



School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)

Parkcrest Elementary School

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Parkcrest Update January 3, 2022



Dear Parents and Families of Parkcrest students,

While our return to school this January is not how any of us imagined it to be, we hope you all had a chance to relax and enjoy your winter holiday. With the cold weather, it was certainly a good time to curl up with a good book or to watch a movie under a blanket!

We wanted to connect with families around our delayed start and what it will look like. As we're sure you are all aware, staff will be returning on Tuesday, January 4th, with the majority of our students returning to in-class

instruction on Monday, January 10th. This time will allow for school staff to review and implement the changes in the Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools and put in place additional safety measures. Our goal, as always, is to provide a safe, supportive environment for all students and to do our utmost to ensure everyone in our building stays healthy. **Parents are reminded about travel over the holidays. Please note that students who have travelled internationally and are not fully vaccinated must be isolated for 14 days after return.**

Thank you to the families who have filled out the School District survey that was emailed out by our Superintendent. In this survey you indicated if you wanted your child(ren) to return this week and this has been helpful in our planning.

For those who aren't returning this week, please be assured that teachers will not be teaching anything new this week. As more information comes out this week we will be communicating with families.

For all students when they return:

- Health Checks must be completed every day.
<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/resources/CDPP/Daily-Health-Check.pdf>
- Ensure that your child is wearing a mask on the bus if taking the school bus.
- Please send your child to school with a few masks of their own. We also have many in the school but most students like the cloth ones best.
- Masks will be worn at all times, unless students are eating/drinking.
- Please send back indoor shoes.
- Please ensure that your child has clothing for the weather. We want students to be able to have fresh air no matter what the weather is. Also, students participate in PE classes outside one time/week and need to have warm clothing.
- We will continue with the staggered recess break for primary and intermediate classes which reduces the number of students outside at the same time. Lunch breaks will remain the same for the time being due to supervision considerations. Although cohorts (grade groupings) are not being implemented, students will be encouraged to maintain appropriate distancing from others.

Other information:

-PAC Hot Lunch for this Friday has been cancelled, our PAC will deal with refunds/credits to Munch a Lunch. Please see their Facebook page for information.

-Extracurricular basketball for those students in Grades 5 and 6 who signed up was set to begin this week. However, basketball practices will be postponed this week. These will resume when we know more from our district. Thank you so very much to our two volunteer parents who have offered to coach as well as Ms. Jensen who is coaching the girls team.

If you have any questions please email me at cgorman@sd73.bc.ca or Mrs. Leggett at jleggett@sd73.bc.ca.

Thank you so very much for your patience and understanding at this time. We look forward to having everyone back in the building on Jan. 10.

Sincerely,

Catherine Gorman and Joanne Leggett