



School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
Parkcrest Elementary School

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RE: Weekly Update October 5–October 9, 2020

Dear Parkcrest Families,

Important Reminders:

A few important things that the district has asked us to share with you:

1. **Grey Mask Recall:** *All schools in the district received two separate masks to distribute to students and staff. The black one all students received. The grey one *(labelled Whiteridge, Model CA #42415) we didn't distribute widely, however did hand out a few to students who were missing theirs. These have been recalled due to the metal nose piece having the potential to poke through the fabric. If your child has one, please throw this out. If you have further questions please call me at the school.*

2. **Increase in Student Illness:** *We have seen a very large increase in student absences and illness over the last two weeks. Thank you so very much for your support in keeping your child(ren) home when they are ill with COVID like symptoms or otherwise. It is clear that our school community is working hard to protect each other and I would like to thank you for taking these precautions to keep our staff and students healthy. Students may not return to school until symptoms are gone.*

Interior Health needs to track the following symptoms when notifying the school of your child's illness. There are now three categories in the Safe Arrivals app to choose from when notifying our school of your child's illness. You will be asked if the absence is due to a respiratory illness, gastrointestinal illness or the broad category of general illness.

If you have the Safe Arrival app on your phone, you will have to refresh this to receive the new categories. Thank you again for supporting healthy school environments for all.

Parkcrest News:

- **Toonie for Terry:** Please send a Toonie with your child for our Terry Fox Run tomorrow (October 5). Students will be running the track with their cohort classrooms in support of cancer research. Thank you to our PAC for providing chocolate milk to our runners and to our Grade 6 students who will be leading warm ups!
- Thank you Parkcrest families for your support for Raise a Reader. Our school donated \$47.00 to this valuable community program.
- We are looking forward to welcoming Superintendent Dr. Terry Sullivan to our school on Wednesday of this week.
- If you are interested in purchasing **Optional Accident Insurance** for your child(ren) the link is here.

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/optional-accident-insurance.asp>

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Optional Accident Insurance - School District No. 73

For your convenience, we have provided a link for families to voluntarily purchase optional student accident insurance through the Family Accident Reimbursement Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance and Financial Services Inc. This is one option of several to choose from in the Province.

www.sd73.bc.ca

- *This is offered every year and is a requirement to be shared with parents for information purposes if interested.*

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *On behalf of our staff, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving next weekend. No school on Monday, October 12, 2020.*
- *PAC meeting: Zoom (virtual meeting) - Monday, October 19 @ 6:30 PM. Link to be added to our webpage and our PAC Facebook page as soon as the Zoom is booked!*
- *Non instructional day: Friday, October 23*
- *Remembrance Day Holiday: Nov. 11*

- *Early Closure for Parent Teacher Interviews: 12:30 PM on Thursday, November 19. More information to come home about how these will be conducted and booked.*

Thank you Parkcrest families!

Catherine Gorman (Principal) and Joanne Leggett (Vice Principal)