



Parkland Elementary School

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Hi Parkland Families,

There are always lots of exciting events going on at Parkland this month – please take the time to read through this information so that you are fully aware.

Upcoming Events

- **November 11 – Stat Holiday (no school for students)**
- **November 14 – Curriculum Implementation Day (No School for Students)**
- December 2 – Breakfast with Santa
- December 14 – Report Cards sent home
- December 15 – Christmas Concerts
- December 16 – Last Day of School before Winter Break
- January 3, 2017 – School Reopens following Winter Break

Welcome to new Staff:

We would like to welcome two new colleagues to our staff. **Richard Jackson** is our new morning custodian and **Pamela Hope** is our new Educational Assistant.

November 14 – Curriculum Implementation Day (No School for Students)

Our staff will be involved in in-service on this day about the new curriculum with a focus on Communicating Student Learning. We have been having a great staff conversation about what our report cards will look like for December. They will look different than in the past and we will be looking to parents to help us by seeking feedback to compare our new report format to reports from the past and to find out from you what information would make them even more meaningful.

Change is both challenging and exciting and we look forward to hearing your thoughts. If you have questions, concerns, or praise in regards to the revised curriculum, the ways we are communicating student learning, or other things that are happening at Parkland please email me directly: astrang@sd43.bc.ca

Ministry Information – “Your Kid’s Progress” Website

The following links will take you to a ministry website designed to provide parents with information about how teachers will be reporting on student progress with the revised

curriculum. The second link leads to information about how parents can be involved in the redesigning of report cards.

Home Page: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/>

Engagement Process and Community Meetings:

<http://engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/en/communitymeetings/>

Pi of the Tiger Math Camp – open to Grade 5 students

Saturday, Dec 3rd

Continuing the tradition for the past few years, the students of Dr. Charles Best Secondary are hosting a fun and educational math camp for Grade 5 students on Saturday, Dec 3rd from 09:00am to 03:00pm at Dr. Charles Best Secondary. There will be exciting games and activities along with detailed lessons on important math concepts like BEDMAS and geometry. Your kids are going to be participating in 5 to 6 different lessons throughout the day and receive several worksheets. A lunch will be provided and the cost is going to be \$3. There will also be prizes that can be won during the activities and lessons.

You can sign-up for your kid(s) on this website: <https://piofthetiger.wordpress.com/>. You will be paying at the camp. Please contact Ms. Kendall, the sponsor teacher, for any more questions through this e-mail: kkendall@sd43.bc.ca.

♥♥♥ Gratitude ♥♥♥

To everyone for a fun-filled Halloween celebration at Parkland

Last Monday we had a great Halloween Celebration. It was such fun to see our students dressed in all sorts of creative ways. Along with originality and creativity, their costumes followed the guidelines for being both respectful and avoiding being too scary or gory. Thanks to everyone for your attention to this.

To our Grade 5 students for being great Lunch Monitors!

During Lunch our Grade 5 students volunteer to eat with younger students to help with things like opening a thermos or some tricky packaging, and alerting our Noon-Hour Supervisors if the students need adult assistance. They have been doing a fantastic job and their efforts are much appreciated!

To our Volleyball Coaches

Thanks to Mr. Wright, Ms. Crawford, and Mr. Steele for the extra time they put into providing a Volleyball program for our Grade 5 students.

School District and Community Programs

Continuing Education – Please see the information also attached to this email for information about SD43 Learning opportunities in our neighborhood!

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.

Please remember to **check our online calendar frequently** as so you don't miss any of the important dates.



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

Thanks for Reading!!

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