

Back to School

September 2022

It was wonderful to see your child(ren) this week! Thank you for your patience with class placements. We were lucky to have many new families join our Parkcrest school community and needed some time to fit all students into classrooms accordingly. A new class can at times, be a source of anxiety for students. Staff have worked very hard to try and make the best choices for your child(ren). Please talk to your child about being brave and resilient with their new placements. Thank you for your support with this.

Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines

We continue to focus on ensuring the health and safety of students and staff in our [SD73 Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#).

Some reminders:

- Stay home when sick, students will be sent home if they come to school sick or get sick at school. Daily Health Check PDF [Here](#)
- Practice the daily health check and follow health advice
- Wearing a mask is a personal choice
- Practice good hand hygiene (wash hands, use hand sanitizer) and good respiratory etiquette (cover mouth when coughing; wash hands after coughing or sneezing)

Fruit and Vegetable Program

We are lucky to have the School Fruit and Vegetable/Milk program again this year. Please consider this a reverse permission form. If you would like your child(ren) to not participate in this program please email cgorman@sd73.bc.ca. If your child has an allergy or a food sensitivity to a specific fruit or vegetable or milk please email as well. Information about the program is [here](#).



PAC Information

-Munch a Lunch! Thank you to our PAC Chair, Sarah Black, and her team of helpers in organizing our hot lunch program.

Our Friday hot lunches are ready to return to Parkcrest!!

New parents will need this link to register an account

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/ParkcrestKamloops>

Returning parents can use this link to log into their pre-existing accounts.

<https://munchalunch.com/login>

-Please join the Parkcrest Parent Advisory Council Facebook page. This can be a valuable tool for communication!

-Thank you to our PAC for purchasing Orange Shirts for all students at Parkcrest this year. For every shirt bought, \$6, is donated to the Orange Shirt Society. These shirts will be distributed to all students to wear for Orange Shirt day on Sept. 29 and on further dates of recognition. These will be given to students to keep the week of Sept. 26.

-Our first PAC meeting will happen on Sept. 20 in the school library at 6:00. There are some positions on PAC Executive available! Please come to the meetings and support our PAC who support our families, students and teachers!

Photo Day

Oct. 12 is photo day. Retakes Nov. 16.

Safe Arrival

Please look at this [link](#) for more information on how to report your child absent or late.

Dress Code SD#73

Please review the district's updated dress code policy here.

[AP 350.2 Student Dress Code](#)

Parkcrest Students “SOAR”

Please see our Behaviour Matrix below. These are expected behaviours of students that are taught by staff.



PARKCREST BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

AREA	INSIDE	OUTSIDE	EVERYWHERE	SPECIAL EVENTS
S Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be polite walk on the right Open doors for others Respect personal space (hands and feet to self) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect personal space Use crosswalks Follow playground rules Walk bikes, scooters and skateboards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A teacher should always know where you are Safety first Respect the health of others (allergies, etc) Use kind words Respect personal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polite audience behaviour Enter/exit calmly Hands and feet to self Respect personal space Use kind words
O Ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be purposeful Be on time, prepared and ready to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use designated play areas on appropriate days Enter quickly when bell rings Be responsible for equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep the school clean Care for property Give your best effort Dress appropriately Play fair Strive for excellence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for property (incl. bus, jersey, etc) Be on time/prepared Follow directions Give your best effort Be respectful of people, places, things
A Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smile Share, be helpful, include others Greet others/eye contact Be kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smile Share, be helpful, include others Greet others/eye contact Be kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smile Be kind, share, be helpful, include others Greet others/eye contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smile Be kind Use door manners Use audience manners Be polite
R Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use manners eg. Please and thank you Use inside voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use manners Wait your turn Listen to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use manners Enter and exit calmly Stay to the right, be polite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use manners Listen to speaker Stay with your class

District Strategic Plan

District personnel, along with community stakeholders, worked tirelessly last year to create a new District Strategic Plan. Parkcrest will also be creating a new School Learning Plan that will be connected to the District’s. If interested please watch the video of the District’s plan [here](#). Our School Learning Plan will also be communicated to you, as parents, throughout the school year.

