



Parkland Elementary School

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Hi Parkland Families!

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. I just wanted to send a quick note to provide information about upcoming events at Parkland.

Upcoming Events

[Thursday, January 14th - Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences](#)

Students will be dismissed at 1:58 to provide a bit of time for teachers to schedule meetings with families following the first reporting period. Teachers have already booked times with some parents. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher please let them know so that they can set up a time that works for you. You can find your child's teacher's email address on the staff directory of our school website: [Staff Directory](#)

If your child is in Division 11 (Mrs. Kokkas' class) or Division 9 (Mrs. Shrimpton's class) please contact me and I will set up a meeting for you with the teacher.

[Thursday, January 28 - Milton Randal Drumming Workshops](#)

All students will be involved in a drumming workshop with Milton Randall. Milton has come to Parkland many times in the past and this is always a favorite program of our students. This program culminates with a performance by Milton along with our Grade 4 and 5 students.

Parents are welcome to attend. The performance will be at 2:00 - 2:30.

[Professional Development Day - Friday, January 29th - No school for students](#)

On this day staff will be involved in Restitution training with Jillian Lewis. Jillian is a Principal from the Burnaby School District who has provided this training at many schools in Coquitlam. This session will help us to achieve our school goal of using of Restorative Practices to deal with building relationships with and among students at Parkland, and how to repair and rebuild relationships when conflicts happen.

Kindergarten Registration

[Kindergarten Registration](#)

For information about registering your child at Parkland please click on the first link below.

- [Parkland Kindergarten Registration Information](#)

When you come to register your child please bring the registration documents required by the Ministry of Education. A list of these documents can be found here: [Registration Documentation](#).

Please plan to attend the "**Welcome to Kindergarten**" Event at Parkland on **Wednesday, April 13th from 4:30 - 6:00**. This special visit is for all new Kindergarten students and their parents. It will provide a chance for your child to visit his/her new school and will also provide some information for parents about Parkland and about the BC Kindergarten Program.

The district also offers the opportunity to register your child at another district school or in one of a number of programs of choice. Please click on the links below for process information:

- [Cross Catchment Process Information](#)
- [Reggio Influenced Program Information](#)
- [Early French Program Immersion](#)
- [Montessori Program Information](#)
- [Mandarin Bilingual Program Information](#)

Grade 5's & Middle School

[Grade 5 Transitions to Grade 6!!!](#)

All of our Grade 5 students will receive a letter soon letting them know what school they are automatically registered in for Middle School. This is based on the catchment you live in. Please check the following information if you wish to apply for a Program of Choice offered in the district, or if you wish to apply for cross-catchment:

- [Cross Catchment Process Information](#)
- [Late Entry Montessori Registration Information](#)
- [Late French Immersion Registration Information](#)

Assemblies

Celebration of Learning Assemblies

These assemblies are opportunities for classes to share something they have learned or are learning with our school community. During each assembly a couple of classes will present something they have been learning. Parents are welcome to attend and we will let people know ahead of time which classes will be presenting for each assembly. **Please be aware that these dates are tentative and may change if other things are going on at the school on the planned date.**

Thursday, January 29 – 2:00 – 2:30

Milton Randall performance with our Grade 4 and 5 students.

Here is a list of our other Celebration of Learning Assemblies we have planned.

Wednesday, February 24 @ 2:00 – 2:45

Wednesday, April 20 @ 2:00 – 2:45

Wednesday, May 25 @ 2:00 – 2:45

Wednesday, June 15, 2015 @ 2:00 – 2:45

School Meetings

Current Topic: Garbage on the Playground!!

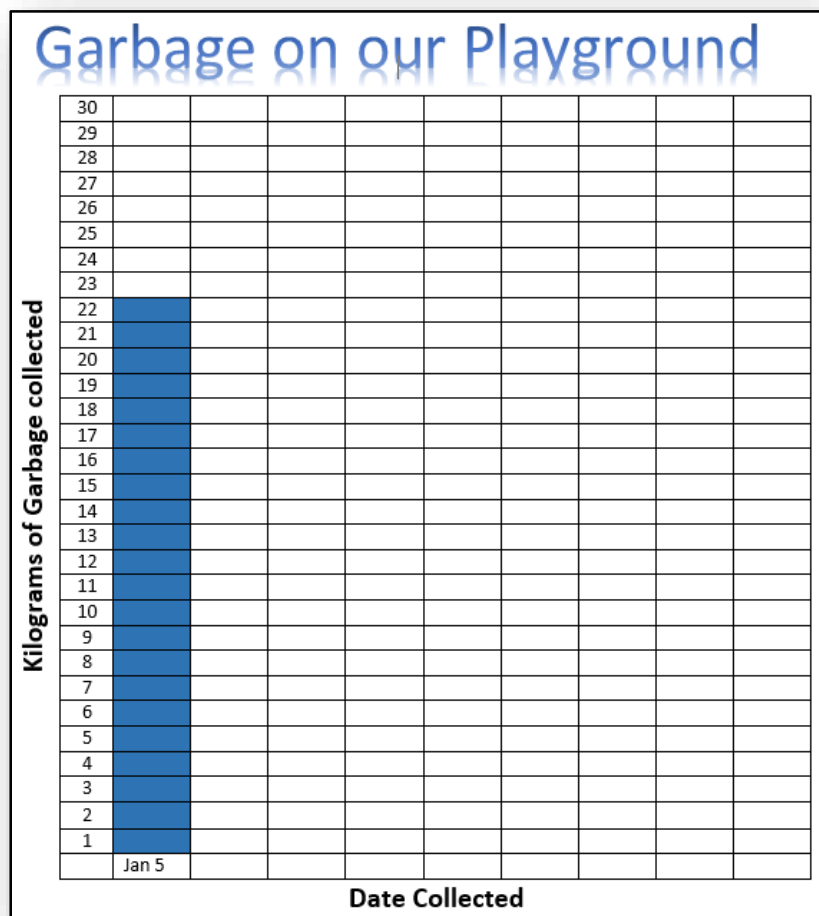
As I have mentioned previously we have school meetings each week on Wednesday mornings. During these meetings we talk about our current school-wide topic or focus. **Our current focus is about showing respect for our community by ensuring that our school grounds are kept free of litter.** This week I spoke about how when we leave our garbage on our playground our community begins to believe that we don't care about our school. We set a goal to reduce the amount of litter left behind on our playgrounds to as close to 0 as possible.

This week Mr. Wright's class collected garbage around our school and weighed it to see how much they found. They found 22 kilograms of garbage!! Some of the students from the class spoke about the types of garbage they were finding. Some spoke of coffee cups, firework remnants, and other items that would have been left by other people who use our grounds. Others spoke of granola bar wrappers, Ziploc bags, and other snack containers which would most likely be left behind by students at our school.

The garbage Mr. Wright's class collected provides us with some 'baseline-data'. For the next few weeks we will send a class out each week and we will continue to weigh what we find. We know we may not get to 0 as there is always some garbage left behind by others but we also know we can reduce this amount greatly as most of the garbage is left behind by members of our school community.

I am sharing this information with families so that you can continue this conversation with your child at home and when you are out. Encourage your child to notice garbage left behind when you are on outings so you can make a point of discussing how disappointing it is that some people just drop their garbage anywhere rather than finding a garbage bin or recycling it. These types of conversations will help your child develop awareness and will lead them to consider more carefully what they do with their garbage.

Here is our graph so far:



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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