

# February 2026

# PARKDALE ELEMENTARY

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## Upcoming Events

February 4	Field Trip Gr.3-5 Tubing
February 5	Field Trip - Gr 1,2,2/3 - Sleigh Ride
February 9- 13	Staff Appreciation Week
February 11-12	Early Valentine's Celebrations
February 12	Field Trip - Gr3-5 - Orwell Corner
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	PD DAY - No Classes
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Islander Day - No Classes
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Day
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews - No Classes
March 16-20	March Break - No Classes
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Honors Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am - 3 pm Last day for After School Boys Basketball
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Honors Choir Performance @ Park Royal Church



## Our Shining Stars from January

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Omar Abdirashid             | Colin Gaudet                |
| Ali, Ahmed Abdullah,        | Abdikadir Abdirashid Ali    |
| Masa Alkrad                 | Oday Al Ghafarji            |
| Goergia Coffin              | Hunter Doucette             |
| Harper Costain              | Ali Razouk                  |
| Killian Evans               | Paisley MacLean             |
| Kairi Green                 | Shiyan Shao                 |
| Kinsley Green               | Gabriel McKenzie            |
| Thatcher                    | Lilith MacIntyre            |
| Emma MacInnis               | Finn Gough                  |
| Nova MacLaren               | Tavianna Mighty!            |
| Evey Natividad              | Fallon Evans                |
| Aylish Paul                 | Ezra Roberts                |
| Zlata Saiko                 | Oliver Robinson             |
| Brianna Silva Vargas,       | Ahren Paul                  |
| Whitney Tetteh              | Raven Pascuel               |
| Neo Thibodeau               | Aj Bain                     |
| Gage Thomas                 | Juan Diego Salcedo Tigreros |
| Jersii Arbing               | Cole Moore                  |
| Kinsley Evans               | Ava Burke                   |
| Eli Richards                | Brinleigh Blacquiere        |
| Ellis Royo                  | Nasra Abdirashid            |
| Parker Gillespie            | Catherine Wu                |
| Baran Karbasi               | Mason Gough                 |
| Nana Neokye                 | Luna Moore                  |
| Reese Burke                 | Jawad Elbadri               |
| Thatcher Ellis              | Jax Gauthier-Morrison       |
| Manuel Neokye               | Nataniya Prasoos            |
| Eunice Moses                | Zeinab Abdirashid Ali       |
| Valentina Carmona Montes    |                             |
| Khaled Alkrad               | Clara Coffin                |
| Dreyden Lalande             | Kyra Costain                |
| Colin Gaudet                | Oliver MacIntyre            |
| Abdikadir Abdirashid Ali    |                             |
| Oday Al Ghafarji            | Landon Sampson              |
| Hunter Doucette             | Shicheng Shao               |
| Ali Razouk                  | Chet Dougan                 |
| Paisley MacLean             | Angela Penagos              |
| Shiyan Shao                 | Emmanuelle Neokye           |
| Gabriel McKenzie            | Mark Faddoul                |
| Lilith MacIntyre            |                             |
| Finn Gough                  |                             |
| Tavianna Mighty!            |                             |
| Fallon Evans                |                             |
| Ezra Roberts                |                             |
| Oliver Robinson             |                             |
| Ahren Paul                  |                             |
| Raven Pascuel               |                             |
| Aj Bain                     |                             |
| Juan Diego Salcedo Tigreros |                             |

## Hot Lunch Programs

Our Parkdale Hot Lunch Program closes every **Sunday at 11 pm**. Please have all orders in at that time or your child will not receive lunch for the week.

PEI School Food Program closing dates this month are **February 5<sup>th</sup>** and **February 19<sup>th</sup>**.

[Don't forget your utensils.](#)

## Attendance

Please remember to let the office know if your child is not going to be in class for the day. This can either be done by calling the main office at 902-368-6945 or e-mailing Chelsea at [casnow@edu.pe.ca](mailto:casnow@edu.pe.ca)

If your child's teacher has a substitute in, they do not have access to their e-mail accounts.

