



## Parkland Elementary School

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Hi Parkland Families!

Welcome to a new school year at Parkland! All of our students are now in their new classrooms and we are eager to get started with our new learning communities. Thanks ahead for taking the time to read our school newsletter so that you are well informed of school events and expectations.

### New Classrooms

#### Answers to questions you may have

#### **Where will the students meet on Monday morning?**

Check with your child on this one. On Friday his or her teacher will have told them or sent a note home with them letting them know what the expectation is for their classroom. Some teachers set up a meeting place outside, others expect the students to come directly to their classroom. If your child is unsure I have included a school map at the end of this newsletter and posted it on the website – when the bell rings your child can go directly to their classroom. We will also post some around the school on Monday mornings.

It is expected in the mornings prior to school throughout the year that students play outside until the bell rings unless their teacher has made another arrangement for them. It is good to arrive at school 10 minutes early so your child spends some time running and playing prior to beginning their day as this is a great way to get their brains and bodies ready for learning. There is supervision outside from 8:45. Please ensure that your child is properly supervised prior to 8:45.

#### **Where will I find my child at the end of the day?**

Different teachers have different expectations at the end of the day. Some dismiss their students from their classroom, others bring their children outside. Teachers will set these expectations up with their students at the beginning of the school day. Teachers of our younger learners set up careful dismissal routines that ensure each child finds their adult and will communicate them with you soon.

#### **Kindergarten and Grade 1 students:**

**Mrs. Renaud** will dismiss in the undercover area nearest to her classroom. Please wait in the undercover area (not in the hallway).

**Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Dawson, and Mrs. Fernandez** will dismiss their students from the undercover area nearest their classrooms. Please wait outside the undercover area (not in the hallway).

#### **Grade 2 – 5 students:**

**Please agree upon an end of the day outdoor meeting place with your child** rather than waiting outside the classroom door.

## Please help us protect our learning spaces by avoid waiting for your child in the hallways

We understand that there may be reasons why people occasionally need to be in the hallways but request that people wait outside at the end of the day so that our hallways don't become crowded and noisy. When adults wait and have conversations in the hallways it makes our end-of-day routines – especially for our youngest learners – more challenging than they already are with little ones ☺. It is also very appreciated if adults waiting for their child avoid waiting in the hallway outside the office except in special circumstances as the noise from conversations there make it difficult for any children or adults who are working in the office area. Thanks ahead for helping us protect our learning spaces.

## My child was away from school when they moved into their new classrooms. How will we know which classroom they have been assigned to?

If this is the case please head to the library when the bell goes and we will help your child find their new classroom.

## Special Community Events

### [School Barbeque & Open House – Friday, September 16](#)

**Make sure to attend!!** This year we are combining the annual Barbeque (5:00 – 8:00) with our School Open House (5:00 – 6:00). Come out to enjoy this opportunity to visit your child's classroom and to enjoy a variety of fun family activities!

### [Terry Fox Run – Friday, September 30](#)

More information about this event will be sent out soon. Please ensure that you have completed your child's eforms (link on our website home page) so that s/he is able to participate.

### [Professional Development Day – Friday, September 23](#)

#### **(no school for students)**

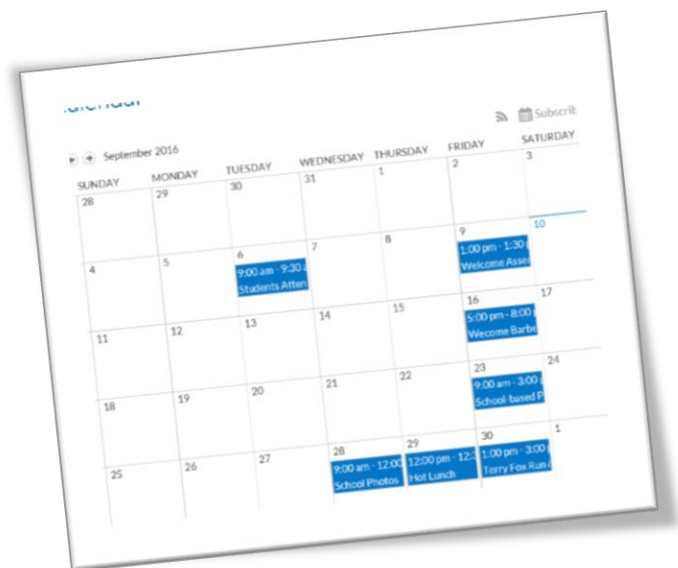
Our teachers will be involved in **Mind Up™** training as we will be using it with our classes this year. For more information about this program please visit the website by clicking [here](#).



