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Principal Mike Daly's Message

Hello Everyone,

Parkdale school has been remodelling the school library. Last year we removed a few walls to increase the space, then over the summer we removed another wall to open the entire library up. It now extends from one side of the school to the other in a large expansive open space. We have begun filling this with tables of various heights, couches, a water tower and, of course, books! We now frequently have students using the library to complete work or as a quiet, more relaxing area to read. This space will also be available to our Junior High students during lunch and recess over the winter as a study space or learning commons. It looks great to see so many students enjoying our library! If you are ever in our building, do ask to see the library.

Thank you,

Mike Daly

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Fun Upcoming School Events!

Picture Day!

Individual student pictures will be taken on **Thursday, October 12, 2023.**

Volleyball!

Volleyball season has begun! Games will be every tuesday until November 14th. You can see the locations and times of our games on this newsletter calendar, as well as on our website calendar.

Boys Volleyball Practice Days: Wednesday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm @ Queen Elizabeth School.

Girls Volleyball Practice Days: Thursdays from 3:20 - 5:00 pm

Wear BLUE Day!

Parkdale School will be wearing blue on **Tuesday, October 24th** to do our part in recognizing and acting towards Child Abuse Prevention.

Halloween! 🎃

Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31st! Dress up and be spooky with us! Details about School Halloween activities will be coming soon.

PowerSchool for Parents

The [Powerschool Parent Portal](#) is the location for information on student achievement, school or division forms, and school fee payment options. This will be an important means of communication between parents and the school.

End of quarter student achievement (ie. report cards) will be made available on Powerschool.

Therefore, we will be strongly encouraging all of our parents to create an account.

Please contact the school office if you would like assistance setting up your account.

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Attendance Matters

Good attendance is the cornerstone of a good education. Every day that a student misses school, they miss essential instructions. We want to work with families in order to have the students at school. So far this year, Parkdale students have combined to miss 44 days on average. This represents a 6% improvement in attendance over last year. Let's keep trying to improve!

Regular Attendance:

- positively impacts all learning
- builds healthy habits that last a lifetime
- allows your child to feel connected academically
- supports your child's successful completion of studies
- strengthens peer and teacher relationships
- provides opportunities for your child to make a difference in the school community
- increases your child's ability to focus and work independently and
- increase high school graduation rates

1 or 2 days a week does not seem like much but.....

If your child misses...	That equal...	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 school years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 school years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 school years

For the month of September, on average, students at Parkdale have missed this many days:

	2022/2023	2023/2024
ECS	6	3
Grade 1	6	5
Grade 2	6	4
Grade 3	7	6
Grade 4	6	7
Grade 5	7	5
Grade 6	4	6
Grade 7	5	3
Grade 8	6	5

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 LDAA Cross Country Meet Girls V-Ball Game @ PD: 4-5:30 Boys V-Ball @ Queen E: 4-6pm	4 School Assembly Boys V-Ball Practice @ Queen E: 3:30-5 pm	5 Girls V-Ball Practice: 3:20-5 pm	6 PLC Day: No School	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day: Schools Closed	10 Fire Prevention Assembly Boys & Girls V-Ball Game @ Kisipatinahk: 4-6 pm	11 Boys V-Ball Practice @ Queen E: 3:30-5 pm	12 Picture Day! Girls V-Ball Practice: 3:20-5 pm	13 Bus Safety Presentation Safely on Board	14
15	16	17 Gr. 6 Immunizations Girls V-Ball Game @ Warburg: 4-5:30 pm Boys V-Ball Game @ Clear Vista: 4-7 pm	18 Boys V-ball Practice @ Queen E: 3:30-5 pm	19 Girls V-Ball Practice: 3:20-5 pm	20	21
22	23	24 Wear Blue: Child Abuse Prevention Girls V-Ball Game @ Maskwacis: 4-6 pm	25 Boys V-Ball Practice @ Queen E: 3:30-5 pm	26 Girls V-Ball Practice: 3:20-5 pm	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween V-Ball Quarter Finals 	1 School Assembly Boys V-ball Practice @ Queen E: 3:30-5 pm	2 Girls V-Ball Practice: 3:20-5 pm PTI Meeting: 4-7pm	3 Last day of Quarter 1	4

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Cross Country!

