



## ÉCOLE PARKVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 SCHOOL PLANNING DAY STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND

#### **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE!**

Our Open House will be held **Thurs., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** 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 pre-ordered pizza, between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. Order forms were sent home last week.

#### **TERRY FOX RUN**

The Terry Fox Run will take place this Thursday at the school beginning at 1:30 p.m. on the top field. Please let your child's teacher know if you plan to run with their class. Pledge forms for fundraising to support this cause are going home today and can be returned any time during the month of September. Alternately, you may wish to send a donation to school with your child. Special thanks to Patrice Bloomfield for coordinating parent volunteers for this event.

#### **STUDENT VERIFICATION SHEETS**

Thank you to those of you whom have returned their student verification forms. If you have not done so, please hand them in to the teacher as soon as possible. Merci beaucoup!

#### **STREAM OF DREAMS**

The Stream of Dreams project (Le ruisseau de rêves) is coming to our school at the end of the month. This project educates us about our watersheds, rivers and streams, while creating a wonderful community art project.

#### **UPDATED BUSSING INFORMATION**

Thank you to all the parents who have made an application for bus passes for their children. The goal was to have all applications in by September 11, 2009 and to first assign seats for all the eligible riders. Once that was done, remaining available seats would be assigned to courtesy riders and those parents/guardians would be contacted, informing them of their eligibility. The intent was to have this process completed by September 18<sup>th</sup>. As most applications have been made in the last week and to ensure the information is correct and children are properly accommodated, the process should now be completed by September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL BE CONTACTED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 – 25, 2009 IF THERE IS A COURTESY PASS AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CHILD. PASSES WILL BE ISSUED UPON PAYMENT. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THEIR PASS TO THE DRIVER, STARTING SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.**

#### **P.A.C. MEETING**

The first Parents Advisory Committee meeting is this evening, Sept. 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

#### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The breakfast program will be starting Sept. 28th in the front foyer. Breakfast is available 4 days a week, from **Mon. to Thurs. between 8:25 and 8:50**. Breakfast includes a bagel with cream cheese, fruit slices and juice. It is run by a group of caring volunteers. The breakfast program receives some donations of bagels from Tim Horton's. Additional bagels and other food items are purchased. **The cost is \$1.00 for this program.** Parents may choose to pay for a week or a month at a time. Cheques should be made out to Parkville Elementary School. If the full payment is a hardship, please contact Mme Beil. Students coming for breakfast are to enter the school by the front main doors. They are asked to stay until they finish eating. Afterwards, they are to leave by the front doors and go to the playground. If you would like to volunteer with the breakfast program, please contact the office and leave a message for Lois Smith.

### **BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM**

A permission form for participation in the BC Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program went home last week. If you have already returned the form, thank you. If not, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to help with the program, contact the office.

### **TOBACCO USE**

The use of tobacco products in school buildings and on school property is against the law! The B.C. Legislature approved legislation making it illegal to smoke or use tobacco products at school. This ban has been in effect since September 2, 2007 and applies to everyone – students, staff, parents and the public. The law will not allow for any exceptions and will include students, staff, parents and visitors during regular school hours, extra-curricular activities and weekends. The school district has posted signs on all buildings and grounds reminding everyone about the ban and is asking for the cooperation of students, staff and parents in respecting this new law.

### **SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

Students and their parents are expected to support a learning environment where attire is appropriate and not distracting or offensive to others.

### **REGULATIONS**

1. Students are expected to wear clothing which is clean and appropriate for school activities and weather conditions.
2. Clothing is to be free of symbols which may promote the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or violence.
3. Clothing is to be free of offensive or inappropriate words or images.
4. Clothing should not be unduly revealing and midriffs should be covered. No spaghetti straps.
5. Footwear should be appropriate for physical activity and is to be worn at all times.
6. Hats and hoods are to be removed when in school.

### **LOST & FOUND ITEMS**

Students are asked to bring any found clothing items to the Lost & Found box which is in the main hallway, close to the library. Smaller items including jewelry and toys should be taken to the office. Labeling clothes helps us return items to the rightful owner.

### **A SAFETY REMINDER**

The 3:05 p.m. bell signals the end of outside supervision. Students walking home should be heading home by this time. At the 3:05 p.m. bell, all students waiting on the playground are to join their parents or caregivers. This enables the duty teacher to know which students are not with an adult. Students under the direct supervision of their parents or care-givers can then continue to play in the schoolyard. Any students waiting for a ride that has not yet come are to report to the duty teacher at the 3:05 p.m. bell. The duty teacher will take the students to the office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **H1N1 VIRUS**

The best measure of defense against the threat of this virus is good hand washing. Signs have been posted in all the school washrooms and posters are placed around the school. Further information can be found on our District Website at [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca).

### **LOOKING FOR PEANUT FREE SNACKS?**



Both DARE and QUAKER companies produce foods that are peanut free. Please check the packaging to be sure. Please remind your children of the importance of washing their hands and face before coming to school. In addition to helping keep our allergic friends safe, it helps stop the spread of illness.

### **PLEASE HELP US REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PAPER USED**

You can read our parent bulletins on line at [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca). Follow the schools link to Parksville Elementary School. This will help us reduce the amount of paper used. If you have not had a chance to send in the tear-off portion from the last newsletter, please take a moment to complete it and send it in to the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Community Announcements:**

Please check for Community News and Events link (second tab on the left side) on the School District website: [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca).

### **Parksville's Promises Childcare – Located in Room 26 at Parksville Elementary School**

6:00 AM to 9:00 AM – Before school program @ \$7.50 an hour

Morning and Afternoon Kindercare program @ \$20.00 for ½ a day

3:00 to 6:00 PM – After School program @ \$15.00 a day

Open Professional Development Day @ \$35.00 a day and Spring Break

Call the Daycare @ 250-586-8688 or call Lynn Moore @ 250-248-3686