



PARKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dates to Remember:

March 1 – Celebration Assembly, Honours Choir Rehearsal and Grade 7 FI Forms Due
March 7 – Report cards go home
March 8 - Parent teacher interviews (no classes)
March 12 – Grade 3 Agriculture Day
March 19 – Grade 5 Water School field trip
March 20 – School Heritage Fair (Gr 4-6)
March 22-28 – Mid term break (no classes)
March 29 – Good Friday (no classes)
April 1 – Easter Monday (no classes)
April 3 – Spring Photos
April 19 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)

General Information

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.

As part of the Public Schools Branch policy on attendance, once a student misses a certain number of days there will be contact made from the school. We recognize that sometimes there are illnesses, or travel than can impact these numbers in a larger way. However, the school doesn't always have all the details.

If a teacher or administrator reaches out to you, we are interested in checking in and brainstorming ways to help with attendance. Sometimes there may be anxious feeling and our counsellor can help. Maybe adjusting bedtimes or having an incentive at school arrival makes mornings go more smoothly. Remember, we want to work with you, as parents, to make school a successful place for learning!

Communication

Please bookmark our website. <https://parkdale.edu.pe.ca> and check your emails regularly. We send 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.

CBC News

It was great to see all the positive news feedback after Parkdale was featured on CBC Compass news for our Hall of Fame Assembly. Way to go Riziki, Najib and Saylor for your interviews! If you missed the segment you can find it here:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island>

Food Program Hotlunch orders and payments must be in by 9 am on Mondays (if Monday is a holiday they are due on Tuesday) Please Note: If there is NO school on Fridays we will have pizza day on Wednesdays. Families can register at www.peischoolfood.ca for the PEI School Food Program. If you have questions you can email info@peischoolfood.org.

Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25

If you know of someone who hasn't registered their child yet for Kindergarten please ask them to contact the school to register. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2023.

Staff Appreciation Week

Thank you to our Home & School Association and school community for all the generous treats, gift card donations, and the various other acts of kindness shown to all staff at Parkdale. Your kindness and generosity was very much appreciated!!

Heart Art Sale was a huge success raising over \$500 for the IWK. Thank you to all our Parkdale students and families for supporting this fundraiser!

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held the week of March 4th – 8th. Online scheduling is now available for parents to book appointments and will be open until Monday, March 4th.

<https://parkdale.schoolappointments.com>

There are NO classes on Friday, March 8th.

Report Cards will be sent home with the students on Thursday, March 7th. Please sign the outside of the envelope to confirm you have received the report card and return the signed envelope so we can use it for the final term report card in June.

Theme Activities for March

March 15 – Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day

March 18, 19 and 20 – Jelly Bean Guessing
Guesses are .25 cents each

March 21 – Dress in vacation wear (staycations or vacations)

March Break/Easter Break

There will be no classes from March 22nd until April 2nd.

Heritage Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 20th for Grade 4-6. Judging will take place in the morning. Parents will be invited to view the projects from 8:30-10:15 am and 12:15-1:15 pm.

Parent Survey

We need your help! We are beginning the process of school improvement and need parent input about areas for improvement. We ask that you complete a short parent survey about the strengths and needs of our school and your child. There will be a link sent out if you prefer to do it online using a Google Form, and paper copies will be available from your child's teacher during Parent Teacher Interviews. **All responses will be entered to win a \$50 Cash Prize!**

Home & School News

Staff Appreciation Week was a big success, many thanks to all our volunteers!

The PEI Home and School Federation is inviting you to join us at our annual grand meeting. Parents and guardians are welcome! Please see link for more information and to register online by March 21st: (<https://peihsf.ca/agm/>)
Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024
Time: 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Place: In-person at Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown
Fee: \$40 per person

If a parent or guardian would like to attend but is unable due to financial barriers, send us a message (parkdaleelementaryhs@gmail.com) and we may be able to help!

There is no Home and School meeting in March.

Check out our school website under Home & School for the March Home and School Federation news.

Papa John's Fundraiser/Discount Code

Papa John's have offered us a school fundraiser/discount. If any staff, friends or families order from them and use the code EAGLE, It will give a 25% discount on menu-priced items ordered online on their website or mobile app.

Social Emotional Learning

Sometimes it is not what we say, but how we say it.

Tone of voice can carry a lot of meaning and it can cause hurt and confusion for younger children. This is especially the case when a parent uses sarcasm and it is misunderstood by the child.

Sarcasm can lead to hurt feelings and misunderstandings that are better avoided. The best policy is to speak to children in the way you want them to speak to you and to others. Children have developing brains that are learning how to be in the world. How they are treated, how others act toward them – especially caregivers – is how they are likely to learn to act and to speak. Children are more likely to complete a request if it is presented kindly rather than as a demand or an order. If you speak to your child in a kind and caring rather than in a critical manner they are more likely to develop a positive inner voice to lead their thoughts. This will help them develop a healthy self-esteem and to speak to themselves with the same kindness and to bestow that same kindness onto others.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please check out and share the **Causable Gold Rush Campaign** to support our School!

Link: [Causable Gold Rush](#)

Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Program runs Monday-Friday starting at 7:00 am at the Charlottetown clubhouse. The cost to attend is \$5 per attendance. The students are able to be bussed from BGC to the school leaving at 8:25 am. Each morning will consist of a healthy breakfast, the opportunity to connect with a caring leader, and relaxing activities to start the day. If you have any questions please contact Terran at terran@bgcharlottetown.com.

PD Day Camp

Junior Achievement PEI is holding a PD Camp Day on Friday, March 8th. For more details and to register contact Tania at tchardy@japei.org.