



The Parkway Eagle

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to Parkway for the 2011 term. We look forward to working with you and your children and having a great rest of the school year!



SHARING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!!!! A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated food items to our collection boxes. These were gathered up and used to complete hampers for Penticton families. Because of you, some people had a better holiday season. What wonderful sharing our Parkway families have done!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Daniel McCurdy**, the lucky winner of the wonderful Christmas Gingerbread Sleigh! The draw took place on December 17th at our Sing-a-long. Thank you again to Mrs. Silvius!

ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

Students who are late are requested to report to the office for a late slip before going to class. This procedure confirms that a child has arrived. Ongoing student lates are discouraged, and are tracked and checked monthly. The most valuable instruction of the day often occurs first thing in the morning. This sets the tone and agenda for the student's day. Socially and academically, the ideal situation would be for your child to arrive at school a minimum of ten minutes before the first bell at 8:38 a.m. In the month of November we had 186 lates. Our school goal is 70 or less.

In the case of chronic lates, our four step process will be as follows:

1. Parents will be notified first by phone if there is a pattern of student lates.
2. If this pattern continues, a letter may be sent home which will be put into the student's personal file.
3. If the late record still does not change, then another letter will be sent home and a parent interview will be requested. An action plan between the school and the parent will be drawn up and agreed to at the meeting.
4. The next step will be a meeting between the parent, the school and school board office personnel to discuss the issue and come up with a resolution to the problem.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



Our first PAC meeting of the year will be Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Please come to the PAC meeting and see how you can get involved in your child's education. Child care is provided.

PAC President	Lindsay Christian
Vice President	Dirk Goedhart
Treasurer	Angie Wilson
Secretary	Sherry-Lynn Picheniuk
One-to-One Reading	Susan Koster
Hot Lunch Coordinator	Tina Ben

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM



Let's start the new year resolved to attend school regularly and on time. However, if due to illness, etc., your child is absent, we would appreciate a phone call to the safe arrival line at **250-492-3976** before 9:00 a.m. It saves us time and effort making numerous phone calls. Thank you!

INFORMATION CHANGES???



Please make sure to let the school know if you change your home phone number, work number, email address, emergency contact, or home address during the school year so we have correct information on file. Thank you.

PARKING LOT SAFETY



Please continue to use *COURTESY* and *CAUTION* when using the parking lot. Parkway has a large parking area, with plenty of spaces for everyone. Rather than stopping in the middle of the flow of traffic, please use the parking spaces. This will ensure the safety of our students when they are picked up or dropped off. Please do not park or drive through the "busses only" section of the parking lot.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



The cold weather is certainly upon us for the winter. Students spend most breaks, before and after school, playing outdoors. Students need to be sure to arrive at school with a coat, a hat, warm boots or shoes and gloves or mittens. Thank you for helping your child to make a smart healthy choice.

BREAKFAST CLUB



The first day of the Breakfast Club in the new year will be Monday, January 17th. Sign-up forms will be sent home to parents on January 5th.

WEDNESDAY DPA (DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY)



Parkway School is once again making our DPA exciting for our students. Most Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. the teachers are instructing a variety of activities like: stretching, dance, action songs, ball activities, and aerobics. Our students will rotate with their house teams to these different stations until spring break. This gives our students many fun experiences during the winter months until our school 'Fun Run' begins again in the spring. Look on the calendar for the DPA days and parents are welcome to join us! Remember to wear your HOUSE TEAM COLOUR on DPA WEDNESDAYS!!! GO RED!!!



School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Children born in 2006 are eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2011. Parents, who feel their child is not yet ready for kindergarten, may defer enrollment for one year. Please contact Wendy Hyer (250-770-7700) at the School Board Office for information on this.

Placement in your neighborhood school kindergarten is based on your address and registration date. The earlier you register, the more likely your child will attend a school close to your home.

Register at your neighborhood school during regular school hours. **A birth certificate and proof of address will be required.**

PERMISSION SLIPS/CONSENT FORMS



Most students have returned permission slips allowing them to attend our various field trips and excursions. However, for those children who have not returned their slips, consent forms for permission to go on field trips will be sent home again. Unless parents sign these forms and return them to school, students will not be allowed to go. (This must be in writing for legal reasons - not verbal by phone.) Students who do not return their forms will remain at school during these trips.

