



ÉCOLE PARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School District No. 69 (Qualicum)
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Newsletter No. 1

September 8, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians;

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students and their families to the school. As most of you will know, the school has been under construction as part of a seismic upgrade throughout the summer. There is still some work ongoing but much of it has been completed. Many areas will look little changed while others have been significantly changed. All of this work translates to a much safer school.

BE SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE. SOYEZ EN SÉCURITÉ, RESPECTUEUX, RESPONSABLE.

These are the key goals from our Code of Conduct. They will be taught and reinforced many times and in many ways throughout the year. I would like to thank parents for your support in teaching and reinforcing these behaviours. Please read and discuss the Code of Conduct being sent home with this newsletter.

Please practice and model **SAFE TRAFFIC BEHAVIOUR** with your child. We expect more students than ever to be walking or cycling to school. It is important that you teach your children to be observant and use the **WAIT ---- LOOK ---- LISTEN ---- ALL CLEAR?---- WALK ---- KEEP LOOKING AND LISTENING ----** steps as they cross the streets going to and from school. When walking, **please use the sidewalk**, if there is one. Walk facing traffic if there is no sidewalk. When crossing streets please look both ways and make eye contact with drivers. Parking lots can be especially dangerous for pedestrians so please use designated pathways. **Drivers, please be especially cautious and patient in and around school zones and parking areas.**

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

CRAIG STREET: If you are dropping off or picking up your children before 8:55 a.m. or at 2:50 p.m. please use the parking lot at the Craig Street side of the school. When picking up your child(ren) from the parking lot on Craig Street do not double park as this blocks the flow of traffic, and do not park behind, and block the exit of, vehicles already parked. Do not leave your vehicle unattended in the pick-up lanes. If you need to enter the school, even for a moment, park your vehicle in a parking space. Students waiting to be picked up in this area are to wait inside the fence and the concrete dividers.



Sincerely,

BUSSING CHANGES

Please read the important transportation information being sent home with this newsletter.



NEW STAFF AND NEW STAFF ROLES

Mlle Manuela Raviglione is looking forward to her new role as Vice-Principal. We would also like to welcome new staff members: Mrs. Jill Brown who will be teaching our Learning Skills Program and Mr. Jim Karn who will be our new custodian.

SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM

If your child will be away please contact us at our answering machine at 250-248-5247. This number can be used anytime after the office closes at 3:30 p.m. until 9:00 am each school morning to report *student absences and lates only*. Please have your child check in at the office if he/she arrives after 9:00 am.

"WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BOOKLET – SEPTEMBER 2009"

For information on policies, general bus information, parent involvement, addresses, school calendar, Board of School Trustees and District Administrative staff, please refer to the booklet being sent home with this initial newsletter.

MEDICAL ALERTS

Parents/guardians are responsible to make the school aware of any life threatening medical problems your child(ren) may have. (This includes any changes in condition for those students already on our medical alert file.) For further information please refer to the "Welcome Back to School" booklet or check the school district web site: www.sd69.bc.ca

H1N1 VIRUS

Please check the School District's Website for updated information on this virus and the steps to take to help prevent the contraction and spread of the virus. www.sd69.bc.ca

SAFETY DRILLS

Weather permitting; we will be practicing our first Fire Drill later this week. You may wish to discuss the importance of such safety drills with your child.

ASSEMBLY

We will have a brief assembly this Friday at 11:00 a.m. to welcome students to the start of the new school year. Parents are welcome to attend.

PEANUT AWARE

We have students at PES who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and peanut products. This includes peanut oil and trace amounts which may be present in other foods.

What can you do to help?

- Ensure you and your child washes hands and mouth well after eating breakfast and before coming to school, especially after eating or handling any peanut butter
- Avoid or eliminate peanuts and peanut products from your child's snacks and lunches
 - Some companies, such as DARE, produce food in a peanut-free factory
 - Check the packaging labels to be sure
- Explain the seriousness of this allergy to your child; we don't want anyone to become ill
- Read any pamphlets or other information sent home on this topic

TOBACCO USE

All schools and school property in School District 69 and the Province of B.C. have bans on tobacco use, including chewing tobacco. This ban is true for any adults as well as students. Please respect the schools and school property as No Smoking Areas.

FRAGRANCE FREE

Schools in School District 69 aim to be Fragrance Free. Many people suffer from reactions to scented products. Please avoid using perfumes or scented hairsprays and lotions.

STUDENT PLANNERS

Student planners are available from classroom teachers. Planners will be used by teachers as they work with students to practice planning and organization skills. The cost per planner is \$7.00 and students are asked to pay their teacher. If you are unable to pay for the planner at this time please contact Mme Beil or Mlle Raviglione. All students should have a planner to assist them with their organization. These planners also include helpful information for parents such as the school calendar, bell schedule and our school code of conduct.


TERRY FOX – Run, Walk, or Jog



Students at P.E.S. will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run on **Thursday, September 24th, 2009**, at 1:30 p.m. You are welcome to join your children. We welcome participants of all ages. Teachers will be collecting donations for cancer research. Students are asked to bring a loonie or a toonie or other contribution next week. Volunteers will be required to help with this event. If you are able to help please leave your name and phone number at the office. Further details will follow in the next parent bulletin.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Morning playground supervision begins at 8:30 a.m. There is no playground supervision after 3:05 p.m. Students who are being picked up by their parents will be asked to wait with a duty teacher outside near the Intermediate Playground. At the 3:05 bell, any remaining students should report to their parents or to the duty teacher who will bring any students inside to the office area.

	<p>SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (QUALICUM)</p> <p>STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE</p>
<p>The Qualicum School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. However, the School District does provide the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance Program underwritten by Industrial-Alliance <i>Pacific</i> Life Insurance.</p>	
<p>All parents are encouraged to purchase Student Accident Insurance, either through their own insurance agent or through the Student Accident Insurance Policy.</p>	
<p>Applications from IAP Kids Plus™ are available in the main office or application can be made on-line at www.iapkidsplus.com</p>	
<p>Board of Education School District No. 69 (Qualicum)</p>	

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunrise Preschool will be having Open Houses on Sept 10th from 12:30-3. Come and see about being a part of our 35th year.

Parkville's Promises Childcare (Licensed Childcare)

Monday to Friday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. AM and PM Kindercare. Open all School Professional Development Days, Christmas break and Spring Break. Call Lynn Moore 250-248-3686 for more information

♪♪♪ **Singing in French?** Why not! ♪♪ An opportunity for parents. Requirements: A Passion for singing and understanding the words in French. 1st meeting; Wednesday Sep 9th, PES music room, 7 p.m. Please contact Suzanne Bernard, 250-248-8714 or Email: nouschantons@hotmail.com. Please leave your name and contact information. Thank you! ♪♪

Breakfast Club – Our breakfast club will start up again this year on Sept. 28th. Details will follow in a future newsletter.