



The Parkway Eagle

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November 2010

Fall is certainly upon us and shortly we will be experiencing the Okanagan winter once again. Like most things that occur in life the school year cycles by year after year. It is time to get out the winter clothing and make sure your children are prepared for colder weather at recess and lunch time. Bundle up!



EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Interview dates are scheduled for Tuesday, November 23rd, Wednesday, November 24th and Thursday, November 25th. All students will be dismissed **ONE HOUR EARLIER** at 1:30 p.m. on these days to accommodate the interviews. Teachers will be in touch with parents to set up interviews during early dismissal days.

The report cards for the first formal reporting period will be going home by Friday, November 26, 2010.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 10:45 A.M.**

Parents and guests are welcome to attend our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. **There will be no school on Thursday, November 11th or Friday, November 12th.**

PAC MEETING

Please come join us in the library at 7:00 pm on Monday night, November 1st, for our 3rd PAC meeting of the year. We are looking forward to another great turnout. Thanks.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will take place on November 23rd, 24th and 25th in the school library. This is a major fundraiser for our library and a great opportunity to add to your home library or to purchase Christmas presents. The Book Fair will be open as follows:



Tuesday, November 23 - 1:30-3:30 pm

Wednesday, November 24 - lunch - 1:30-3:30 pm

Thursday, November 25 - lunch - 1:30-3:30 pm

Keep your eyes open for the Build a Potato Contest. Winner to receive a Book Fair gift certificate.

READY, SET, LEARN



Ready, Set, Learn is a Ministry of Education initiative designed to support parents in helping their pre-schoolers get ready for school.

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old? You and your preschooler are invited to a special event in the Kindergarten room on Tuesday, November 9th, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be drinks and goodies! You and your child can meet the Kindergarten teacher and have a chance to try out some wonderful educational toys. Help your preschooler become comfortable in the world of school so that the big step to Kindergarten is an easy one.

GRADE 4 & 5 CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAM



Parkway's Grade 4 & 5 cross country running team trained during our school Fun Run. Some members of the team qualified to participate in 2 district events this fall in Naramata and Trout Creek. Mrs. Tunnell and Miss Brown enjoyed working with such an enthusiastic group of runners this season.

On October 6th Parkway took 30 runners to the Trout Creek Pumpkin Run. We had a great time! Students ran a distance of 2.5km.

On October 20th Parkway took 31 students to the Naramata Run. Students ran a distance of 2.36km.

School Team Results for the Naramata Run (needed 6 qualifying runners to place):

Gr. 4 Boys 7th; Gr. 5 Girls 8th; Gr. 5 Boys 8th

Our Fun Run Finale took place on October 27th at 11:30 at Parkway School to celebrate the achievements of all our cross-country running team members. We look forward to having the participants sign up for the Spring Cross Country Run as well as any other students that would like to join.

HOUSE TEAM AND FUN RUN EVENTS

Our Fun Run was a huge success this Fall. It was great to see many parents join us at 11:30 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At our House Team Rally on October 6th, we chose our house team captains and made new cheers.



	<u>Boys Captain</u>	<u>Boys Vice</u>	<u>Girls Captain</u>	<u>Girls Vice</u>
Red Team	Chris Koster	Logan Cole	Amanda Kiss	Harjot Jandu
Blue Team	Marshall Chapman	Trenton Henson	Raelene Hofman	Tyandrea Cherry
Green Team	Bailey Tamminga	Joshua Burdeos	Ashley Kiss	Karneet Grewal
Yellow Team	Bron Phillips	Zach Lawrence (co-captain)	Briana Watson	Bleranda Vrenezi

We will continue to collect house team points within our classrooms. Check out the House Team Bulletin Board in the hall by the library for updated points. **Remember to wear your house team colour each Wednesday!**

House Team Totals

Red Hawk Eagles	2,840
Blue Sea Eagles	3,090
Green Bald Eagles	2,890
Yellow Golden Eagles	2,695

The Red Hawk Eagles are the defending champions 2009/2010.

GR. 4 & 5 SOCCER TEAM

Our Gr. 4/5 Soccer Team played 4 games this season with Kaleden and Queens Park schools. Our 31 students showed excellent team spirit and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who encouraged their children on the sidelines and who washed our jerseys after each game! Mr. Jones, Mrs. Raitt, Miss Brown, and Mrs. Zaugg enjoyed coaching such an energetic team!



Grade 4 & 5 Soccer Team

EMAIL ADDRESS

I now have an extensive Parkway parent email address list and will be sending notices home over the email as well. If you are not receiving notices over the email and you could be, please let me know and I will add you to the list. If you would only like the newsletter by email, please let the classroom teacher know. Thanks.