Congratulations to all of our cross country runners! They have been practicing hard since the beginning of September. We attended the Rod Drebert Cross Country meet on Sept.20 at Peace Hills Park. Even though the weather conditions were not ideal, all of the runners came prepared and didn't let the poor conditions slow them down! A special congratulations to Harjot who placed 2nd and to Gage who placed 7th. We are also attending the LDAA meet on Oct. 3, also being held at Peace Hills Park. Good luck to all of our runners!



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Field Trips: Grade 2 - Bethany Homes Hope Mission

The Grade 2's had a wonderful time on our field trip to Bethany Homes! They were able to learn about grooming horses, horse safety, and they even got to RIDE horses! We also got to try archery, throw axes (plastic), learn new parachute games, and do a scavenger hunt for a great treasure!!



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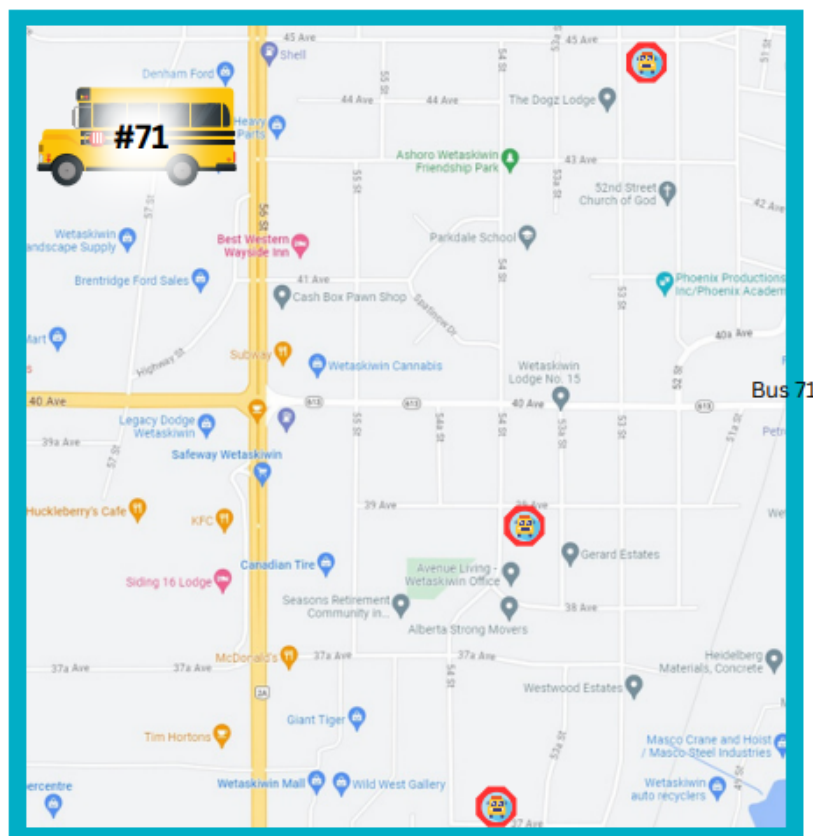
Parkdale Bus Service

Parkdale Bus 71 has room for students! We can bus students that live within our catchment - and it is free!

Please copy and paste this link in your internet browser to register:
wrps11.ca/division-office/transportation

Bus Stops with Service to Parkdale:

- 45 Avenue & 52 Street 8:35 am (approximately)
- 37 Avenue & 53A Street 8:40 am (approximately)
- 39 Avenue & 54 Street 8:42 am (approximately)



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Student Support Services

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Mâdawipâyiwin, the Cree word for togetherness, supports children, youth, and families to become actively involved in a cultural life.

Families have access to culturally rooted programs and services ensuring all individuals have the opportunity to learn and practice culture. The program collaborates with Indigenous people, Elders, and knowledge keepers, using the principles of Circle Process, Truth and Reconciliation, Relational Accountability, and Ceremony. Programming reflects the holistic nature of the Indigenous worldviews, which considers the context and connection of children, family, and community well-being.

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STAA Safety Poster Contest



Theme:
THE BUS RULES



SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

October 5-21, 2023

Grades K-6

Each poster must contain the theme in order to be eligible.

Back of poster must contain: Grade, Student Name, School, School Division

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade will win: \$50 gift card, \$150 for their class and their poster framed

Submit to:
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