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Principal Mike Daly's Message

Welcome back to Parkdale! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It's wonderful to see all the students back in classes again. Over the summer, I really missed them. I told them all how much I missed them at our first assembly: the elementary students cheered and the Jr. High's rolled their eyes. That's okay, I know they really missed school, their teachers and seeing their friends everyday.

It would also be nice to see each of you again. Please join us on Wednesday, Sept 13th at 3:30-6:00 for a Welcome Back BBQ. Come to the school, meet the staff and enjoy a Hot Dog dinner on us. Hope to see you there!

Vice Principal Mike Currie's Message

Tansi kakiyaw! My name is Mike Currie and I am the new vice-principal at Parkdale school. I am really excited to work with the amazing staff and students and I look forward to meeting and working with all the parents and families. I come to Parkdale after working for many years in Maskwacis and it has been great to see some familiar faces of both students and parents in the school. My door is always open so, please stop in, call, or email me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Ay-Hay!

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Fun Upcoming School Events!

Meet The Staff BBQ!

We are having a Meet the Staff BBQ on Wednesday, September 13th, from 3:30-6:00 pm.

All are welcome to join!

Terry Fox Run!

In honour of Terry Fox, we will be doing a run on school property on Monday, September 18th @ 2:30 p.m.

Orange Shirt Day!

In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th, we will be wearing orange shirts on Thursday, September 27th. As well, there will be no school on Friday, September 28th.

Picture Day!

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

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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2023-2024 School Staff

Teachers

- ECS: Mrs. Tracy Malloy
- Grade 1: Mrs. Lexie Lynn
- Grade 2: Ms. Shilo Bargholz
- Grade 3: Mr. Ben Lau
- Grade 4: Ms. Christine Hauck
- Grade 5: Mrs. Suzanne Quinton
- Grade 6: Ms. Paris Engram
- Grade 7/8: Mrs. Dawn Craik & Ms. Erin Quinn
- Indigenous Studies/Literacy Teacher: Alex Wolfe
- Inclusion Coach: Mr. Mike Currie
- Physical Education: Mr. Scott White

Office Staff (Administration)

- Principal: Mr. Mike Daly
- Vice Principal: Mr. Mike Currie
- Admin Assistant: Mrs. Deanna Didriksen
- Admin Assistant: Ms. Olyvia McLeod

Educational Assistants

- Mrs. Shauna Angus
- Mr. Jadyne Cameron
- Mrs. Cathy Fiveland
- Mrs. Giselle Kennedy
- Mrs. Barb Mercer
- Mrs. Tracy Normandeau
- Ms. Jayneika Okemow-Bull
- Mrs. Kylee Forth
- Mrs. Vicki Weimer

Custodians

- Mr. Darrell Feldberg
- Mr. Kenneth Brie

Student Support Services

- Family Support Liaison: Mrs. Laura Lucas
- Indigenous Support Worker: Mrs. Rochelle Minde

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SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 No School: Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Meet the Staff BBQ! 3:30-6:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18 Terry Fox Run: Walk/Run on School Ground	19 Lockdown Drill: 2:00 pm	20 WRPS Cross Country Meet	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Orange Shirt Day: Wear Orange!	29 No School: School Recognition for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



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Student Support Services

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September 2023

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Hello to our students and families!

It is hard to believe that another school year is already underway! We are looking forward to working at Parkdale school this year. We are here to help support our students and families. Please reach out if we can be of assistance. We provide individual and small group supports. We are also here to make referrals to the many great community supports we have.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month...	When a student misses 4 days a month...
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

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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:
STAA
Box 234
Andrew, AB
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School Safety Drills



School Emergency Program

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SCHOOLS CONDUCT TRAINING AND DRILLS to help better prepare students and staff for possible emergency situations. When a school is confronted with an emergency, staff will assess the situation and then decide on a course of action.

Schools conduct drills throughout the year to rehearse emergency procedures. These exercises prepare students and staff to act quickly and help to minimize a child's fear during a real emergency.

In addition to the procedures described below, schools also practice protocols such as "Drop-Cover-Hold," a method of protecting vital body parts during some natural disasters, and conduct fire drills. All staff and students are required to participate in these drills.

