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Principal's Message

Welcome to November

November is such a busy month. The weather turns colder, snow starts to fly, report cards are written, Remembrance Day Assembly followed by November 11th, and Winter Concert rehearsals begin. As this month progresses, parents are asked to work with their child's teacher to ensure that they come to school prepared, with warm clothes, boots, and perhaps some extra dry clothing that students may change into should they get wet playing outside in the snow. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we encourage students to go out for all breaks. We like to keep the halls free of snow and puddles - please remove your boots at the doors to help us out!

Errors in Upcoming Dates in October Newsletter

Yikes! There were a few errors in last month's newsletter. Please note that the dates in this month's update are correct. Huge apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Thank you to those parents who noticed and called in.



Chance to Share Your Thoughts

The District wants to know what the families think about the future of education. Please visit: <http://signup.thotex.com/sd73/jQd> for this opportunity. Please complete by November 3rd

Special Surprise!



HA! The Special Surprise was to trick everyone into reading the Parking reminder! The Church of Latter-day Saints always allows Parkcrest parents to utilize their parking spaces and there is parking at the end of the field. These are the safest places to park when coming to the school. Please do not even pull into either staff parking lot for just a quick little drop off. Both parking lots are used by Parkcrest staff, district personnel and deliveries. If you are parking on the side streets please be cognisant of driveways and do not block them. Also a reminder that the drop off area in front of the school is strictly for drop off - it is not a parking spot. Quite often we have buses that need to use that spot and vehicles are parked there. Thank you in advance for your support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

It's a great time to think about [Christmas!](#)

Monday, November 7th ~ 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Tuesday, November 8th ~ 8:30am - 3:15pm

Wednesday, November 9th ~ 8:30am - 3:15pm

The 'Highlights Flyer' features only a few of the hundreds of books available and will come home with your child on [Monday](#), Nov.7th.

The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents or students can drop off during our event. You could win \$50 in books - \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! Ballots must be dropped off by noon on [Wednesday!](#)

Classes will have buying blocks on [Tuesday](#) and [Wednesday](#) where students may come in and purchase. All money and product earned are returned directly to our library.

Are You Missing a Sweater? Glove? Hat?

If so then check out the lost and found! The items are multiplying! Surely they belong to someone! Your help is appreciated in keeping this area clean.

Sports

Volleyball is in mid season and so far both teams are having fun, learning new skills, and representing Parkcrest proudly. Again a huge thank you to Mrs Shantz for talking on both teams this year.

Halloween Dance



It's time for our annual Halloween Dance! Parents are invited to the Primary Dance from 12:15-12:45. There is no charge for the Primary students. The Intermediate Dance is from 12:50-2:15 with a charge of \$2.00 per student. PAC will be selling Glow Sticks for 50 cents each. While students (staff and parents too!) are encouraged to dress up please note that masks and accessories are not to be brought to school.

Winter Concert

We will be having two afternoon performances. The 1:00-2:15 pm performance on Wednesday, December 14th will be for last names starting with A-L and the 1:00-2:15 pm performance on Thursday, December 15th will be for M-Z.

Emergency Drills



We have had two very successful fire drills this fall and will have more in the spring. We are also going to have our second lock down drill on Tuesday, November 8th at 11:30. All schools in the district must participate in safety practices which include fire drills and lock down procedure practices throughout the school year. These drills will be practiced throughout the year so that all staff and students are prepared in the unlikely event of an emergency.

School Fees

We have a number of families who have yet to pay for school supplies. If you have forgotten to do so, please consider this a gentle reminder to send your money to school with your child. Having all families pay for supplies ensures that the school can properly allocate funds to help our students maximize their learning opportunities.

From the Board Meeting of: October 3, 2016

- The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal McKenna and Vice Principal Whitney of Vavenby Elementary: "Why Salmon Make a Good Inquiry-Based Learning Project."
- The Board received information regarding Ministry funding grant opportunities in the areas of Computational Thinking and Coding Support, Skills Training and Access Grants, and Skills Training Support Agreements.
- The Board received a report on the District's School Immunization Program.
- The Board received information regarding a new District Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) District Coordinator position.
- The Board received a report on the Youth Homelessness Count surveys to be administered in our District.
- The Board received information regarding the District's preliminary 1701 Enrolment Report.
- The Board approved the Rotary Club of Kamloops' request to continue with the Family Dinner Program at NorKam Senior Secondary School for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The Board recognized the School District's receipt of the United Way Quantum Leap Award in recognition of the District doubling its fundraising contributions in 2016.
- The Board adopted the following revised policies:

- Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
 - Policy 203.1 Trustee Remuneration
 - Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults:
 - Course Fees
 - Policy 912.1 Principals and Vice-Principals: Mobility
 - Policy 912.2 Principals and Vice-Principals: Process for Appointment
 - Policy 1136.1 Travel: Expenses and Insurance
- The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 24, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Calendar

DATE	EVENT
October 31	Halloween Dance - 12:15 Primary; 12:50 Intermediate
November 8	Lock down drill 11:30
November 9	PAC Meeting 6:30
November 9	Picture Re-Take Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45
November 11	Remembrance Day, NO SCHOOL
November 17	Come Read With Me (Gr 1 parents)
December 5	Pro-D day, NO SCHOOL
December 14	Winter Concert 1-2:15pm for last names starting A-L
December 15	Winter Concert 1-2:15pm for last names starting M-Z
December 19	Winter Vacation
January 3	School Back In Session

Your Kid's Progress

Have Your Say on Report Cards



British Columbia's new school curriculum is making sure students are ready to succeed in our changing world. The Ministry of Education wants parents to share how they want to learn about their child's progress from kindergarten to Grade 9. Everyone welcome.

ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING TO LEARN MORE

Details:

HENRY GRUBE EDUCATION CENTRE
245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops BC
Monday, January 30th, 2017
5 pm - 8 pm

For more information please visit:
engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/

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