

The mission of Parkland Elementary School is to foster a safe, nurturing and respectful environment where staff, parents and students work together to provide opportunities which enable all learners to maximize their intellectual, physical, aesthetic, social and emotional development.

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## **WELCOME BACK!!**

Dear Parents and Students.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone after a fantastic summer. I hope you had many opportunities to enjoy the fantastic weather with friends and family. We look forward to seeing everyone and to welcoming new families and staff members into our community. We hope you had a great summer and that you enjoyed the beautiful weather with your family and friends.

#### **School Communication**

This is just a brief information letter to let you know the plans for the first few days of school. Please watch your email for more school information to be sent out soon and throughout the year which will keep you informed about what is happening at Parkland. We try to be as paperless as possible so please inform us if you are unable to receive email, or if you need to update your email contact information.

Please also be sure to check our school website regularly: <a href="www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/parkland/">www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/parkland/</a> We are working to keep our <a href="Online Calendar">Online Calendar</a> updated with the most relevant information. Be sure to click on calendar items to find out more details about the each of the events.

#### Coming Soon... Important School Forms

Please watch your child's backpack as you will be receiving a number of important forms over the first few weeks of school that will require your immediate attention. If you can complete and return them as soon as possible we would very much appreciate this.

Sincerely,

Anita Strang

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# PARKLAND ELEMENTARY REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE

8:55 Students Enter
9:00 Classes Begin
10:30 Recess Begins
10:45 Recess Ends
12:00 Lunch Begins
12:50 Classes Begin
14:59 Students Dismissed

#### STUDENT AGENDAS -\$11.00 PLEASE

Soon after students go into their new classroom all Grade 1-5 students will be bringing home a student agenda. This agenda will be used to record assignments and important dates and will be used as a tool to send messages between parents and the classroom teacher. The cost for this agenda is \$11.00 please send the payment during the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> SCHEDULE

### 2013-2014 Classroom Assignments

When the school year begins students and their families are understandably eager to find out which class their child is assigned to for the year. Each year we begin the process of determining class assignments in June and make any final adjustments necessary in September. These adjustments are the result of new students registering over the summer, and students moving away. When there are minimal changes in enrollment we can get students into their new classrooms during the first week. Other years these adjustments result in larger organizational changes which take longer to implement.

Please understand that we are also eager to get the year started and are working as quickly as we can to finalize our organization. We very much appreciate everyone's patience during this process.

### Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:55

- Grade 1 students go to the library (45 minutes only)
- Grade 2-5 students return to the classrooms they were in last year **(45 minutes only)**
- New Kindergarten Students go to the Kindergarten Rooms (45 minutes only)
- Other students new to Parkland go to the Music Room (45 minutes only).

9:45 Dismissal

#### Join our PAC for Coffee...

Parkland PAC welcomes you Back to School!
Please join us in the Gym Tuesday at 9:00

AM for a cup of coffee and a sweet treat
Meet the PAC executives and say hello to
friends. See you there!!

## Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>

8:55

- Students return to the same location as on September 3<sup>rd</sup> for attendance
- New Parkland students return to the Music Room and will then join one of our classrooms at the beginning of the day. This will be their classroom until they move to their permanent classroom so they should return here each morning.
- 2:59 Dismissal

#### Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday September 6th

- 8:40 **As soon as possible**, class organizations will be posted on portable chalkboards and brought outside for parents and students to view. This will hopefully happen on Thursday or Friday morning.
- 8:55 If new class lists are available Students report to their new classroom
  If lists are not posted Students are to return to the same class they were in on
  Wednesday Sept. 4
- 2:59 Dismissal

## **SEPTEMBER 2013**CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER		For a complete list of upcoming dates
TBA	Welcome Assembly	please go to our online calendar:
Sept. 13	Parkland Family BBQ and Carnival	www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/parkland
Sept. 19	Individual student photos	
Sept. 20	District - Pro-D - Students do not attend	