

# Parkdale School Parent Newsletter

*October 7, 2021*

## **Happening This Month**

11 - No School - Thanksgiving

13 - ECS

- School Assembly - Jersey Day

18 - ECS

- Trustee Election

20 - ECS

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29 - Classroom Halloween activities - teachers will send home information - students can come to school in their costume.

## **What Is Happening In Our Classes**



## Grade 6/7 and 8

In Grade 6E, students are becoming experts in argument as they refine their opinion writing skills. In Science, we are studying the properties of air. We did experiments watching phenols in fruit turn brown, and observed how oxygen is consumed in a test tube when metal rusts. In Health, we are taking some time to examine and celebrate our personal strengths and look at ways we can use them to overcome challenges.

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In CTF Sewing 7/8 we have learned the basics of operating a sewing machine and have learned how to iron! These skills are now being put to good use as students are beginning their first real project - a drawstring bag! Watch out Louis Vuitton, Parkdale's designers are on their way...

Ms. Engram



## ECS

In Kindergarten we were introduced to Mat Man. We sing a song about all our different body parts and what they can do. Mat Man is made up of big and little curves and big and little lines. These shapes are the same ones we use to print our letters!! We had fun making a Mat Man snack too!!

- Mrs. Urano



## ECS and Grade 6

Students in Kindergarten and Grade 6 are working together to create a safer, more caring environment. Since their classes are side-by-side, they practice fire drills together to make sure everyone gets out safely. Both older and younger students are excited to have new friends.

## A Math Message for Grade 6 to 8 Students

I hope that everyone has gotten back into routine and the new normal in settling in. Here are just a few reminders for families of Grade 6/7/8 students:

1. All students should be on Google Classroom for all subjects and check in when they are unable to attend class. If your child is unable to log onto Google Classroom please let me know and I'd be happy to assist.
2. In Math all students in Grade 6/7/8 have Mathletics accounts. This is an online tool to help students review and complete practice questions on concepts taught in class. The questions will be updated on a weekly basis to correlate with what we are learning. This is a great review tool for students to use 10-15 minutes each night, as well as a study tool for exams and quizzes.

Please let me know if you would like your child's log in information emailed to you.

I look forward to meeting families soon and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Craik

## Grade 3 - Mrs. Graff

The Grade 3's have had a busy month of learning! We have been learning all about our new classmates, starting our science unit on Rocks and Minerals, and of course having a ton of fun! In Language Arts we have been working on our printing, and writing in our Writer's Notebooks daily! During Math we have been learning all about numbers to 100 and the many ways we can represent numbers. It has been an exciting month of learning and we are looking forward to the rest of the school year together!

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## Grade 4 and Grade 1

The Grade 4 and Grade 1 classes are participating together in a nature class once a week. They have worked together with their partners to create patterns using nature items they find in their outdoor classroom. They have also worked together to create a "nature alphabet" by recreating each letter with sticks, leaves, pine needles, and rocks.



## Gardening as a Complementary Class

Gardening and Citizenship are two important things that some of the grade 7 and 8 students are learning in one of their complimentary classes. The students are planting, weeding and learning about various plants and their uses. We have also been working on cleaning up our schoolyard, flower beds and playground areas. The students are working hard and learning lots.



## Storm Chasing

The Grade 5 students got to participate in a virtual presentation with Chris Chittick. Chris is a storm chaser and videographer who works with Discovery. He showed us amazing footage of tornadoes that he recorded. It was pretty intense! He also taught us about Tornado Alley, how hail is formed, and different types of extreme weather.

## Grade 5

The grade 5s have had a great start to the school year and have been very busy. We harvested the potatoes from the courtyard and made french fries. They were delicious!! We shared them with the grade 6s because they were the ones who planted the potatoes in the spring. We also harvested a huge crop of cucumbers!! They were cut up and placed in the classroom snack boxes. And one afternoon, we had a "cucumber feast" in the classroom to finish off the last of the harvest. We have started our Weather Unit in science and the students participated in a virtual presentation by a real-life storm chaser!

- Mrs. Quinton

## Parent Council Meeting

A special thank you to our parents that came to our parent council meeting on September 21st. We reviewed what currently is happening in our school as well as picked a school advisory council chairperson. Our next meeting will be on November 9th. A meeting link will be shared with everyone, we hope to see you there. Please check the school webpage for meeting minutes.