Student Forms and School Supplies

School Supply fees will be uploaded into School Cash this week. Students will not be receiving school supplies until they are paid. ALL school fees/field trips money etc. MUST be paid for through School Cash. If you need help with this please contact the office. If you need support with a payment plan please reach out to Catherine Gorman at the office.

Student verification forms will be coming home soon. Please ensure that all information is filled out correctly, especially emails. Reminder, hotmail and yahoo accounts often block the SD#73 correspondence. Please try to have a gmail account for school information.

Raise a Reader Day: September 21, 2022

This valuable program provides money that supports One to One Reading, Parent Child Mother Goose, Come Read with Me, the Bright Red Bookshelves and Bright Red Book Bus. Please send a loonie, or what you can, as a donation to this very important community fundraiser before or on September 21. You can also donate online <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42475>

Terry Fox Run: September 23

Please send in a “Twoonie for Patty”. Patty Hofmann, our beloved librarian assistant at Parkcrest for many years, passed away this summer after battling Colon Cancer. We are hoping that students [wear blue](#) on Sept. 23 (our run is in the afternoon) and please send in a Twoonie for Patty that we will donate to the Terry Fox Foundation in her name.

Parking

Despite the request, we continue to have parents parking in front of our neighbours' driveways and dropping children off in our staff parking lot. This is unsafe and unkind to our neighbours. Please make a safe plan for your child to arrive/leave school each day. Again, we are grateful for Mr. Daykin, our crossing guard, in getting our students crossing Holt St. safely.

Fall Clothing

We send students out for recess and lunch in almost all weather conditions. Please make sure that your child is prepared with proper clothing for the weather.

Optional Accident Insurance Information [Here](#)

Important Dates

Please refer to these dates, my apologies for the dates in the first newsletter, the Early closure was last year's!

Sept. 19	Non Instructional Day
Sept. 20	PAC Meeting 6:00 at the school
Sept 21	Raise a Reader Day: Please send a loonie
Sept. 23	Terry Fox Run, honouring Mrs. Patty Hofmann, please send a twoonie
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Holiday
Oct. 3	Salmon Run Fieldtrip for Grade 2-6

- Oct. 4-6 Scholastic Book Fair in our Library
- Oct. 12 Lifetouch Photo Day
- Oct. 15 Election Day
- Oct. 21 Non Instructional Day
- Nov. 8 Come Read with Me 8:30 AM Parkcrest Library for Grade 1 Parents:
Information to come home soon.
- Nov. 16 Lifetouch Photo Day Retakes
- Nov. 17 Early Closure day for Parent Teacher Interviews 1:41
- Dec. 5 Non Instructional Day
- Dec. 16 Last Day before Christmas Break

Community Information

Wednesday, September 21st, 2022, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

[Inclusive Post-Secondary in BC; Changing Perspectives About What is Possible and Who Can Contribute](#)

Presented by Lauren Matthews, Director of BC Inclusive Post-Secondary Education at STEPS Forward

In 2001, families in BC came together to ask themselves “what comes next?” after graduation. Finding themselves and family members dissatisfied with the limited options available to their sons and daughters with developmental disability labels after high school, they envisioned a future that included their family members in the same career, academic, and social communities available to any young person leaving high school. They started conversations with universities about providing access to academic studies for their family members, who did not meet the academic requirements for university, and the first student with a developmental and intellectual disability started at UBC in 2002. Since then, we have grown and now support students at nine universities and colleges across BC. Join us to hear about inclusive post-secondary BC, and these students challenging assumptions about intellectual disability, and who can belong and contribute in academic and career spaces. This session is open to all parents who have children with diverse abilities K-12.

Register [HERE](#) to receive your ZOOM link.



Life-changing opportunities with **Special Olympics BC – Kamloops!**

Special Olympics BC – Kamloops is welcoming athletes with intellectual disabilities to join our youth sport program, **FUNDamentals** (ages seven - 11)! We offer empowering year-round sport programs to athletes of a wide range of ages and abilities!

FUNDamentals is for children with intellectual disabilities between the ages of seven and 11. It provides an in-depth introduction to sport-related motor skills along with training and competition, while maintaining an atmosphere of fun and meaningful interaction.

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