schools, and inform them on how they can purchase milk for their child at their respective school following the end of the initiative.

Home & School

Hello Parkdale Eagles!
My name is Myra Barquilla and I am the President of the Parkdale Home and School. Myself, along with our secretary, Kelly Stanley, and treasurer, Rania Ismail, welcome everybody back for another exciting year at Parkdale Elementary! This year we are focused on building a bigger and stronger connection between our families along with supporting various school activities throughout the year.

With that being said, I would like to take this opportunity to call out for volunteers for the upcoming bingo event on October 26th. We are currently looking for a few people to help the evening of the event, as well as donors for the prizes. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at parkdaleelementaryhs@gmail.com or my personal email: mbarquilla08@gmail.com.

We wish everyone a successful school year and we look forward to seeing new and familiar faces at the Meet the Team Night on September 14th!

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child comes to school everyday with a water bottle. We DO NOT have extra water bottles at the school.

Safety Issues: Confederation Street - Concern has been expressed in the past over student safety. We ask for your cooperation in dropping off and picking up students on the school side of Confederation Street only. **Please do not drive into the staff parking lot to drop off students.**

Parents dropping their children off in the morning, please remember that supervision begins at 8:15 am and the bell rings at 8:25 am for school to start. Students can be dropped in the back pavement area and our greeters will welcome them. Parents are asked to say goodbyes at the doors.

School entry: The back door will remain locked during the day. All visitors must enter through the main door if you need to come to the school. We ask you to please ring the doorbell on the right hand side and wait until a staff member greets you. Visitors are asked to sign in at the table at the top of the stairs.

Student Sign Out: If you are picking your child up early from school after you have been greeted by a staff member we ask you to please come up to the top of the stairs and sign your child out.

Dismissal: Parents picking their children up at the end of the day can meet them outside the front door. Students are dismissed at 2:30 pm. Students **SHOULD NOT** be by themselves crossing the road to get into parent/guardian vehicles.

Lunch/Recess Times: This year our lunch recess will be 11:25-11:50 am and the students eat lunch from 11:50 – 12:15 pm. There is no morning recess again this year but students are given the time to have a snack in their classroom. Recess will be in the afternoon 1:15-1:30 pm.

Change in After School Routine

If there is a change in their regular after school routine, we require an email to the teacher and Jackie in the office or a phone call prior to noon. If we do not receive notification from you, your child will follow their regular routine.

Chocolate Bar Fundraising

Parkdale students in Grade 2-6 will begin a chocolate bar fundraiser this Friday. These proceeds will help offset field trips costs through the year. We will need all students to do their best, and top sellers will be rewarded.

Communication

To save paper, as the year continues we will be sending most of our notices via email. Please bookmark our website. <https://parkdale.edu.pe.ca> and check your emails regularly. We will plan on sending weekly updates and a newsletter at the start of each month. You can also sign up for your child's **Class DOJO**. A private group for sharing exciting learning updates.

PSB Text Messaging System

Parents are invited to join our emergency text messaging system. The system is configured to send text messages to mobile phone numbers whose recipients have agreed to receive them. We use text messages to communicate during emergency situations as well as specific school closures or early dismissals.

When a new number is added, you may see the following message:

"PSB & CSLF messages. Reply Y to confirm, HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. Msg freq varies. schoolmessenger.com/smsca"

Parents can easily opt-in by texting "Y" (or "Yes") to our Short Code number 978338 (Canadian-based numbers) or 61569 (US-based numbers). Standard Text Message & Data rates may apply.