



PARKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Date: September 13, 2024



Dates to Remember:

Sept 11 Meet the Teacher Night 5:00 pm
Sept 13 Dot Day- wear dots
Sept 23 Professional Learning Day (no classes)
Sept 26 Home & School Social Play Date 6-7
Sept 27 Terry Fox Run
Sept 27 Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (no classes)
Oct 7 Picture Day
Oct 14 Thanksgiving (no classes)
Oct 24 BINGO – Home & School

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.

General Information

We are now a PEANUT FREE school! Please be diligent in sending peanut free snacks and check labels carefully.

2024-2025 Staff

Kristen Moore – Principal
Faber MacDonald – Vice Principal/Grade 5
Jackie Lund – Admin Assistant
Shari MacKenzie – Kindergarten
Trena Matheson – Grade 1
Lindsay Kouyoumdigan – Grade 1/2
Marcie Boyle – Grade 2
Jennifer MacDougall – Grade 3
Melissa Gallant – Grade 4
Jacob MacLeod – Grade 4/5
Robin Goss – Grade 6, STC
Nathan Carroll – Phys Ed/Literacy Support
Andrea Robbins – Music/Math Support
Dawn Gallant – Foundations/Class Support
Michelle McCabe – Resource
Melissa Johnson – Behavioural Resource/Library
Ellen Taylor – Core French/Class Support
Jo Cullen – Counsellor/Class Support
Philip Cutcliffe - EAL
Rick Lush – Custodian
Sikandergeet Singh - Cleaner
Carol Chappell – Educational Assistant
Melanie Hughes – Educational Assistant
Michele Ash – Educational Assistant
April Havenga – Educational Assistant
Massiel Flemming - Educational Assistant
Jenny MacKinnon - Educational Assistant
Krista Pelley - Educational Assistant
Bintou Traore – Educational Assistant

Jennifer Whiten – Educational Assistant
Sydney Hegarty – Youth Service Worker
Jillian Avender – EAL Youth Service Worker
Sheila Lee – Bus 119
Brian Gorveatt – Bus 128
John Gormley – Bus 130
Patak Yogi – 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 Friday, September 13th. 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 is up and running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Thank you for our wonderful volunteers!!

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

Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, September 27th. 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 two straight weeks beginning Monday, September 9th. 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, 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. 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.

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. **Pick up time is 2:30 pm and there is no additional supervision after the busses leave.**

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS - Sherwood Parkdale

Skating Club: To register, new families please visit our website at sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com create an account in the primary caregiver's name, and register your skaters as participants; past families please sign into your previously created account. office@sherwoodparkdaleskatingclub.com