## School Entry/Early Pick Up

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. Please do not go directly to your child's classroom or cubby. We ask you to please ring the doorbell on the right hand side and wait until you are buzzed in or a staff member greets you. Visitors are asked to sign in at the table at the top of the stairs.

If you are **picking up a student early** - please sign your child out on the table as soon as you come through the front door

## Lunch/Recess

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.

Please try to send healthy snacks with your child, avoiding chocolate bars, candy, etc.

## Our Hall of Fame Recipients:

- Maleah Gallant
- Kinsley Evans
- Colin Gaudet
- Kobi Drake-Clark
- Colin Drake-Clark
- Shiyan Shao
- Paisley MacLean
- Fallon Evans
- Kaleo Drake-Clark
- Oliver Robinson
- Josie Yeo
- Nasra Abdirashid
- Malik Al Ghafarji
- Nataniya Prasoos
- Oliver MacIntyre
- Soloman Loran
- Clifford Robertson
- David Idowu



## Music News

Students who have joined the PEI Junior Honors Choir will be taking part in a rehearsal as well as a PEI Junior Honors Choir performance upcoming in March.

Rehearsal - March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am - 3 pm at Park Royal Church.

**Parents/Guardians are responsible for pick their child up.**

Performance - Saturday April 18 at 1:30 at Park Royal Church



## Gym News

Parkdale Elementary is starting up a Junior Boy's Basketball Development

Program for students in grade 4-6. Our programming will be focusing on basketball fundamentals through targeted basketball drills, skills, and games. We will aim to promote leadership opportunities and encourage the students to build connections through sports.

The program will begin Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> and will take place **every Friday from 2:30 - 3:45**. The final date of the program will be Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for student pick up.

## 2026-2027 Kindergarten Registration

It is soon time to register your Kindergarten student for the 2026-2027 school year!

Children must be **5 years old by December 31, 2026** in order to be eligible for Kindergarten. Parents are asked to register their child at his/her local elementary school during school hours or send all information via e-mail to Chelsea Snow, Administrative Assistant at [casnow@edu.pe.ca](mailto:casnow@edu.pe.ca).

The registration form is located at the below link:

<https://parkdale.edu.pe.ca/about/kindergarten-registration>

Parents are reminded to provide two pieces of information which verify proof of child's age and verification of home address to the school while registering (Birth certificate or PEI Health card & a bill such as a current utility bill which show address).

Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held in the Spring of 2026. Parents will receive more information via e-mail address provided on their child's registration form.

Questions: You can contact Chelsea Snow at [casnow@edu.pe.ca](mailto:casnow@edu.pe.ca)

## PBIS

We will soon share our home PBIS matrix with our K and I families! This resource extends our school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports framework into your home, creating consistency across environments. The matrix provides clear behavioral expectations for different home settings, helping your child understand what success looks like whether at the dinner table, during homework, or at bedtime. Your feedback is invaluable as we refine this tool before sharing it schoolwide. Please try it out and share your thoughts!

## Grade 6 Students - Stonepark Information

- **Late French Immersion and Band Information Parent Meeting**- We will be having a Late French Immersion Parent Information meeting at Stonepark on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the school library (storm date is February 11<sup>th</sup>).
- **Band Orientation Concert and Late French Immersion Information Session for students** - We will be having our annual one-hour Band orientation concert, and Late French Immersion info-session for all grade 6 students who will be attending Stonepark next year, to explore any interest they may have in the Stonepark music program or Late French Immersion program on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m. (storm date February 12<sup>th</sup>). The Grade 9 band will perform, and our band teacher, Sara Sorensen, will be able to share information, and provide answers to frequently asked questions.
- **Our Orientation for incoming Grade 6 students will be on the first day for students in September** when only Grade 7 students will attend. We hope to have a new virtual tour video for all Grade 6 teachers to share with their classes later in the school year.



## Parkdale Home and School News

School Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) is happening on February 8–14, 2026! SAW is an opportunity for parents and students to recognize the dedication and hard work of school staff. From educators who inspire a love of learning, to educational assistants, custodians, bus drivers, admin. assistants, and administrators who keep schools caring, safe, and welcoming – every staff member helps create a positive environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed. Here at Parkdale Elementary, we have 'themed' days to celebrate our amazing staff!

