

Parkdale School Parent Newsletter

March 1, 2022

Happening This Month

2 - ECS

- School Assembly at 9:00 am
- Crazy Hair Day

4 - ECS

7 - ECS

9 - ECS

11 - ECS

14 - ECS

- Book fair starts

16 - ECS

- Wear Green to School
- Shamrock Bingo in the afternoon
- **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 4 to 6 - In person**

17 - PD Day - No School

18 - No School

21 - ECS

23 - ECS

25 - ECS

28 - Spring Break starts - see you on April 4th

A Message From Mrs. Wilson

To my Parkdale Family, I would like to announce that I have made the difficult decision to retire after 32 years of teaching at the end of this school year. The last ten years of my career have been a joy because of the community built around Parkdale School.


A vertical collage of office supplies. At the top is a yellow stapler. Below it is a close-up of a white computer keyboard with keys like 'R', 'D', and 'X' visible. Under the keyboard is a blue grid paper with a red corner tab. At the bottom are several pens in blue, red, and green, resting on a wooden surface next to a spiral notebook.

To the parents, for the last ten years you have given me the privilege of working with your fantastic children. I have enjoyed every conversation, discussion and moment together. The many phone calls, conversations on the front sidewalk, emails, family events we had, and parent teacher interviews will be moments that I cherish forever. You have wonderful children who have warmed my heart. Thank you for the honor you have given me in working with them.

To the students, please know that you have touched my heart in ways I will never be able to communicate. You are the kindest, most giving group of students that I have ever worked with. I am going to miss each and everyone of you. I want you to continue to work hard, so all of your dreams come true. I have memories of being taped to the wall, dancing, dressing up, helping you navigate situations, and the many hugs you have given me. My first day at Parkdale I was greeted with a hug, and I will miss these the most. I have told people for years that Parkdale has the best students. You have always been willing to help out and support one another, unlike any school I have been in. Continue to be kind, generous and always help one another out. I will continue to help you and support you for the remainder of the year so do not hesitate to reach out if you need me.

To the staff, it has been a honor to work with you. The care, consideration and support that you give the students in your class is phenomenal. You work so hard to give the students what they need in order to be successful in life. Thank you for letting me work with you over the years, and please know how much I have appreciated you work and your support. Thank you for all that you have done.

I look forward to the remainder of the year, and celebrating the achievements that will be coming. Please also note that I will work hard with the Administration for next year to ensure a successful transition. We have four months together and I will enjoy each and every moment at the best school I have worked at, Parkdale.





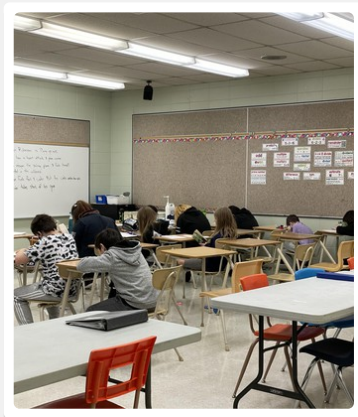
Grade 1 - Mrs. Ritchie

This month the grade 1 students participated in their very own Measurement Olympics! They had a lot of fun comparing distances, time and using nonstandard units to measure during the events. They competed in paper speed skating, scooter board curling, paper airplane toss, and cotton ball hockey! We finished off the week with a medal ceremony!



Photography -Mrs. Wilson

Some of the grade 7 and 8 students have chosen the career and technology course of photography for this term. They have been learning about different composition elements when taking their pictures. They have put together a Google Site to share their pictures. This picture is taken by Jadyn a grade 8 student in the class.



Grade 6B - Mr. Bjornsson

We are taking to the skies in Grade 6 with our much anticipated unit: Sky Science. Students will get to take a closer at how our solar system works and explore some of the wonders of space. Along with this, we have been enjoying the beginning of our novel study on Hatchet and it has been practice, practice, practice in Math as we tackle decimal division and multiplication."



Pink Shirt Day

The staff and students wore pink on February 23 to take a stand against bullying. For the month of February we have been working on kindness at the school. Keep up the great work as you work on being kind.