FLU SEASON

The season of the dreaded cold and flu bugs is upon us. Regardless of the precautions that parents and teachers take, children at Parkway will be exposed to colds and influenza viruses. If your child is ill the best course of action is to have them see medical personnel and remain at home while they recover. Please phone our safe arrival line at 250-492-3976 to let us know about student absences.

When students are recovering from an illness it is important that they dress warmly for their trips to and from Parkway. If you choose to have them remain in the school during the breaks in the school day, please send along a note to your child's teacher. Children staying inside during breaks are usually assigned to read or do some school work in the library or office.

Thank you for your assistance in making our students healthy, safe and secure while at school. With your cooperation, our Safe Arrival Program and regular supervision procedures allow us to ensure that all children are adequately supervised.



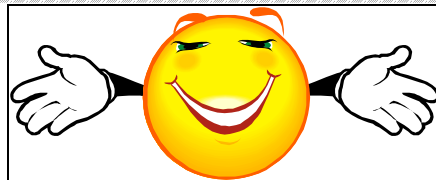
BASKETBALL NEWS



Parkway's Gr. 4/5 Basketball season sign-up is on January 5th. Students will be practicing at lunch and we have a number of afterschool games scheduled. We look forward to a great season! Thank you to Mr. Jones, Mrs. Dech and Mrs. Raitt for coaching the team.

January Game Schedule: January 19th and 24th

February Game Schedule: February 2nd and February 7th



Ready Set Learn

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old?

You are invited to a special event in the Kindergarten Room on Wednesday, February 9th, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Why should you and your child come?

1. We'll have drinks and goodies!
2. You can meet the Kindergarten teacher.
3. You can expose your child to wonderful educational toys.
4. You can help your preschooler become comfortable in the classroom and with the teacher.
5. The Public Health Nurse will be there to answer questions.

WRITE OUT LOUD



Free Writing Out Loud Workshops will start in February here at Parkway. The first session will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. in the Home Learners' Program annex, February 8th - March 15th. These sessions are for all adult writers, including beginners. Come out to any or all of the sessions. You may register at the school office. Journals and pens will be provided.

CELLULAR PHONES AT PARKWAY SCHOOL



We ask for parent support and remind families of our policy regarding cellular phones. Cell phones may not be used during the school day. Phones need to be **off at all times**. Students are not permitted to take photos with cell phones at any time anywhere on school property. Students who use their phones/cameras during the day or inside the building will have them taken away and they will be stored in the office. Repeat offenders may be prohibited from having their phones/cameras at school. If parents need to contact their child, please call the office (250-770-7686) and we will ensure that the message gets to your child.

FSA INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF GR. 4 (OR GR. 7) STUDENTS

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in reading comprehension, writing, and numeracy.

The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. The FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial performance standards.

The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in public and provincially funded independent schools.

FSA Requirements

Parents do not have the right to exclude their children from participating in the Foundation Skills Assessments (FSA).

The Student Learning Assessment Order (Ministerial Order 60/94 as amended) (the "Order") requires school boards to ensure that the FSA tests are administered to and completed by students in accordance with the assessment protocols, instructions, and invigilation procedures established by the Ministry of Education. The following is an excerpt from the Ministry's 2011 "Instructions for Principals and Teachers/Invigilators" about participation guidelines:

Who Should Write the Assessment?

All students write FSA including:

- *All students enrolled in Grade 4 or Grade 7, including students enrolled in a distributed learning program, home-schooled students as well as students enrolled in French Immersion or Programme francophone.*
- *All students enrolled in non-graded programs who were born in:*
 - *2001 write Grade 4 level*

- 1998 write Grade 7 level
- English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students.
- Students with special needs who require adaptations, as documented in their Individual Education Plans (IEPs).
- Students receiving learning assistance services.

