

Dear Parkland Families,

Just wanted to pass along a few messages and reminders of upcoming dates at Parkland through to Spring Break.

Congratulation to the Kokkas Family!

Ms. Kokkas' baby girl arrived!! The baby and family is doing well. We are all excited to meet their new addition!!

Mrs. VanNieuwland

We are wishing a fond farewell to "Mrs. Van"!! She has been an Educational Assistant at Parkland for the past 5 years, and has worked in School District #43 for 16 years. She has been a valued member of our staff and will very much be missed by staff and students at Parkland!! All the best in your retirement Mrs. Van!!!

New Principal's Blog Post

Please take the time to read my latest post. It provides information about our "School Charter". **Our Grade 5 students have worked together to create this document so please be sure to look this over with your child.** Going over this with your child will reinforce the expectations we have all agreed to follow at Parkland. To see the post click here: [Principal's Blog](#)

Absences

Please remember to contact the school if your child is absent for any reason. It saves our office staff a great deal of time spent trying to contact families. You can report your child absent by phoning the school, using the online absence form (see the button on our home page), or by emailing Susan or myself. We really appreciate all of your efforts with this!!

School Punctuality

Most of our students are doing a great job of arriving at school on time each day. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time please let me know so we can set up a time to talk about why this is happening and come up with strategies to solve the problem. Being on time is a very important part of developing good habits that last a lifetime.

On the occasion that your child is late please let the office know (as you would if your child was absent) and make sure that your child signs in at the office. We will hand them a card to take to class letting their teacher know that they reported to the office first.

Upcoming Events!!

Monday, February 8th – Family Day (Stat Holiday)

Tuesday, February 9th – Non-Instructional Day – no school for students – this is one of the two days the Ministry of Education provided for schools across BC to learn about the new curriculum.

Thursday, February 18th – Early Dismissal for Student-Led Conferences – Students are dismissed at 1:58 to provide some time for this exciting event for our students. Your child’s teacher will send out information about the format and times for the conferences. It is their opportunity to bring you into their classroom to show you through some of their work and some of their classroom routines. On this day we will also have all lost-and-found items on display – please take the time to see if any of your child’s belongings ended up there!!

Friday, February 19th – Professional Development Day – No school for students.

Wednesday, February 24th – Pink Shirt Day - Celebration of Learning Assembly – classes who will be presenting some of their learning on this day will be announced soon.

Monday, February 29th – Friday, March 11th - Gymnastics – During this two week period all students will be involved in Gymnastics instruction during their gym period. Please have your child dress in comfortable clothing these two weeks so that they can participate fully in the program.

Wednesday, March 9th – Second Term Report Cards handed out

Monday, March 14th – Monday, March 28th Spring Break – School reopens on Tuesday, March 29th following Easter Monday.

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