



# PARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2009**  
**Provincial Professional Development Day**  
**STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND**

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRE CHIEFS!**

Congratulations to the winners of the Fire Chief for a Day contest! Kenzie Plamondon, McKenzie Arcond and Gillian Beaudry enjoyed a tour of the fire hall and lunch at MacDonald's.

### **OCTOBER IS SAFE SCHOOLS MONTH**

With our Intermediate students, we have been reviewing our Code of Conduct and how it guides the rules we have at school. Being safe on the playground and everywhere links directly to our expectations for students on the playground and elsewhere. Our grade 4 & 5 students are creating posters to put up around the school to reinforce our Code of Conduct: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.

### **WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL**

Please reinforce good safe habits with your children who walk and ride to school. Please teach them to use sidewalks and to cross at crosswalks wherever possible. Walking with others is not only good exercise and good for the environment, it allows a nice time for socializing. Many of our students live too far to walk but if possible, park a few blocks away and enjoy the little walk together.

### **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 have been 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](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) for further information.

### **HOT LUNCH CORRECTION!**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** is a day when students do not attend school; therefore please do not order hot lunch for this day. If you have already handed in your form, your order for that day will be carried over to Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARKING LOT REMINDER**

This is a reminder that students are **not** to be dropped off in the front parking lot before 9:00 a.m. This area is reserved for bus drop off, staff parking, deliveries, our breakfast program volunteers and visitors.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

We have been working hard at updating our new school website. Please take the time to have a look. You will find very helpful information such as school newsletters, the school calendar which includes some classroom events, Parent Advisory Council (PAC) contacts and some of their notices as well as Community and RDN events. Go to: [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca). Follow the link to schools and then to École Parksville Elementary.

### **PES SPIRIT DAYS**

Our leadership club and the PAC fun committee want to encourage students and staff to show some PES spirit on our special Spirit Days. A calendar of the special days is included to help you plan ahead. PAC is providing prizes to our most spirited classes.

<b>Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Orange &amp; Black Day</b>
<b>Nov. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twins or triplets</b>
<b>Dec. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Funky hats or headbands</b>
<b>Jan. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Favorite stuffy day</b>
<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Will be an Olympic theme</b>
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Backwards day</b>
<b>May 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pajama Day</b>

### **OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> - ORANGE AND BLACK DAY**

Can your child find something orange and black to wear October 31<sup>st</sup>? We hope so. Individual classes may have planned something additional with their students including costumes. If so, your child will bring home a note from your child's teacher. Costumes are not to be worn to school, to gym or music classes or out on the playground.

### **AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

At the 3:05 bell, all students are asked to empty the playground and wait by the fence with their parents until all additional children are collected and accounted for by our playground supervisors. Children who have not been picked up by this time will be taken around the school to the office area. Supervisors will indicate to parents when they are free to resume use of the playground. Children with their parents may continue to use the playground with the parents' supervision.

### **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY & KIDS CELEBRATION RUN**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Olympic Torch is coming through Parksville and Oceanside. Schools are invited to be part of the welcoming group. Our leadership club is making banners for the occasion. We hope to be along the Island Hwy close to Craig St. We will be well positioned for the Torch leaving the Community Park to head up the Alberni Hwy toward Coomes at 9:45 am. Students who would like to wear a PES shirt and really stand out in the crowd should come to the school at 9:00 a.m. to sign out a shirt. Others are welcome to join us at the end of Craig St. There are a number of events taking place in the Community Park to celebrate the occasion. There is a Kids Celebration Run at 10:00 a.m. All participants will receive a medal following the 150 metre run.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND STUDENT COMFORT KITS**

As part of our school's Emergency Preparedness Plan, we have parent/guardians provide "comfort kits" for their child. A labeled Ziploc bag with information about this will be going home next week. Please watch for this.

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

October is the month for the membership drive for Canadian Parents for French. If you have not yet had a chance, there are membership forms just outside the office.

### **COATS FOR KIDS**

It's time for Coats for kids again. If you have unused or underused winter coats, scarves or gloves the Rotary Club with the help of the Ballenas Secondary Leadership classes, would love to recycle them for you and make sure that someone can reuse them! There will be a "Coats for Kids Box" located near the office of your school. The box will arrive on October 14<sup>th</sup> and the final pick up will occur on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for making sure everyone has a warm coat this winter.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY**

Our school's Remembrance Day assembly will be Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00 a.m. This assembly will be in the gym and parents are welcome to join us. Poppies will be available for students and guests, and we are encouraging everyone to donate coins to the "poppy tray".

### **Important Dates To Remember!**

<b>October</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Provincial Professional Development Day – Students do not attend.</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>PES Spirit Day – Black &amp; Orange Day</b>
	<b>30</b>	<b>PES School-based Professional Development Day - Students do not attend.</b>
<b>November</b>	4	PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm (To be confirmed)
	10	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 am - Parents are welcome to attend
	<b>11</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE DAY - Students do not attend.</b>
	24	Report Cards Go Home
	<b>27</b>	<b>PES Reporting Day - Students do not attend.</b>
<b>December</b>	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
	<b>21-Jan 1</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>

### **Community Announcements**

For further information on activities or events for students and families please go to -- [www.sd69.bc.ca](http://www.sd69.bc.ca) and view details under the Community News and Events – second tab on the left.