



PARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School District No. 69 (Qualicum)
Box 400, 330 Craig St., Parksville, BC, V9P 2G5
Phone: 250-248-5778 Fax: 250-248-7152
Safe Arrival Line: 250-248-5247
District website: www.sd69.bc.ca

Principal: Mme Mary Beil

Vice Principal: Mlle Manuela Raviglione

Newsletter No. 7

November 9, 2009

Wednesday, November 11th
Remembrance Day
School not in session

H1N1 VIRUS

For current information on immunizations and comprehensive tips on how to protect yourself, please visit the VIHA website and follow the links for H1N1 Info: <http://www.viha.ca/h1n1/public/vaccine.htm>
You can call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1, 24 hours a day/seven days a week to speak to a nurse if you have more questions or are concerned about any illness/symptoms experienced by you or your children. For the latest facts on the H1N1 flu virus visit www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1. Our School District Website www.sd69.bc.ca also has links to updated information. The first symptoms of this flu are often a cough and a fever. Students who are sick or contagious should not be at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

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



The Choir has been working really hard in preparation for the Remembrance Day assembly. We have a very large choir with about 120 students. A reminder that all choir students are to wear black pants or black skirts for the performance. Dress pants or skirts are preferred but not required. If your child is wearing black jeans, please ensure they are clean and free of holes. The school will provide the PES choir shirts which will be handed out the day before the concert. These shirts will remain at school and will be put on just before recess prior to the performance. Parents don't forget your cameras!

THE OLYMPIC TORCH

Our students were treated to a special showing of the Olympic Torch last Thursday. Meriana Spicer and her father, who was a torch bearer in the Torch Relay, brought the torch into our assembly. Mr. Spicer talked with the students about what it meant to him to be able to carry the torch and encouraged all our students to go after their goals in life. Thank you to Mr. Spicer and Meriana.

COATS FOR KIDS

A reminder that we are still collecting used or underused winter coats, scarves and gloves. Please place them in the "Coats for Kids Box" located in the foyer. Final pick up will be on Monday, November 9th. Thank you for your support!



SOS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Please note that SOS will be offering late night registration for working low income families to have the opportunity to register for the Christmas program. Evening registrations will take place by appointment Tuesday, November 24 and Thursday, November 26th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. SOS will also accommodate families for late night distribution through the Toy Shop and to receive Christmas grocery gift certificates on December 15th and 17th. To make an appointment or for further information, please call Renee at 250-248-2093 ext. 229. You may also drop by in person at 245 W. Hirst Avenue, Parksville between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 pm.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

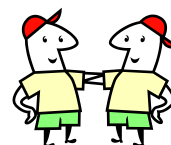
To coincide with our Parent Teacher Conference Day, the Scholastic Book Fair will start Wednesday, Nov. 25th and go until Wednesday, Dec. 2. Keep the Scholastic Book Fair in mind for Christmas present ideas!

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

As last year's Poinsettia Fundraiser was such a success, we've decided to do it again this year! We are continuing to fundraise for upgrades to the school playground. Please gather your orders and hand your forms in with the money back to the school by November 25th. The plants are scheduled to be delivered to the school on Wed. Dec. 2nd. The website for this fundraiser is <http://parksville.plants4nonprofit.com/>. Please note orders cannot be processed or paid for online. Payment must be handed into the school with the order form. The website has photos of the plants that are available for purchasing. Thank you in advance for everyone's contribution to this project. PES PAC Fundraising Committee!

TWINS OR TRIPLETS DAY

The next Spirit Day will be Thursday, November 26th, and the theme is Twins or Triplets. Students are encouraged to pair up with a friend or two and dress in a similar fashion for the day. Our Leadership students hope that students taking part will also be able to bring a donation. Proceeds go toward helping a young girl named Oneyda in Guatemala. Black and Orange spirit day raised \$100.00. Thank you to everyone who donated!



PES SPIRIT DAYS	
Nov. 26 th	Twins or triplets
Dec. 17 th	Funky hats or headbands
Jan. 29 th	Favorite stuffy day
Feb. (TBA)	Will be an Olympic theme
April 1 st	Backwards day
May 28 th	Pajama Day

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND CONFLICT SOLVING

Teaching Social Responsibility is part of the school curriculum. It also fits in very well with our school’s code of conduct: **Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible**. Conflict in personal interactions is to be expected at times and is normal. At school, we want our students to learn to solve problems and resolve conflicts in peaceful ways. At PES we teach our students to use **TWA** to help them solve problems.

1. **T** stands for **TALK**. We teach children to use their words to **talk to the person** about the problem and how it makes them feel. This will often stop a problem from growing.
2. **W** stands for **WALK**. If talking does not solve the problem or if it is not possible to talk to the person right away, we teach students to **walk away**, to leave the situation which causes a problem. Sometimes that sends a clear message to the other person that a problem has occurred.
3. **A** stands for **ASK**. If the problem is still not resolved, we teach students to **Ask an Adult** for help.

We ask for parental support at home to reinforce peaceful ways to solve problems.



Important Dates To Remember!

November	10	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 am – all welcome
	11	REMEMBRANCE DAY - Students do not attend
	12	PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm
	13	Hot Lunch – Pizza Day
	18	Popcorn Day - popcorn is sold at our noon recess - \$1.00 per bag
	20	Hot Lunch – Hot Dog Day
	24	Report Cards Go Home
	25 – Dec 5	Scholastic Book Fair
	26	Spirit Day – Twins or Triplets
	27	PES Reporting Day - Students do not attend
December	2	Popcorn Day - popcorn is sold at our noon recess - \$1.00 per bag
	9	First Nations Winter Celebration Dinner – 5 pm – Parksville Community Centre
	15	Christmas Concert – 9:30 am and 7:00 pm
	16	Popcorn Day - popcorn is sold at our noon recess - \$1.00 per bag
	16	Christmas Concert – 9:30 am and 7:00 pm
	17	Spirit Day - Funky Hats or Headbands
	18	Last day of classes prior to Winter Break
	21-Jan 1	Winter Break
January	4	School Re-opens

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found is growing!! Please check out the lost and found to see if anything belongs to you. Please see the office for lost valuables.

Community Announcements

For further information on activities/events for students and families go to -- www.sd69.bc.ca and view details under the Community News and Events – second tab on the left. You can also access this information on the PES website at: www.pes.sd69.bc.ca.

You will find many items there such as the **RDN Parks and Recreation Programs** and the upcoming **Ski and Sport Swap Fundraiser** taking place Nov. 14th at Ballenas Secondary School.