February 9th - **Monday**: Coffee, Tea and Donuts

February 10<sup>th</sup> - **Tuesday**: Sweet and Salty Treats (Sodas, Chips, Popcorn, Candy- No Peanuts please!)

February 11th - **Wednesday**: Send in a Note of Kindness – send in a card or an email to say thank you to a staff member or to the staff as a group.

February 12 - **Thursday**: Taco Lunch provided by the Home and School

If you would like to help, a sign up sheet will be sent out in the next few days! Any questions please reach out to Myra Barquilla at [mbarquilla08@gmail.com](mailto:mbarquilla08@gmail.com).

## Home and School Newsletter



### 🍏 Say 'Thank You' to School Staff

PEI celebrates Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, February 8–14, 2026. Across the Island, Home and School Associations – together with parents and students – are expressing their gratitude and recognizing the dedication and hard work of school staff who make a difference every day. From educators who inspire a love of learning, to educational assistants, custodians, bus drivers, admin. assistants, and administrators who keep schools caring, safe, and welcoming – every staff member helps create a positive environment where students can learn, grow, and succeed.

### 🍏 Annual Reports

President's Annual Reports are due February 28 for inclusion in the 73rd Annual Book of Reports. Include activities for this school year, starting in Sept. through to the end of June. Read last year's 'Book of Reports 2025' for writing tips

If you need help, call Shirley at 902-620-3186 or Jeana at 902-620-3187.

### 🍏 Mark your calendars for AGM April 18th

Mark your calendars for the P.E.I. Home and School Federation's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. Make decisions to shape positive changes in PEI's school system with delegates from across the Island. The Federation will mail AGM registration packages to presidents in February.

### 🍏 Home and School Volunteer Award

Every school has that special someone who's always ready to lend a hand – organizing events, helping out in the school, fundraising or bringing people together. Do you know a volunteer who makes a real difference in your school community? Nominate them for the Home and School Volunteer of the Year Award and help us celebrate their contributions.

Deadline for nominations: March 6th.

🍏 Pink Shirt Day, Feb. 25, 2026. This year's design for CKNW Kids' Fund Pink Shirt Day reminds us to 'Sprinkle Kindness'. The artwork shows a child sharing an umbrella with friends as hearts fall like rain from the sky. A playful reminder that kindness grows when it is shared.

### 🍏 PSB School Trustee Messages

Charlottetown, Zone 5: As we look forward to February, we would like to take this time to remind you that Public School Board meeting minutes and the schedule of meetings are available on the [Board of Trustees | Public Schools Branch](#) website. In January, we had the pleasure of attending Home and School Association meetings at Donagh Regional, Sherwood Elementary, St. Jean's Elementary, West Kent Elementary, and West Royalty Elementary. Zone 5 association meetings provide a valuable opportunity for us to connect with families, hear parents' concerns, and learn about the great ideas and initiatives being shared. Please, do not hesitate to reach out if you would like us to attend an upcoming Zone 5 Home and School Association meeting.

Kindest regards & Happy Islander Day to All!

Andrew ([amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca](mailto:amacfarlane@edu.pe.ca)) & Gaylene ([gcarragher@edu.pe.ca](mailto:gcarragher@edu.pe.ca))

Bluefield, Zone 4: I thoroughly enjoyed meeting members of the Englewood and Bluefield Home and School Associations in January. We chatted about what's happening at each school, and I provided an update on my activities as their new School Board Trustee. In the coming months, I'm looking forward to meeting other Home and School Associations. I also welcome any questions or feedback.

Karen ([kclare@edu.pe.ca](mailto:kclare@edu.pe.ca))

### 🍏 Key 2026 February Holidays & Observances:

- Black History Month: February honours Black Canadian history and excellence.
- Valentine's Day: Saturday, February 14
- National Flag of Canada Day: Sunday, February 15
- Islander Day: Prince Edward Island: Monday, Feb 16
- International Mother Language Day: February 21
- Pink Shirt Day: Last Wednesday of February