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PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

It may seem like a long way off, but we are in the early stages of planning for next year. You can help us by:

- Letting us know if you are planning to move before September 2011.
- If you know people who have moved into our area, but have kept their children at another school for the rest of this school year, have them register at Parkway now for next September.
- If you know people with kindergarten aged children, encourage them to register now for next September.
- If you are planning to transfer your children to another school, the transfer date is now past. Transfers are to be sent to the School District Office.



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.**

WALK TO SCHOOL



The *Parkway Walking Club* is going great. We are encouraging everyone who can, to walk to and from school and do a few laps while you are at school as well. The totals are flying into the office and being charted on our Canada map in the North wing. Keep up the walking!



BARKERVILLE DAY

Barkerville Day was a huge success for Mrs. Raitt's class on Monday, April 18th. Students dressed up, panned for gold, examined artifacts, watched slides, and participated in role play activities.

A big THANK YOU to the parent volunteers who made this day possible!

FUN RUN & DPA ACTIVITIES

Our Fun Run continues to be a huge success every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week at 11:30 a.m. **Students are reminded to wear proper running shoes (not flip flops) for the run.**

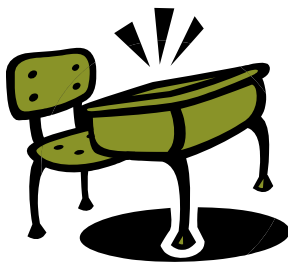


Twenty of our grade 4 and 5 students were trained by an 'Action Schools' leader to teach our students different playground games for recess and lunch. Our student leadership team is teaching these games to their house team group on a rotation during the Fun Run. All our students are eagerly collecting house team points by counting their running/walking laps during each FUN RUN!!! It is great to see so many parents and younger siblings join our Fun Run each week! Go Red!!

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

The following are considered when I make up classes each year (in no particular order):

- Gender
- Behavior Concerns
- Academic Strengths
- Work Habits
- Special Needs
- Friendships
- Cohesive Groupings



- Past Grade Groupings
- Siblings
- Teacher - Student Compatibility
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Early Literacy
- Dynamics
- Leadership

Balance is the key concept. The learning environment must be a manageable working group to address individual needs.

Parent requests will be considered in relation to the above listed criteria when submitted in writing to me by May 20th, 2011. Please be aware that it will not be possible to accommodate all requests and that class configurations and teachers may not be known until September.



SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

Mrs. Morgan's grade 3 students planted pansies in the planter in front of our school. We hope everyone enjoys looking at our colorful garden.

READY, SET, LEARN!



If you have children aged 3 or 4 please join us to learn about school and experience many of the exciting learning activities first hand. (If you know parents of children in the community who are aged 3 and 4 please invite them as well!) We will be offering our third and final "Ready, Set, Learn!" session for this school year on Thursday, May 12th from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Parkway Elementary School Kindergarten room.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL



Most of the students in grades 1 - 4 will be going to the Children's Festival on Thursday, May 26th. Tickets are being provided by the adopt-a-class program and complimentary bussing is being provided by Berry & Smith. We wish to thank the Children's Festival and Berry & Smith Trucking Ltd. for providing our students with such a wonderful opportunity.

PAC MEETING



The next PAC meeting will be on Monday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We have a couple of exciting events still to go this year. Please come out to the meeting and show your support! We are still looking for a parent volunteer to help coordinate the 1-to-1 reading program and our Safe Arrival program. Contact Mr. Jones if you are interested. Thanks.

PARKING LOT



Lately we've had several reports of cars parking in the bus area and stopping in the middle of the flow of traffic. The school bus drivers are having difficulty parking in the bus zone, which poses a danger to our students. Please be sure to park in the designated parking areas. This will ensure the safety of our students when they are picked up or dropped off.

PAC PARKING LOT SALE



Parkway PAC will be holding their 3rd Annual Parking Lot Sale and Bottle Drive on Sunday, June 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are looking for donations of things that can be sold at the PAC table (toys, books, household items, etc.). Families who wish to rent a table to sell their own items may purchase one for \$10.00. Clean out your garage and come and sell your stuff - *"One Man's Junk is*

Another Man's Treasure!"

GRADE 4/5 CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM



The Grade 4 & 5 Cross Country Running Team is training for Parkway's School Fun Run Race on Wednesday, May 25th at 11:30 a.m. About 25-30 team members will also be participating in the Kaleden Run on Friday, May 20th. The team is an enthusiastic group of runners!

