



ÉCOLE PARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School District No. 69 (Qualicum)
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Newsletter No. 2

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

All parents are invited to become actively involved in the education of their children. Academic achievement is usually enhanced when parents are actively involved in their children's education. There are numerous opportunities for parents to become involved with the school: attend the Parent Advisory Council meetings and lend a hand to their activities, join the School Planning Council, become a classroom or library helper, assist with the food program or the Garden Club. Keep an eye on school and classroom bulletins and Parent Advisory Council newsletters as we are frequently requesting parent volunteers. Immersion parents are encouraged to join the local chapter of Canadian Parents for French which provides information and helps sponsor activities particular to French Immersion students.

There are many ways parents can support their child's education at home: read with your child, talk about the school day, provide a quiet place for school work, and meet with teachers to evaluate progress and set goals. All these actions let your child know that you care about schoolwork and that you expect your child to do his or her best.

Sincerely,

Mission Statement:

At École Parksville Elementary we strive to provide a secure environment in which children can grow academically, emotionally and socially.

School Goals:

- Goal 1:** To increase student achievement in social responsibility.
Goal 2: To increase student achievement in reading comprehension.

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

As part of our focus on **safety**, our students and staff have been practicing the Fire Drill procedures with their class. The school has had two full school Fire Drills. We were able to have the complete school population out of the school in a quiet, orderly fashion and all accounted for in just over 4 minutes. We have also practiced our Earthquake Drills; students are taught to 'Duck & Cover'.

STUDENT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM/STUDENT EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM

These forms are being sent home today. Please check to ensure that the information is correct, update as necessary, sign the sheets, and return them to the school. This is very important information, so please make sure the forms are returned to the school as soon as possible. **To ensure accurate records, and as part of our emergency plan, your attention to this matter is crucial.** Thank you in advance for promptly returning these forms.

When verifying your child's information on the verification sheet please note the question which asks: **Release of student data outside of the district Y or N.** This refers to releasing your phone number to the PAC or photos/name in the media. If you allow PAC to contact you through a phone tree or your child's photo to be published in a school newsletter or the local newspaper, please check Y. If you do not want either please enter N. If your answer is N to only one choice please indicate which in the area beside the choice. In the case of the Emergency closure we always call parents at home or work first.

PEANUT AWARE

Thank you to everyone who leaves any peanut products at home. Nuts can also cause serious reactions for some of our students and are found in many food products. Please teach your child to wash hands and face after breakfast and before coming to school. Letters have been sent home to students with a classmate who has life threatening food allergies (anaphylaxis). If you have any questions about this please call the school.

PES STAFF

Staff assignments are currently as follows:

ADMINISTRATION			
Mme Mary Beil – Principal		Mlle Manuela Raviglione - Vice-Principal	
TEACHERS: ENGLISH PROGRAM	GRADE	STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES & SPECIALIST TEACHERS	
Ms. Tracy Dembicki	Kindergarten	Mme Linda Greig	Teacher-Librarian
Mrs. Jeannie Diewold	Grade 1	Mme France Chamberland	Learning Assistance
Ms. Jennifer Coomes	Grade 2/3	Mme Deirdre Janssen	Music
Mr. Norm Lindberg/ Mrs. Margo Hodgson	Grade 2/3	Ms. Jill Brown	Learning Skills Program
Mr. Rick Campbell	Grade 4/5	Mrs. Margo Hodgson	Early Reading Program
Mrs. Heather Dobinson	Grade 4/5	Mr. Norm Lindberg	Physical Education
TEACHERS: IMMERSION PROGRAM	GRADE/NIVEAU	Ms. Linda Ermineskin	First Nations Liaison
Mme France Chamberland	Kindergarten	Ms. Maggie Claydon	Speech and Language
Mme Bonnie Finotti-Nicholson	Grade 1	Ms. Paulette Batt	Counsellor
Mme Gaynor Charnock	Grade 1	SUPPORT STAFF	
Mme Francine Bergink	Grade 2	Mrs. Laura Hermann	Secretary
Mme Barbara Dow	Grade 2/3	Ms. Leah McMillan	Secretary
Mme Angela Dodd / Mme Linda Greig	Grade 3	Ms. Dagmar Hatcher	Library Assistant
Mme Karen Lawrence / Mlle Manuela Raviglione	Grade 4	Mr. Gary Gellner	Education Assistant/NHS
Mme Amber Tanner	Grade 4/5	Mme Monique Jacobs	Education Assistant/NHS
Mme Erica Dragani	Grade 5	Mrs. Annette Lamont	Education Assistant/NHS
		Mr. Jim Karn	Custodian

PARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS ~ 2009-2010

8:55 a.m.	Warning bell	Morning Kindergarten 8:55 Warning bell 9:00 - 11:36 a.m.
9:00 a.m.	Morning session begins	
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Recess	
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Eating period (during instructional time)	
12:30 – 1:07 p.m.	Noon break	
1:07 p.m.	Warning bell	Afternoon Kindergarten 12:14 - 2:50 p.m.
1:12 p.m.	Afternoon session begins	
2:50 p.m.	Dismissal Bell	
3:05 p.m.	End of outside supervision	

OPEN HOUSE

Our Open House will be held **on Thursday, September 24th, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Please join your child in touring the school and meeting our staff. This evening is an informal event. If you wish to speak individually with a teacher regarding your child please arrange an appointment for another time.

The PAC will be offering, for sale, individual pizzas and a beverage. These are to be pre-ordered. Information and an order form will come home later this week. The food items will be available beginning at 5:30 pm.



TERRY FOX – Run, Walk, or Jog!

Students at P.E.S. will participate in the annual Terry Fox Run on **Thursday, September 24th, 2009, starting at 1:30**. The morning Kindergarten class will be doing an alternate activity. You are welcome to join your children. Teachers are collecting donations for cancer research. Students are asked to bring a loonie or a toonie or other contribution next week. The Parent Advisory Council will be providing a refreshment station and parent volunteers are also assisting as route marshals, to ensure our students' safety. If you wish to help with this event and have not already signed up, please contact the office.

ARRIVE SAFE: Please call **250-248-5247** if your child will be absent or late for school. (This is an answering machine which is on 24/7.) All students must check in at the office if they arrive after 9:00 a.m.

FUNDRAISING EVENT TO SUPPORT A PES FAMILY - ANGIE'S ARMY: Angie Emes, our PAC co-chair has recently been diagnosed with Cancer. Fundraising events are taking place to assist her and her family. Angie's Army bracelets are available by donation at the office. Watch for other fundraising events to come.

SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

School Planning Councils (SPC) assist with the creation of annual school plans focused on improving the achievement of all students in the school. We have room for new parents on our SPC. If you would like to learn more please contact Mme Beil or come to the PAC meeting Sept. 23rd at 7 p.m.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that Wed. Sept. 16th is photo day. Students will hand in their photo orders directly to the photographer.

AGENDAS

If you haven't already done so, please send in the money for your child's agenda. The cost is \$7.00. If you require financial assistance with this, please contact Mme Beil or Mlle Raviglione.

PES CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Code of Conduct has been developed with the input of staff, students and parents. A copy was sent home the first day of school. It is also included in the front of the student agenda. Please read it and discuss it with your child(ren). It is a guide to help us maintain a safe, happy and productive learning environment.

PARKING

Please respect the handicapped parking stalls in the visitors’ parking in front of the office. These stalls are well marked and are for vehicles displaying the handicapped parking sign.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Morning supervision starts at 8:25. Students should not be on the grounds before this time and we encourage most students to arrive closer to the bell.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

It is the responsibility of the School Board to ensure that checks are conducted on all individuals who work with children in an unsupervised setting. The Board requires all volunteers potentially having unsupervised access to children to authorize the local RCMP office to conduct a criminal record check. The results of the criminal record checks are made available to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools and must be satisfactory to the Board. If you will be having unsupervised access to children we will require a criminal record check. We will inform you if a criminal record check is necessary. The RCMP has informed us that a new form does NOT need to be completed each year. If you require a criminal record check you will have to complete a form at the RCMP office.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Our PAC continues to fundraise to improve our playground. The first improvements will be in place this week. A new basketball system is being installed in the paved V area and a new primary version is being installed just beside the primary playground. Our grounds man, Mr. James Luck is working hard trying to get it ready by the end of the week. Thank you PAC!

PARENT NEWSLETTERS

Our parent newsletter is now posted on our school website which can be accessed through the District Website. Please log on to www.sd69.bc.ca . Follow the link under schools to Parksville Elementary School.

Please indicate below if you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter or if you prefer to read the newsletter on-line. Newsletters are usually published Tuesdays on a weekly or a bi-weekly schedule. Your child will note in his/her student agenda when a newsletter has been published.

Please complete the form below and return it to the school by Monday, September 21st

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My parents and I have read and talked about the Code of Conduct: Yes _____

We will be reading the newsletter on-line: Yes _____

We will need to receive a paper copy of the newsletter: Yes _____

Name of Student: _____ Room No. _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____