

Welcome back Parkcrest Families!

We are so excited to have your child(ren) back next week! We hope that you had a safe, enjoyable summer. You will be receiving a more detailed email next week regarding some of the more detailed information for the 2021-2022 school year. In the meantime, please read over this information about our start up next week. If you have any questions, please reach out to Joanne Leggett, VP, jleggett@sd73.bc.ca or myself, Catherine Gorman cgorman@sd73.bc.ca You are also welcome to call the office 250-554-2368.



Schedule and Calendar (Calendar attached)

Tuesday, Sept. 7 10:30-12:00: Grade 1-6 students will attend school in last year's classrooms. Students will go to their respective doors that they used for entrance/exit last year. Kindergarten students have separate schedules based on gradual entry. New students to our school will meet in the library, please come in the front doors and staff will support students to get there.

Wednesday, Sept. 8 8:30-2:41 (and every day moving ahead)

Please note that at Parkcrest, school will end at 2:41 each day. This is due to the 2 week Spring Break that was approved by SD#73 Board in July. The new calendars are attached to this email for your convenience. Also, please note the new Federal Statutory Holiday for National Truth and Reconciliation will take place on September 30, 2021.

COVID Protocols (Health Check attached)

Please see the district website for the full report.

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/communicable-disease-prevention-plan.aspx>

Important Points:

- students must complete a daily health check at home each day. This form does not need to be returned. Students cannot come to school sick and will be sent home if they develop symptoms while at school.
- no longer will we have cohorts
- masks required to be worn by all staff and Grade 4-6 students. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a mask to ensure that they are prepared for the day.
- masks for K-3 are strongly encouraged to be worn
- Grade 4-6 students must wear a mask on school busses
- we will maintain two recesses this year (Primary and Intermediate), all students will be going outside for lunch together

- physical distancing no longer required, we will be encouraging students to space out as much as possible, we will avoid congregations
- parents/caregivers will not be able to be in the school building without a scheduled appointment which can be done by calling the office 250-554-2368
- front door to the school will remain locked (doorbell is on the left hand side)
- please ensure that you determine a pick up area outside of the school building with your child and avoid congregating with other families at pick up/drop off

Busing (Registration Form Attached)

Busing protocols are exactly the same as last year. Students in Grade 4 and up are required to wear masks. K-3 are strongly encouraged to do so as well. Students riding the bus must fill out another registration form. This is attached to this email or you may have received in the mail if you are a returning bus student. These forms are to be handed to bus drivers on the student's first ride. Buses will run on Sept 7 with pick up around 10:05-10:10 at Schreiner and drop off shortly after 12:00. Regular bus times are 8:05 and drop off will be around 2:50-2:55 at Schreiner.

Safety Walking to School and Parking

Our dear Mr. Daykin, our amazing crossing guard, retired last June. Please ensure that you discuss with your child that they will be crossing the crosswalk without an adult there stopping traffic. A reminder, please do not park in the staff parking lot or behind the school. Please make sure that you are parking respectfully around our neighborhood.

Anaphylaxis/Administration of Medication (Forms Attached)

If your child has an anaphylactic allergy and requires an EPIPEN please ensure that you have the attached form filled out by your physician. You will be required to have two EPIPENS at school, one we keep in the office, the other in the classroom. Please see the new forms. Also, if your child requires medication to be administered, please have the form (also attached) filled out by a physician and return this and said medication. Any questions please call Catherine Gorman or Joanne Leggett at the school.

School Messenger/Lates and Absences

To report an absence you may choose to:

- call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- download App from Itunes or Google Play
- If you would like more information regarding this program, please see the District page here:

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/attendance-reporting-safe-arrival.aspx>

School Supplies (Attached is information on the SD#73 School Cash Online Payment Program)

School Supply information will come home to all families once classes are determined. Please, refrain from purchasing your own. It is much easier to purchase what the school provides than having a list from a teacher to try and find all items. Thank you for your support in paying in a timely manner as well.

New Staff and Retirement Announcement

Welcome to Jaymie Kicia (Kindergarten), Mary Nesci (CEA), Dawn Miller (CEA), Gina Saunderson (CEA), Liz Jensen (Prep), Amanda Whitmore (Job Share with Mrs. Dhaliwal). Welcome back from Maternity Leave to Carmen Wolfe (CEA)! Congratulations to Mrs. Carla Hyslop, a long time Kindergarten teacher at Parkcrest, who has retired this summer! We wish her all the best.

PowerStart Breakfast Program

Our local Boys and Girls club provides the PowerStart breakfast program every morning in our building. They will pick your child up at home, bring to school, feed them breakfast, and then supervise until our school bell. If interested in getting a registration form for this please email cgorman@sd73.bc.ca and I will send home a registration package. We are very lucky to have this program in our school and grateful for our community partners.

Communication:

Parent updates will be sent to families from administration. This will also be posted on our school website <https://parkcrest.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>

Bell Schedule

Warning Bell	8:20
Start of School Day	8:30
Primary Recess	10:05-10:20
Intermediate Recess	10:20-10:35
Lunch	11:45-12:45
School Ends	2:41

Calendar Items

Terry Fox Run	Sept 17 (Please bring a Twoonie for Terry)
Raise a Reader Day	Sept 22 (Please bring a loonie)
Non Instructional Day	Sept 27
Orange Shirt Day	Sept 29

Truth and Reconciliation Holiday	Sept 30
School Photos	Oct. 4
Retake Day	Nov. 10
Early Closure	Nov. 4 12:30 Dismissal

More information will be coming home in the next few weeks. We recognize that this email is very long and there is a lot of information here! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email us!

We are so ecstatic to see our students next week!

Catherine Gorman and Joanne Leggett