### [Picture Day – Wednesday, September 28](#)

\* Please be aware that there are many other events going on at Parkland (such as **Hot Lunch dates!!**). We work hard to ensure that our ecalendar is kept up to date and new events are added as they are set so please check back often.

[Parkland ecalendar](#)



## Thank-yous

### Courtyard Garden

As a community we would like to pass along a big thank-you to Mr. Kasap (Carly Kasap's Grandfather) for watering the garden in front of the school (near the staff parking lot) over the summer. It was wonderful to see the flowers planted by Mrs. Hogarth's class in full bloom when we returned from the holiday!!

### The Parkland Staff

It is a great deal of work to prepare for the new school year. Our custodians worked hard over the summer and the place is sparkling clean ☺. Mrs. McEachern goes above and beyond to keep us organized, and, in addition to spending countless hours thinking through student placement, our teaching staff has also spent lots of personal time preparing their classrooms for the year in order to create comfortable and enticing learning environments, Their efforts are very appreciated.

### Our amazing PAC (Parent Advisory Council)!!

We so appreciate the work our PAC does at Parkland – the 'Parkland Experience' would not be anywhere near the same without them. From coordinating and carrying out the hot lunch program to preparing major community events like our Barbeque for this Friday. Please consider coming out for a PAC meeting and putting your name forward to volunteer for one of the events. "It takes a village" to raise our children – our kids benefit greatly from the generous efforts of all community members.

## Introducing the 2016-2017 Parkland School Staff!

We have a few new people on staff this year. We are happy to welcome:

- **Shelley Borden**
- **Angie Buckley**
- **Trish Crawford**
- **Nicole Dawson**
- **Eunika Liskova**
- **Darren Steele**
- **Shannon Watson**
- **Conchita Wong**

To contact one of our staff members please visit our online staff directory:

[Staff Directory](#)

<b>Classroom Teachers:</b>		
Division 1	Grade 5	Darren Steele
Division 2	Grade 4/5	Graham Wright
Division 3	Grade 4/5	Trish Crawford
Division 4	Grade 3/4	Colleen Augustine (M, T, W, Th) Nicole Dawson (F)
Division 5	Grade 2/3	Sandra Wren
Division 7	Grade 2/3	Catherine Feng
Division 6	Grade 2/3	Patty Hogarth
Division 8	Grade 1/2	Deb Renaud
Division 9	Grade K/1	Traci Maher
Division 10	Grade K/1	Juliana Fernandez
Division 11	Grade K	Angie Buckley (M, T, F) Nicole Dawson (W, Th)
<b>Student Services Teachers:</b>		
		Melissa Niska
		Lorraine Fisher
		Kelli Sidhu
		Shannon Watson
		Melissa Niska & Lorraine Fisher
<b>Librarians:</b>		Cindy Sanford
<b>Counselor:</b>		Angie Buckley
<b>Music Teacher:</b>		Anita Jaswal
<b>Speech and Language Teacher:</b>		
<b>School Secretary:</b>		Susan McEachern
<b>Educational Assistant:</b>		Shelley Borden
<b>Custodian (PM):</b>		Conchita Wong
<b>Custodian (AM):</b>		Pratima Chander
<b>Noon Hour Supervisors:</b>		Dianne Jackson
		Eunika Liskova
		Maardalena Hansen

## Principal's Blog Post

### [Welcome Back and Class Placement](#)

This post written last year provides information about how class placement works and answers some frequently asked questions in this regard so parents get a better understanding of the process used to set up new classes.

### [Parkland School Charter](#)

This post from last year explains the process we went through as a community to come up with shared expectations in each of our learning environments. We also have our school charter posted in our front hallway and we go over it when having conversations about social conflicts as it is helpful to remind ourselves of how we agreed to treat each other. **It is helpful if parents also review this with their child so it is also reinforced at home.** We will be reviewing it with our classes this year and updating it – it is constantly changing based on our current school-wide conversations.

## Eforms

If you haven't yet done so please complete the school eforms on the School website ([www.sd43.bc.ca/Parkland](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Parkland)) for each of your children.

**Please make sure to complete these as soon as possible as there are activities your child will not have permission to participate in at school until they are complete.**

These activities include:

- Using the Internet at school
- Neighborhood walks (For intermediate students this includes going to Como Lake for the Terry Fox Run)

## School District and Community Programs

We frequently receive information about programs available in our community (after school programs, Professional Development Day and other holiday programs) and post them on our website in the tab under "[Parents – Communication](#)". We also post parenting workshops that are available in the [PAC page](#) of our website. Please check there often as new opportunities are posted as they become available.

**As always, if you have any questions about the information in this email or about other things that are happening at Parkland please don't hesitate to email me.**

**Thanks for Reading!!**

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School Map 2016-2017

