

The Parkland Post



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Message From Your Administrator Team

Dear Families and Community members,

It has been a pleasure partnering with you throughout these first three months of school. November began with members of the School Council attending the East School Council Forum. During this session families and community members learned ways to support parent engagement in our schools through meaningful partnerships and participation. Our next School Council Gathering will take place on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 - 7:30. All are invited to attend. In November we were also pleased to welcome 20 families to participate in the Parent Reaching Out evening with celebrity [Chef Devan](#). Families spent the evening engaging in a hands on cooking experience along with the staff at Parkland. Parkland families and staff also participated in several fundraising efforts. We are pleased to announce that we raised almost \$10 000 from our chocolate fundraiser and nearly \$2 400 from the Book Fair. These funds will go towards purchasing much needed technology, library resources and other school equipment for our students to use along their learning journeys. Finally, the month ended with a strengthening of partnerships through family - educator conversations as we reflected on the Progress Reports. Together, through continued engagement opportunities, we will support the development of positive well-being and academic achievement for our students.

As we end one calendar year and look forward to the next, staff will continue their learning around nurturing an inclusive learning and working environment. Our November staff reflection, "Seek first to understand, then to be understood" (Stephen Covey) speaks to the work we have been engaging in, looking at results from the [School Climate Survey](#). Our commitment to actively participating in ongoing professional learning will allow us to continue to meet the dynamic needs of our students, families and community at large.

We wish you all the best in the year to come and look forward to our continued partnership.

Pamela and Tisha - *Principal and Vice Principal*



Message From Our Trustee



In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a Ring of Peace and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual Quest conference brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

Sincerely,

Juanita Nathan - *Budget Committee Chair - Markham Wards 7 and 8*

School Council Gatherings

Families and community members are invited to join us for Parkland School Council Gatherings

2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

*(*Child care provided)*

- Thursday, January 11, 2018
 - Thursday, February 8, 2018
 - Thursday, April 12, 2018
 - Thursday, May 10, 2018
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Kindergarten Registration



January 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Please mark your calendar if you have children registering for Kindergarten beginning in September 2018. Registration opens on Friday, January 19, 2018.

Grade 1 French Immersion

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018) to find the French Immersion program location students in the Parkland area.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>

Intermediate Volleyball

The intermediate girls and boys volleyball teams had great seasons this year. They learned new skills and mastered old skills. Each student-athlete displayed exceptional sportsmanship and supported each other throughout the season. The Area Tournaments, which were held at Armadale Public School on November 23rd and 24th, proved to be a great place for the girls and boys to showcase their skills and to represent Parkland. All of the players should be congratulated for their great effort. All of their hard work did not go unnoticed! In the end, the girls placed 2nd and the boys placed 3rd in the Area East Division! Congratulations to all of our players for their hard work and dedication.

A special congratulations to our girls team who competed in the Ontario Provincial Cup at the beginning of November. The girls competed against the top elementary school teams in Ontario. After a weekend of exceptional playing, the girls placed 11th in Ontario! This is Parkland's first ever team to compete in this championship. We are very proud of them.

Lastly, we would like to thank all parents who assisted in transporting and cheering on our players throughout the season. We could not have done it without your continued support.

Mrs. Proskos and Mrs. Saravanapavan







Reminder About School Start Times








Please remember that lessons begin promptly at 8:30 am and 1:20 pm. Families are reminded to support students to arrive to school on time in order to maximize the learning time throughout the school day.



December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 - Day 1	5 - Day 2	6 - Day 3 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	7 - Day 4	8 - Day 5
11 - Day 1	12 - Day 2	13 - Day 3 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	14 - Day 4	15 - Day 5
18 - Day 1	19 - Day 2	20 - Day 3 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	21 - Day 4  11:00 am - 12: pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	22 - Day 5
25  WINTER BREAK	26  WINTER BREAK	27  WINTER BREAK	28  WINTER BREAK	29  WINTER BREAK

January 2017

1  WINTER BREAK	2  WINTER BREAK	3  WINTER BREAK	4  WINTER BREAK	5  WINTER BREAK
8 - Day 1	9 - Day 2	10 - Day 3 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	11 - Day 4	12 - Day 5
15 - Day 1	16 - Day 2	17 - Day 3 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	18 - Day 4	19 P.A. Day No School Today