Parent Teacher Interviews - IN PERSON

March 16th from 4 to 6 pm, we have scheduled our last round of Parent Teacher Interviews for the year. We are going to be hosting them in person. The staff is very excited to welcome the parents back into the building. Interviews will be scheduled and we will still maintain social distancing and we will sanitize hands upon entering the school. We look forward to seeing you in person. We are going to help support parents getting into their PowerSchool Parent Account. We will also have random access codes available for our parents in grades 4 and 7 to do the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. Information specific for the night will be coming home shortly.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

This month the students in grade 4 to 8 will all be completing the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. This is their opportunity to give the school feedback, and help us to do better. Parents in grades 4 and 7 are also able to do the survey. Surveys will be mailed to the parents, or when you come to Parent Teacher Interviews we can give you a random access code and set you up with a computer to complete the survey online. The feedback that we receive from students and parents is valuable

information. As partners we need your feedback in order to help us improve. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give the school a call.

Bookfair is Coming

We have a book fair coming to the school in March. It will be at the school from March 14th to 16th. Stay tuned for more information coming home. The students will visit it one day and then have the opportunity to purchase. It will be open during Parent Teacher Interviews until 6:30pm for parents to visit and purchase books as well.



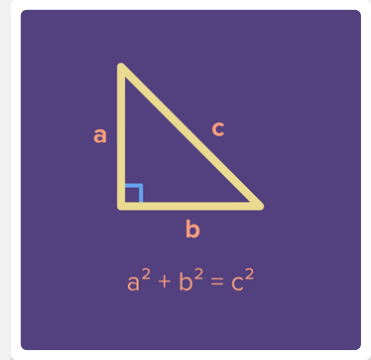
6E - Ms. Engram

In Grade 6E we are learning how to be newspaper reporters. Students have been reading and writing newspaper articles. This is not only a great way to develop writing skills, it is great practice for Part A of the Language Arts Provincial Achievement test, in May. In Science, we have recently started our Sky Science unit. Students are very excited to be exploring the universe! We are currently learning about constellations and their paths through the skies.



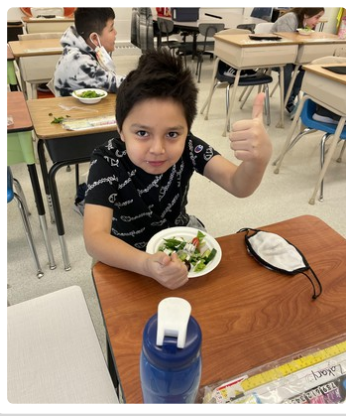
Improv - Ms. Engram

Improv is included in this quarter's junior high complementary courses. Based on a structured program designed by the Canadian Improv Games, students participate in a series of activities that allow them to discover new moving, thinking, and speaking skills. Students are having a great time thinking on their feet as they learn ways to be creative in new ways and cooperate with others. In Improv, it doesn't matter how well your idea works, it's whether you give it your best try and make an effort to have fun!



Math 8 - Mrs. Craik

The grade 8's have been working hard at solving right triangles! They have put a lot of effort into this unit and I am very proud of the success they are having when applying the Pythagorean Theorem. We have also been working on memorizing our perfect squares, the grade 8's can be practicing this skill at home in the evening (the square of numbers from 1-15). Keep up the great work,



Grade 4 - Ms. Goodrich

Students at Parkdale are getting to enjoy some fresh vegetables. Students in the grade 4 class as well as some in the jr high planted lettuce, spinach and arugula. Some classes like the gr 4's enjoyed it as a salad and others just ate it as is. All of the students will get to enjoy this tasty treat through out the reminder of the year!



ECS - Mrs. Urano

Valentine's Day was busy in Kindergarten!! We conducted a sink or float science experiment, sorted and made patterns, created a window cling in art, made holders for our Valentine's and finished the day off with an ice cream sundae!! So much fun had by all.



Basketball Teams

We would like to congratulate all of our athletes on their hard work this season. They have worked hard and learned lots. We would also like to thank Mr. White, Mr. Wicklund and Ms. Engram for all the support that they have given the members of the basketball team. We are so proud of our Wolfpack.



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