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Dear Parents and Families of Parkdale School,

For the 2025/2026 school year, Parkdale School is pleased to present W.O.W. (Without Walls) Days!

W.O.W. Days are a series of monthly experiential learning opportunities that all students will be engaging in. Each month, different divisions of students will be participating in field trips, land-based learning and cultural activities. For example, students will go to a rope course, the Telus World of Science, the Royal Alberta Museum, the Art Gallery of Alberta, and Elk Island National Park.

Learning within the classroom will be connected to the experiences that students have at each one of these events. In September, when students go to have fun at various rope courses, they will also be learning about teamwork, courage, and resiliency as they encourage each other to conquer higher and higher levels. Teachers will then bring these lessons and shared experiences back into the classroom to foster engagement, connections, and build student exposure to real-world opportunities.

Students will be required to attend 70% or more of the school days preceding the activities in order to be allowed to participate. This would apply to unexcused absences. The pre- and post-trip learning connected with the field experience are just as important as the trip itself.

Parents and family members are invited to attend any or all of the learning activities that we have arranged. Transportation and admission fees will be covered by the school for our volunteers. Many of the activities we have planned will depend on volunteers to meet our supervision ratio. We would welcome all those that would like to join us. Please speak with your child's teacher if you are able to attend. All volunteers will require a volunteer form and a police record check. Contact the office for information about volunteering.

We will be charging a fee of \$150 for the year for your child to attend these activities. The average cost for a child to attend all the activities is \$260. With a generous donation from the WRPS Board of Trustees, we are able to subsidize our overall costs. The fee to families can be spread over the school year, making the cost \$15/month! We can also help support our families financially if cost is a barrier. Please contact Parkdale School Administration if you would like assistance with fees.

Included on the back of this letter is a monthly focus that outlines the activities and their associated learning opportunities. Also included is a [presentation](#) outlining W.o.W. Days.

Sincerely,

Michael Daly

Month	Experience	Focus
Sept	Ropes courses	Teamwork, courage, resilience
Oct	Land-based learning	Observation, connection to land
Nov	Royal Alberta Museum	Identity, cultural stories
Dec	Telus World of Science	STEM engagement
Jan	Tipi Teachings	Indigenous ways of knowing
Feb	Skiing/Tubing	Physical activity, confidence
Mar	Art Gallery of Alberta	Creative expression, well-being
Apr	Hike (Animal Viewing)	Environmental awareness
May	Overnight trip/Pyjama Party	Independence, belonging
June	Indigenous History Month	Celebration, community