HEAD LICE



It's that time again! It is recommended that parents check all children and family members on a **weekly** basis and treat as necessary. Through diligence we can keep this pesky pest from becoming too problematic.

RECYCLE FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM



Parkway Elementary School has signed up with Staples Business Depot's *Recycle for Education* program! Many thanks to Mrs. Silvius for bringing this program to our attention. This is an ink jet and toner cartridge recycling program designed to educate adults and kids on the benefits and importance of recycling while providing Staples with the opportunity to give back to local schools. The *Recycle for Education* program was initiated to encourage teachers, students, and customers to educate and promote environmental responsibility while raising funds for schools. The more ink and toner cartridges received, the greater the amount of money raised to give back to schools who are registered with the program. Items may be dropped off anytime in the school office for Mrs. Silvius or you can take them directly to Staples.

EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS FOR FAMILIES & STUDENTS

Our school district sends some extracurricular notices to the schools on an ongoing basis. These items are put on display on the bulletin board between the two sets of doors at the main entrance to the school, near the office area. When picking up your child or visiting the school, please peruse this display area for events related to sports, recreation and special events.



GRADE 3 BUS SAFETY PROGRAM



The Grade 3 students participated in a Bus Safety Program presentation in September. A presentation by a bus driver and a Bus Safety video was shown. Students also took part in a loading and exiting activity on an actual bus and each student received a School Bus Safety Activity Booklet. Thank you to Berry & Smith for facilitating this program.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK SCHOOL CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you very much for taking the time to help your children complete their escape plans at home. The Penticton Fire Department was very pleased by the large number of students who entered their contest. First place winner at Parkway School was Saul Gould, who got to attend the big Fire Hall Party last Thursday. Second place winner was Madison Carroll who won tickets to a Veas game, and third place winner was Aisha O'Sullivan who won a Panago Pizza. Congratulations to all three students!



CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS



As times change, so does School Board policy. We are now required to have criminal record checks completed for all volunteers who work unsupervised with children and who drive children to and from school sponsored events. We are able to do many extras because of the support we get from parents. Let's not make a minor inconvenience lessen the opportunities for our students.

Here's the process:

- Pick up a letter, envelope and criminal record check form from the office. Please put a stamp on the return envelope.
- Present all three items in person to the RCMP, photo ID required.

The RCMP will return the completed record check to the school. Thanks for your continued support of our students.

FRIENDS FOR LIFE PROGRAM HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE COPE WITH ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

'FRIENDS' is a classroom-based program that helps young people cope with, and manage, anxiety and depression both now and later in life. The program will be taught to all students in Grade 4 & 5 by their classroom teacher. *"FRIENDS"* fits in with the learning outcomes for the Personal Planning Curricula promoting self-esteem, problem-solving skills, psychological resilience, self-expression, and building positive relationships with peers and adults. The Ministry of Education has strongly encouraged schools to look at this program and it is being jointly sponsored by The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Child and Youth Mental Health (MCFD).



HEALTHY SNACKS & LUNCHES

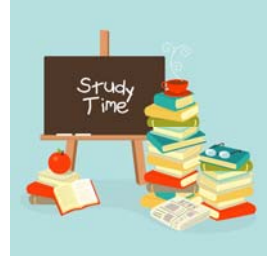


Just a reminder, that we encourage you to send a healthy snack/lunch and drink with your child each day. Please do not send pop or junk food as this just makes it more difficult for your child to concentrate in class. Thanks for your help.

TIPS FOR HOME

Developing good study habits early plays a factor in student achievement. Parents can help their children study by:

- Letting your children see you read and setting aside time each day for family reading.
- Setting up a homework area away from the TV with adequate supplies and lighting.
- Keeping an assignment calendar on the fridge for quick reference to due dates, exams and how they fit in with other activities.
- Being a role model - while your children do their homework, take some time to do jobs like balancing your cheque book.



Parents play an active role in the school year by keeping students safe and healthy. Some way to achieve this are:

- Give your children's minds the fuel they need - make sure they eat breakfast.
- Make it easy. Keep nutritional snacks, such as cut-up fruit and vegetables, cheese sticks, low-fat yogurt and butter-free popcorn, on hand.
- Schedule regular medical and dental checkups.
- Ensure that backpacks are no more than 10 to 20 per cent of the student's bodyweight and that students use both shoulder straps.
- Make sure your children know safe routes to and from school.
- Make sure your child is getting between 9.5 and 10.5 hours of sleep each night.