TRACK & FIELD - Grades 4 & 5 - June 1st, 2011

The district track meet takes place Wednesday, June 1st, at the Rotary Track in Penticton (by Pen Hi School).



Teachers will be holding practices for students emphasizing skill development.

Grade 4 events include ball throw, long jump and the 75m, 200m and 800m.

Grade 5 events include shot put, long jump and the 100m, 200m and 800m.

A shuttle relay takes place at the beginning of the day.

A notice will be sent home and parents are most welcome to attend! We are looking for many parent volunteers to help out that day and will be sending more information in the near future. Please let us know right away if you are able to help out on this day. Thanks.

SCHOOL FIELDS



Just a reminder that our school fields are off bounds to all dogs. There is nothing worse than having one of our students step in a little surprise that was left by a dog. Thanks for your support of this district policy.

PHOTO DAY



The class and whole school Photo Day is Tuesday, May 10th.

STUDENT DRESS CODE



Students at Parkway School are expected to appear in a clean, neat and appropriate manner. Appropriate clothing is defined as having backs, midriffs, shoulders, chest and undergarments covered at all times. Clothing with offensive words, slogans or pictures is not acceptable. Clothing that promotes racism, sexism, violence, alcohol, drugs or a tobacco product is inappropriate in the school. Student appearance reflects their judgment and respect for themselves and others. Inappropriate appearance can distract us from our educational purpose. If a student's appearance is inappropriate, he or she will be asked to resolve the matter, and/or parents will be contacted. Thanks for your support with our dress code!

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR GRADE 5 PARENTS



Skaha Lake Middle School is hosting a Transition Meeting for Parents of Grade 5 students slated to attend SLMS in September of 2011. The meeting is planned for Wednesday, June 15th from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. at Skaha Lake Middle School. Information on the school and the middle school program will be shared. The Grade 5 Fun Time and Barbeque will be at SLMS on Monday, June 27th from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

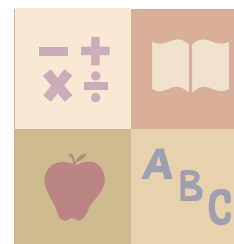
WELCOME TO SUMMER SCHOOL!

As you make plans for your summer, please remember that summer school is a fantastic opportunity for students to strengthen the learning that has occurred over the past 10 months. Courses that are offered during Summer School focus on reinforcing concepts and skills through games and fun hands-on activities. Students who have participated in Summer School in the past have enjoyed the time they have spent and felt good about what they have learned.

Summer School courses will be funded by the Ministry of Education and School District #67. Elementary school programs will run July 6th to 17th from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at *Wiltse Elementary School*.

*** Please note: Registration requires a teacher referral as well as teacher/principal signature confirmation.**

Course information & registration forms will be available in the schools in May and on the district website at www.sd67.bc.ca.












PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

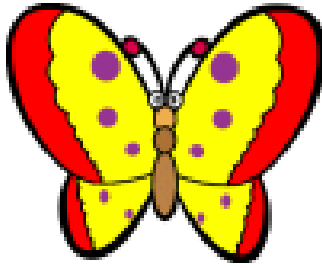
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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Choir – School Tour Fun Run – 11:30 am Multicultural Club @ lunch 10:40 - Assembly PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm	3 Enrichment Program Fieldtrip to Kelowna Write Out Loud Workshop @ 10:30-11:30	4 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Fun Run – 11:30 am	5	6 Fun Run – 11:30 am Hot Lunch – Taco Time 	7
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 	9 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Fun Run – 11:30 am	10  Class & Whole School Photos Write Out Loud Workshop @ 10:30-11:30	11 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Fun Run – 11:30 am Gr. 3 West Bench Cross Country Run @ 3:15	12 Ready, Set, Learn 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	13 Silly Hat Day  Fun Run – 11:30 am Hot Lunch – White Spot	14
15	16 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Fun Run – 11:30 am Multicultural Club @ lunch	17	18 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Fun Run – 11:30 am	19	20 Kaleden Cross Country Run  Fun Run – 11:30 am Hot Lunch – Pizza Hut  (Last Hot Lunch of the Year)	21
22	23 Victoria Day No School	24	25 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Fun Run Finale – 11:30	26 Children's Festival Gr. 1 - 4	27	28 District Choir to perform at Children's Festival @ 2:15
29	30 Breakfast Club - 8:00 am Primary Music  Performance – 1:00 pm	31				

*****Please call SAFE ARRIVAL before 9:00 at 250-492-3976 if your child will be late or absent*****

The June Assembly will be held on Monday, June 6th at 1:00 p.m.



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 # _____

