



PARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**October 12th ~ Thanksgiving
Students Do Not Attend**

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October 6, 2009

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This week is Fire Prevention Week. Your children have practiced at least two fire drills at school; have they practiced one at home? Make sure you have a plan for your family to get out alive. Entry forms for Fire Chief for a Day need to be back at school this Friday, October 9th.

STREAM OF DREAMS

This wonderful project has wrapped up and the fish have been mounted on the fence in front of the school along Stanford Ave. Please take a moment to stop and enjoy the art. Speak with your children about the importance of clean water and being careful with what goes down our storm drains. Special thanks to the parent volunteers who helped with the installation and with our classes. Thank you to Windsor Plywood and Home Hardware for their contributions of plywood and paint. A huge thank you to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation; their grant helped make it all happen. Merci beaucoup to Mlle Raviglione who coordinated this and to our student teachers who helped prepare the fish for painting. Youpi! Hooray!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are available to help shelve books in the library please leave your name and contact information at the office. We are hoping to have the library open to our students very soon.

H1N1 VIRUS

Good hand washing with soap and running water continues to be the recommended best defense against this virus. Signs have been posted in all the school washrooms and posters are placed around the school. Please support good hand washing practice at home. We encourage parents to keep their children at home if they are unwell. Please visit our District Website at www.sd69.bc.ca for further information.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

The parking area off Stanford is for staff parking, bus loading and unloading and visitor's parking only. It is also being used for the roofing work this week. Do not drop students off in this area before school. The student drop off area is in the parking lot off Craig St. We realize it is very congested for short periods of time so your patience is appreciated. Consider parking farther away and walking your child to the schoolyard. Please use the pedestrian entrances; they are adjacent to the parking lot off Craig St. and also in the garden area off Stanford. Please, do not walk directly into the parking lots; this is an unsafe habit to develop with children.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

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 along the side. This enables the duty teacher to determine 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.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you PES community! Our school raised a total of **\$1317.17** during our annual Terry Fox Run. This is a great contribution toward the fight against Cancer. Merci beaucoup!

CULTURAL PROGRAM

Tied in to the Harvest Music Festival, our first Cultural Performance of the year is Gauche, The Cellist which was performed today.

PAC MEETING

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, October 14th, at 6:30 p.m. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. Please try and attend at least one or two meetings a year if you can.

FIRST NATIONS CULTURAL DANCE GROUP

Our First Nation's liaison worker, Linda Ermineskin will once again offer her skills in drumming and shawl making to our students. All students are welcome. The girls will have fun designing and making their own dance shawl while the boys do the drumming and singing. This will take place Thursdays at the noon recess, starting Oct. 8th in room 6. A letter with further details will be sent home for students who sign up. If you would like further information or to meet Linda Ermineskin, please leave your name and contact information at the office. Linda is looking forward to another great year with us at P.E.S.

OCTOBER IS SAFE SCHOOLS MONTH

Students will take part in another Fire Drill and Earthquake Drill in these next weeks. We will also practice a Lockdown Drill. This drill is used in the unlikely event that it is not safe for students and staff to be in the hallways or outside. It may be due to an intruder alert or could be used if a stray dog was in the school. During such a drill, any students outside their classroom are to report to the nearest room. Teachers in any and all classrooms look out for any students in the hallways and take them in. Parent volunteers report to their classroom and other parents and visitors to the office. We then call in to each classroom to ensure that everyone is accounted for. The whole drill takes approximately 5 minutes.

SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL

Every school in B.C. has a school planning council which meets periodically with the Principal to focus on the school growth plan and other matters pertaining to student achievement. School Planning Council members include 3 parents and they are elected at the October PAC meeting. If you might like to get involved, come out to the meeting and / or contact Mme Beil for further information.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH (C.P.F.)

CPF operates similarly to a PAC with a focus on the needs of our students in French across the entire District. Parents of students in French Immersion are encouraged to join this organization. There are membership forms available at the office. New members are needed to fill some executive positions. If you would like to get involved, or would like further information, please leave your name and contact information at the office.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The breakfast program started last week in the front foyer. It is available **Mon. to Thurs. between 8:25 and 8:50**. Breakfast includes a bagel with cream cheese, fruit slices and juice. **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 Parksville Elementary School. If the full payment is a hardship, please contact Mme Beil. If you would like to volunteer with the breakfast program, please contact the office and leave a message for Lois Smith.

THE DISTRICT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE would like to offer an introductory training in restorative processes and practices to the parents and staff of our school community. Dates: Monday, Oct. 19, 26, and Nov. 2. Time: 7:00 to 9:00. Location: Arrowview Elementary. For more information contact co-ordinators: David Osborn, R.C.C. , District Counsellor, SD. 69 Ph.752-5651 ext. 405 dosborn@sd69.bc.ca or Darcy Dalgaard, District Counsellor, SD. 752-9212 ddalgaard@sd.69.bc.ca

PHOTO RE-TAKES

Photo re-takes will be on Friday, Oct. 9th. This is for those who missed their photos in September or would like a new photo taken. Please bring in your package if you are having your photo re-taken.

Important Dates To Remember!

October	9	Photo Re-takes – forms are available at the office.
	14	PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm
	12	THANKSGIVING DAY - Students do not attend.
	23	Provincial Professional Development Day – Students do not attend.
	30	PES School-based Professional Development Day - Students do not attend.
November	4	PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm (To be confirmed)
	11	REMEMBRANCE DAY - Students do not attend.
	24	Report Cards Go Home
	27	PES Reporting Day - Students do not attend.
December	9	First Nations Winter Celebration Dinner – 5 pm – Parksville Community Centre
	15	Christmas Concert – 9:30 am and 7:00 pm
	16	Christmas Concert – 9:30 am and 7:00 pm
	18	Last day of classes prior to Winter Break
	21-Jan 1	Winter Break

LOST AND FOUND

The following valuable items have been found and may be claimed at the office.

- Adult's ring, child's ring and a necklace.

Community Announcements

Please check the Community News and events link (second tab on the left side) of the School District Website www.sd69.bc.ca for updated community news as well as Parks and Recreation information. Community activities and events will be added to this web link continually through the school year.