Lock-Down Lock-Downs are usually used in response to acts or threats of violence to students and/or staff directly impacting the school. During a Lock-Down all doors to and within the school are locked. No one is permitted in or out of any area once it has been locked. Students and staff must respond very quickly to a Lock-Down command to get to a safe location before doors are locked. **No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Lock-Down is over.**

Hold and Secure Hold and Secure is used in response to security threats or criminal activity outside the school. During a Hold and Secure, all entrance doors to the school are locked, with no one permitted in or out of the building. **No one, other than law enforcement, is permitted access to the building until the Hold and Secure has been cleared.**

Shelter-in-Place Generally, Shelter-in-Place is used during an environmental emergency, such as severe storms or chemical spills. During a Shelter-in-Place, students and staff retreat to safe zones to seek shelter. This includes having students or staff who are outdoors come back into the school. Each school's emergency response plan identifies the safest location for its occupants and how to seal a room from hazardous conditions. **Students will not be released or dismissed until the situation has been resolved.**

Evacuation An Evacuation requires all students and staff to leave the school and go to an alternate location. This may mean only going outside and away from the building until it is safe to re-enter the school. In other cases, students and staff may need to go to an evacuation center. Parents will be informed of the alternate location through the school's Emergency Notification Network.

Dismissal Under some circumstances it may be determined that it is best to dismiss students to their homes and families as expeditiously as possible. Should this be the case, every attempt will be made to alert the emergency contact for each student of the situation and to ensure young students are not left unsupervised.

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WE RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN AN EMERGENCY OCCURS parents will be worried and want to be reunited with their child as quickly as possible. It is our intention to make this happen. However, to ensure every child's safety and the safety of staff, specific procedures have been established for releasing students.

Parents are asked to adhere to the parent-child reunification procedures listed below. Staff will work hard to ensure these procedures take place without delay. However, please understand the process will still take some time; we ask for your patience when you arrive at the Parent-Child Reunion Area.

Parent-Child Reunion Procedures

1. **A Parent-Child Reunion Area will be established.** Parents will be notified at the time of the emergency of the Reunion Area's location. The location may not be at the school; the location will depend on the specifics of the emergency.
2. **You will be required to fill out a Student Release Request Form.** This ensures all students are accounted for at all times and students are only released to authorized individuals.
3. **Students will only be released to an individual designated as legal guardian or emergency contact** on the student's Emergency Card, which is completed at time of school registration. Please be sure to keep this information current with your school, as the school will only release a child to someone listed as an Emergency Contact; there will be no exceptions.
4. **Valid identification is required to pick up your child.** This is required to protect your child from any unauthorized individuals attempting to pick up students. Even if school personnel know you, you must still present I.D. as the school may be receiving assistance from other schools or outside agencies.
5. **You will be required to sign for the release of your child.** This is extremely important, as it ensures your child, along with other students, is accounted for at all times. Please do not just take your child from the school or evacuation center without signing for his/her release.
6. **Once you have been reunited with your child, please leave the area immediately.** This is for your own safety and that of your child.

If you are unable to pick up your child, he/she will be kept at the Parent-Child Reunion Center until alternate arrangements can be made. Your child will be supervised at all times.

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ALTHOUGH YOUR NATURAL INSTINCTS IN AN EMERGENCY may be to go to the school to safeguard your child, please understand that doing so could impede the response to the situation. Going to the school may interfere with emergency crews' and school personnel's efforts to deal with the emergency. Extra vehicles and people at the site make the task more difficult. Please follow the instructions provided to you through the communications channels outlined below. **Please do not come to the school to pick up your child unless requested to do so.**

If you arrive at the school in the midst of an emergency, please respect the protocol in progress. While we understand personal circumstances or initial reactions might move you to do something contrary to the school's established procedures, we cannot compromise the safety of students or staff to accommodate individual requests that could put anyone at risk.

Please DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL and DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD'S CELL PHONE.

Parents are asked not to call the school or their child's cell phone during an emergency.

- Phone systems need to remain available for handling the actual emergency
- Overloading the system may mean the school cannot communicate with first responders.
- Calling your child's cell phone during an emergency may be putting them at higher risk by disclosing their location or drawing attention to them during a lock-down.
- Experts advise that under some circumstances cell phones and other electronic devices may actually act as an ignition source for fires or explosions.

DURING AN EMERGENCY, it is unlikely you will be able to reach the school by phone. We will, however, make every effort to contact parents directly or by one of the methods noted below.

Emergency Notification Network and/or the Media

Parent will be alerted to emergency situations via the School's Emergency Notification Network (phone or electronic notifications) and local media. Stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for news alerts.

Website, Social Media and Community Hotline

The Division will also keep parents informed by posting information regarding the emergency on the Division website, social media and through the School Messenger automated dialing system.

Website www.wrps11.ca

Automated Dialing: School Messenger

Facebook www.facebook.com/WRPS

Twitter www.twitter.com/WRPS

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