



PARKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

Nov 6 Gr 1-3 Orwell Field Trip
Nov 6 Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 7,8 PEITF Convention (no classes)
Nov 11 Remembrance Day (no classes)
Nov 12-15 Scholastic Book Fair
Nov 21 Picture Retake Day
Nov 21 Report Cards go home
Nov 22 Deadline for Kindergarten Registrations
Nov 22 Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)
Nov 28 Home and School Meeting 6:30 pm
Dec 11 Christmas Concert
Dec 12 Storm Date for Christmas Concert
Dec 20 Last day of classes for 2024

General Information

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

WOW Butter

We would ask that parents DO NOT send in WOW butter or anything that mimics peanut butter as it is too challenging for staff and students to distinguish. The anxiety and attention connected for monitoring this can be quite demanding and it is better to err on the side of caution.

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

What happens if my child is missing more than 1 day a month? As a school we realize sickness, family emergencies, and travel can happen. If your child has missed 5 or more days or has a pattern of late arrivals, teachers will first call you to discuss if there are any concerns at home. Then we will try and brainstorm how we can support your child's attendance.

- Be honest when teachers ask if you are struggling with morning or nighttime routines
- Share if your child is worried about something at school
- Ask for supports such as counselling or youth service workers
- Be open minded to taking some parenting sessions and learning how to best support your child. There are programs available like *Roots and Shoots*, *Strongest Families*, and

Positive Parenting Between 2 Homes that are offered outside of the school to help

- Continue to try and book appointments at the end of the day or on PD Days

PSB Attendance Message

In just a few weeks, schools across PEI will be holding parent-teacher interviews. It is a time to talk to your child's teacher(s) about their academics and the connections they are making at school. Research shows that having a greater sense of belonging is associated with higher academic performance, persistence, and positive mental health. Thank you parents and guardians for reinforcing the importance of students attending and engaging in school.

Terry Fox Run was held on October 4th. The students raised \$800 this year for the Terry Fox Foundation. Great Job Parkdale!!

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.

Cross Country Provincials were held on October 19th. Parkdale was represented by Fiona MacDonald who finished 7th overall; Danika Bell who finished 11th overall and Rachel Westbury who finished 18th overall. These students did a great job!! Congratulations!

Coupon Booklets will be sent home with the students next week. Thank you to all the students who sold coupon booklets it was a great fundraiser with Parkdale School raising \$1400. Congratulations to the following winners:
Top Seller: Kevin Pou Nunez
2nd Place: Savannah Coady
Random draw winners: Sylvanus Muirhead, Gracie Dunn and Kyra Costain

No Classes on the following Days:

November 7th, 8th – PEITF Convention
November 11th – Remembrance Day
November 22nd – Parent Teacher Interviews

Parkdale Book Fair will be held from Tuesday, November 12th until Friday, November 15th. We will have the classes view the books on November 12th then students can bring money on November 13th-15th to purchase the books.

Food Program 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. Families can register for The PEI Food School Program at www.peischoolfood.ca

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held the week of November 18th-22nd after school and during the day on November 22nd (no classes). Parents will sign up online for appointments. EAL students needing a translator will not need to sign up. The instructions for signing up for an appointment will be sent home by email.

Home & School "Our halloween bingo event was a success! Thank you to all our volunteers who made this event possible. It was great seeing all the costumes, and congratulations to all the winners! Our next Home and School meeting will be on November 28th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Our agenda will include planning for upcoming events and we would love to hear from you!"

Christmas Families donations can be sent into the school with your child or dropped off. These donations will help to support some of our families in need during the holiday season. If you feel that your family is in need of support this year, please email Ms. Jo as soon as possible at jxcullen@edu.pe.ca to request that your family be added to the list of those needing assistance. In the email, please include the first names, ages, clothing sizes and genders of your children, as well as some of their interests or things they might like to receive.

Lunch/Recess Times: 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.

Communication

Please bookmark our website. <https://parkdale.edu.pe.ca> and check your emails regularly. We will be sending weekly updates and a newsletter at the start of each month.

Emergency Procedure Drills

At the beginning of the school year we practice our emergency procedures for fire drills, evacuations, lockdowns and bus evacuations. Students are prewarned for most scenarios and staff reassure that these are procedures to keep us safe, and so we can feel confident that we know what to do in an emergency.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Roots & Shoots Program

Roots & Shoots is a supportive, non-judgmental space for parents and caregivers of transgender and gender-diverse children. The goal of the program is to connect caregivers with tools and resources needed to support the transgender and gender non-confirming people in their lives, while also offering safe spaces for trans and gender-creative young people to connect with each other in a low-pressure social environment. Parents and

caregivers participate in a group setting with a focus on discussion, peer support, and information sharing while their gender-creative children and siblings engage in parallel play-based activities provided by Sierra Club of PEI's Wild Child Program. The program is free of charge and participants are provided with pizza and snacks at each meeting.

Roots & Shoots Charlottetown Group
When: The last Wednesday of the Month from 6-8 PM (September to June)

Where: The Haviland Club, 2 Haviland Street, Charlottetown

Registration: www.bit.ly/3BTIfvg

Further information can be found at

<https://www.peersalliance.ca/roots-shoots>

Black Cultural Society

Dance and Drumming for Change: Resilient Rhythms: Expressive Dance for Healing and Unity to empower BIPOC Communities Against GBV 🗣️👏 Registration is Open! This transformative program combines the healing power of dance and drumming with various art forms to support those who have endured and their allies from marginalized communities in their journey toward empowerment and healing.

In collaboration with a local organization **The Black Cultural Society of PEI** dedicated to advancing gender equality, this initiative seeks to create a nurturing environment where participants can explore movement, rhythm, and artistic expression as tools for resilience and collective strength. 🌈🥁. By integrating dance, drumming, and other expressive mediums, the program aims to facilitate meaningful dialogue surrounding gender-based violence and foster a community of support and understanding.

Scholarships are available for students (Aged 9 and up) from marginalized communities, with a particular focus on young women, femmes, non-binary, and men within the BIPOC community.

Link for

Registration: <https://mailchi.mp/e121999821e0/fall-dance-and-drumming-intensive-workshop-2024>

Biathlon & Cross Country Skiing Programs for Youth taking place this winter at the Brookvale Provincial Ski Park.

Learn to Ski Program is for children 6-9 years old held on Sat from 10-12 am Jan to March \$55 plus rentals (if required \$30).

Biathlon Bears Program is for children 8-14 years old Wed 6-730 pm and Sun 12-2 pm. \$125 plus rentals (if required \$75). If you are interested in enrolling your child in one of these programs please contact Brad Haltli

brad.haltli@nordicsportspei.ca Space in the program is limited so please register early. Financial support for program fees can be obtained by applying to the Kids Sport program (<https://kidsportcanada.ca/prince-edward-island/provincial-fund/>)