INTERIOR HEALTH - FAMILY FLU CLINICS

The following families are eligible for free seasonal flu vaccine:

1. Families with children under the age of 2 years.
2. Families with an adult or child who has a chronic health problem.
3. Families who are expecting a new baby during flu season.

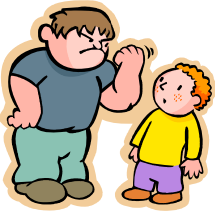
Eligible families are encouraged to attend our regular Mass Flu Clinics. Families with children will be fast-tracked to the front of the line. There will be no appointments. There are 2 clinics with hours convenient for families with school children:

Tuesday November 9th at the Penticton Seniors Drop In Centre 2965 S. Main St 11AM-6PM

Saturday November 20th at the Penticton Health Centre 740 Carmi Ave 9AM-3:30PM

For more clinic dates call the **Flu Info Line 250-493-7109** or check www.interiorhealth.ca

CODE OF CONDUCT



Along with the new School Code of Conduct we are also implementing a new Social Responsibility Program at the school this year as well. It is called WITS and stands for Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, SeeK help. We have attached some information for parents to read.

SPORTS COURT

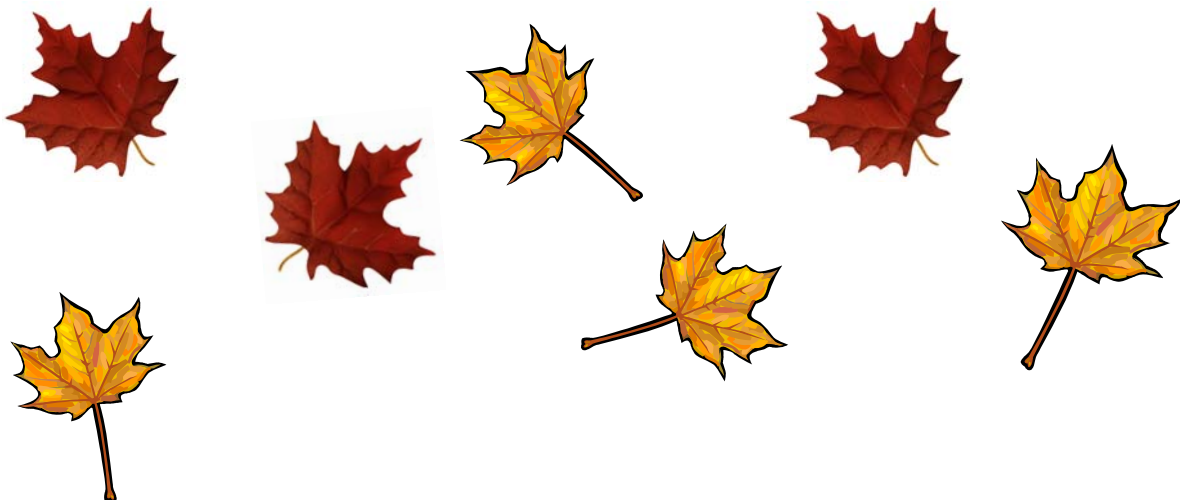
Our sports court has now been paved and is looking great! The outside fence and boards should go up in the very near future. Once again, thanks to everyone for your hard work and support.



FAMILY PIE/CAKE BINGO



Our first Pie/Cake Bingo will be held on Monday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. The idea is for everybody to bring a pie or cake or muffins to the Bingo and then we play Bingo games until all of the goodies are gone. The cards will only be 25¢ per card and we will have a small concession available as well. It is a great family event and all students should be accompanied by a family member. Hope to see you there! More information will follow!





PARKWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Multicultural Club @ lunch Assembly – 10:40 am PAC Meeting – 7 p.m.	2 Kindergarten Hearing Screening	3 1:30 – Klondike Rag Performance	4	5 Hot Lunch – Edo Japan	6
7  Time Change	8 1:00 - Sing-along 🎵	9 READY SET LEARN 3:00-4:00	10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 a.m. 	11 Remembrance Day No school	12 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	13
14	15 Multicultural Club @ lunch 1:00 - Sing-along 🎵	16	17  Volleyball Made for Kids	18	19 Pajama Day  Hot Lunch - Pizza	20
21	22 1:00 - Sing-along 🎵	23 Parent/Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.) Library Book Fair	24 Parent/Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.) Library Book Fair	25 Parent/Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.) Library Book Fair	26 Hot Lunch – White Spot	27
28	29 Multicultural Club @ lunch 1:00 - Sing-along 🎵  Pie/Cake BINGO - 6:00 pm - Gym	30				

*****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 # _____

