



PARKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember:

April 10	Spring Photos
April 11	Professional Learning Day (No classes)
Apr 13-19	Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 18	Good Friday (No classes)
April 21	Easter Monday (No classes)
April 24	Cultural Night (more info below)
April 25	Easter Seals Ambassador Tour
May 2	Area Association Day (No classes)
May 3	Junior Honor Choir concert
May 7	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 19	Victoria Day (No Classes)
May 23	Kindergarten Orientation

General Information

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

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

Report Card Envelopes Please sign the brown report card envelope and return it to your child's teacher so we know you received the report card and we can reuse the envelopes for the June report cards. Thank you!

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.

School Heritage and Science Fairs were held on March 26th and there were many great projects displayed by Grade 4-6 students!

Heritage Fair The following students were selected to move on to the provincials with the top projects:

Sunny Le, Zoey Parsons, Liam Ellis, Imogen McAskill, Phoenix Labobe, Valentina Morales Diaz

The following students received Honorable Mention:

Archer Pascual and Theo Buttery

Science Fair The following students were selected to move on to the provincials with the top 2 projects:

**Kosei Neelin and Leo Westbury
Clifford Robertson and Luke Warren**

The following students received Honorable Mention:

Jana Alrahal and Jackson Cotton/Thomas Ellis

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

PEI Junior Honor Choir concert will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at Park Royal Church. Some of our students will be participating in this choir.

Kindergarten Registration for 2025-26

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 31st, 2025.

Diversity Fair

We are excited to announce our upcoming Diversity Fair, which will take place on **April 24th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at Parkdale School.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to celebrate the diverse cultures that make up our school community.

We are seeking contributions from families to help showcase the many cultures represented at our school. Here's how you can participate:

- **Food:** Share a dish or treat from your culture for others to taste and enjoy.
- **5-Minute Performances:** We welcome any short performances, such as music, dance, or storytelling, that represent your cultural heritage.
- **Activities:** If you have an activity or interactive experience that showcases your culture, we'd love for you to share it with us! Please keep in mind that we have limited time, and we would appreciate keeping any activity under 5 minutes.

If you are able to contribute in any way, please let us know. Your participation will help make the event memorable and meaningful for all.

We look forward to celebrating diversity together. If you have any questions or would like to contribute, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jillian Ellsworth at jaellsworth@edu.pe.ca.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Causable Gold Rush Campaign

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

Link: <https://cospei.goldrush.causable>

Fear-Less: Triple P Seminar – Helping Children Manage Anxiety

Venue: Charlottetown Library – Rotary Auditorium, 100 Queen Street

Date: Sunday, April 13th at 2 pm

Presenter: Peter Mutch

RSV:: triplep@gov.pe.ca or 902-368-6762

Learn more about anxiety and how it affects children and families. Explore effective tools to manage it and foster resilience together. This seminar is free to attend!

Register for Delta Soccer Spring and Summer Programs

Get ready for the outdoor season with our spring indoor program which runs April 1st to May 12th. This summer try something different and register for our outdoor program. We offer flexibility with one or two nights per week and in registering for all of the season or only half of the season. Registration opens April 1st. Programs available for participants born 2014 to 2021. For program information and to register, please visit deltasoccer.ca.

West Royalty Softball

Has your daughter ever considered playing softball? West Royalty Softball is hosting free come-try softball events at the West Royalty Community Center on April 6th, April 13th, and April 27th at 12:30 to 1:30 pm This event is designed to introduce young girls to the sport and allow them to try it before committing to an entire season. For more information or to register, please email Carly Gauthier wrsa.playerengagement@gmail.com.

Kids Connection

"Looking for a nurturing, fun, and educational before and after-school program? Kids Connection, located in Charlottetown, PEI, offers a licensed program with creative, interactive, and cooperative learning to help children build friendships. Our spacious center features a gym, a safe outdoor play area with equipment, and a basketball court—all designed to promote physical, social, and mental growth. Join us in fostering your child's well-being and development! Reserve your spot today. Visit www.kidsconnection.ca or email us at shirley@kidsconnection.ca"