Exceptions include:

- students who have previously written the FSA. Students write the FSA for a specific grade once only. If a student is retained, s/he does not write a second time,
- students who have IEPs documenting a disability that significantly impacts their performance in reading, writing, or numeracy and who cannot meaningfully participate in all or part of the assessment, even with adaptations,
- students with IEPs who would need extensive adaptations or who would need such extended periods of time as to create a hardship for the individual students, or
- those students who are reported and funded as receiving ESL support who have not yet reached a level of proficiency sufficient for them to provide meaningful responses to the reading or writing or numeracy sections of the FSA.

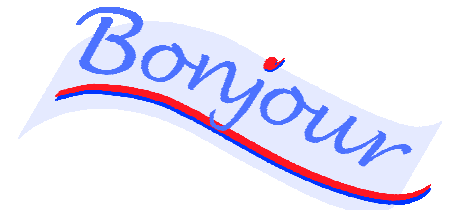
Principals identify which students, if any, are excused from one, two or all three components of the FSA. Principals must notify a parent or guardian if they intend to excuse a student from participating in one or more components of the FSA. Such notification should be made prior to the administration date by letter or telephone call.

Principals may excuse a student in the event of a family emergency, a lengthy illness or other extenuating circumstances.

Principals of public schools are to send a list of excused students to their superintendent.



FRENCH IMMERSION
Registration for 2011/2012
INFORMATION MEETINGS



For Parents of current Grade 5 students:

Information sessions for parents of Grade 5 students regarding registration for September 2011 Grade 6 Late French Immersion classes will be held as follows:

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m., KVR Middle School

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m., Summerland Middle School

A letter outlining the program and application process together with an application form will be available at the meetings. Application forms will be available January 17th at all elementary school offices, the Okanagan Skaha School District No. 67 Board Office (425 Jermyn Ave., Penticton) or on the district website at www.sd67.bc.ca

Deadline for applications is 4:00 pm Friday,
February 4th, 2011.

The program is available to all students residing in the Okanagan Skaha School District entering grade six in September of 2011. Students outside the district are permitted to enroll on a space-available basis (ie. after Okanagan Skaha School District students have been accommodated).

Please note: these will be the only information meetings scheduled regarding French Immersion.



PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JANUARY 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		♪ Choir @ lunch ♪	12:20 - B-Ball Sign-up		Hot Lunch – Tacos 	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	10:40 - Assembly 7:00 pm – PAC Mtg.	12:20 - B-Ball Practice ♪ Choir @ lunch ♪	DPA @ 11:30 12:20 - B-Ball Practice		Hot Lunch – White Spot	
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	Breakfast Club @ 8:00 Kindergarten Classes to Fire Hall @ 9:00	12:20 - B-Ball Practice ♪ Choir @ lunch ♪	Breakfast Club @ 8:00 DPA @ 11:30 12:20 - B-Ball Practice Basketball Game  3:00 p.m. @ Wiltse	Crazy Hair Day  Afternoon Kindergarten Class to Fire Hall @ 12:45 	Hot Lunch – Pizza 	
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	Breakfast Club @ 8:00 Basketball Game  3:00 p.m. Kaleden @ Parkway	12:20 - B-Ball Practice ♪ Choir @ lunch ♪ Movie Night – 6:00 pm 	Breakfast Club @ 8:00 DPA @ 11:30 12:20 - B-Ball Practice 7:00 pm – French Immersion Information Session at KVR Cyber Bullying Parent Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm		Indoor Winter Games  Hot Lunch – Edo Japan	Family Literacy Day @ Cherry Lane Shopping Centre
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*****Please call SAFE ARRIVAL before 9:00 at 250-492-3976 if your child will be late or absent*****



After you have read the newsletter, please complete the portion below. Then return it to the school with your child(ren) and they will have their name(s) put into a draw at the end of the month!

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email Address – please supply your address only if you are not already receiving school emails: _____

	Classroom	House Team
Student Name: _____	_____	_____
Student Name: _____	_____	_____
Student Name: _____	_____	_____

If you have any comments, questions, compliments or concerns about Parkway School, please write them below. We are always looking for input.

KELLY JONES, PRINCIPAL

Yes, I would like you to get back to me. Phone # _____

