



# PARKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL N E W S L E T T E R

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## Dates to Remember:

April 3 – Spring Photos,  
Coupon booklet orders go home  
April 8 – Early Closure – Solar Eclipse  
April 15-19 – Volunteer Appreciation Week  
April 15 – Zone 3 Badminton (doubles)  
April 16 – Zone 3 Badminton (singles)  
April 19 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)  
April 20 – Honor Choir Concert  
April 23 – Coupon booklet order deadline  
April 29 – Easter Seals Ambassador Tour  
April 30 – Hall of Fame Assembly 9 am  
May 3 – Area Association Day (no classes)  
May 6 – Welcome to Kindergarten  
May 20 – Victoria Day (no classes)  
May 30 – Kindergarten Orientation (no school for current K students)

## 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](mailto: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: <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.

**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](http://www.peischoolfood.ca) for the PEI School Food Program. If you have questions you can email [info@peischoolfood.org](mailto:info@peischoolfood.org).

## Parent Survey

Congratulations to Kara McGuigan who was the winner of the \$50 cash prize from the parent survey contest. Thank you to all the families who participated!

**Solar Eclipse Glasses** Out of an abundance of caution for student and staff safety, during the solar eclipse on April 8th the Public Schools Branch will be dismissing 2 hours early on Monday, April 8, 2024. Students will follow their regular end of day plans unless parents reach out with alternate plans.

The Department of Education and Early Years has acquired ISO 12312.2 certified solar eclipse glasses (filters for direct observation of the sun) for all students, prioritizing safety for this upcoming event.

Glasses will be distributed to students closer to the event. To enhance safety awareness, we'll be providing students with valuable lessons on eclipse viewing precautions. Parents, stay tuned for more information to ensure a well-prepared experience for all.

Supervision is key if your child wishes to watch the eclipse. PEI's Chief Public Health Office (<http://solareclipse.princeedwardisland.ca/2024-Solar-Eclipse>) and the Government of Canada Your guide to solar eclipses (link is external) (<https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/astronomy/eclipses/solar-eclipses.asp#protectionearchqry=Toronto+Ontario%2C+Canada>) websites have information related to solar eclipses and precautions people can take to protect themselves.

**Coupon Booklets Fundraiser** will be starting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Order forms will go home on this day and it will be helpful to start right away as many other schools will be selling. The BOGO coupon booklets are popular with many summer activities and often the buyer gets their money back if only using 1 or 2 coupons. Once again, the top sellers will not only receive a cash prize but a chance to pie Ms. Moore and other staff in the face! New this year, for every booklet sold students can use \$2.00 towards the year end field trip. So if a student sold 10 booklets their field trip may be free. Last year our students raised \$2000. Let's try and beat it!

### **Upcoming Academic Assessments**

There are several provincial academic assessments in the coming months. These assessments give a province-wide snapshot on how students are meeting expectations. Please try your best to have your child here during these scheduled weeks.

- Grade 6 Mathematics - June 4-5
- Grade 3 Mathematics - April 8-12
- Grade 4 Writing - 2-week period - May 6-17

**Heritage Fair** was held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and there were many great projects displayed by Grade 4-6 students! The following students were selected to move on to provincials with the top 4 projects:

***Bryson MacDonald, Konor Younker, River Giannini, Jayden Coffin***

The following students received Honorable Mention:

***Rayan El Bakhour, Holli Currie, Liam Ellis, Paisley O'Shea***

Congratulations to all our students who did such a fantastic job on their projects!

**No Classes** on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for a Professional Learning Day and on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for Area Association Day.

**PEI Junior Honor Choir** final rehearsal and concert will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at Park Royal Church. Some of our Grade 6 students will be participating in this choir.

### **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.

### **Home & School News**

The next meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 where we are asking parents of students in Gr 2-3 to join us for a "Parents Vs Kids" gym night. Come have some fun in the gym with your child and build relationships with other families.

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](mailto:parkdaleelementaryhs@gmail.com)) and we may be able to help!**

### **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.

### **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**

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](mailto:terran@bgcharlottetown.com).

### **Sherwood Parkdale Rangers Soccer**

Sherwood Parkdale Rangers Soccer Club's 2024 summer soccer registration is now open! Please visit our website at [www.sherwoodparkdalerangers.ca](http://www.sherwoodparkdalerangers.ca) for program information and registration.