

The Parkland Post



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Message From Your Administrator Team

In January we welcomed 2018 and acknowledged the Tamil celebration, Thai Pongal as well as engaged in learning opportunities that explored the rich cultures of Canada's Tamil community. As we enter February, many families will be celebrating the Lunar New Year on the 16th. The Parkland learning community will continue to explore the dynamic cultural diversity within African heritage during Black History Month. At Parkland, we endeavour to learn about and affirm the multiple identities that our students, staff and families bring. The diversity of our community coupled with our commitment to nurturing an inclusive learning and working environment continues to propel our actions as we move forward in our collective work.



February marks the commencement of Term Two - the beginning of the second half of the academic year. Over the past five months, students, families and staff have been working hard, addressing curricular expectations, supporting learning, developing effective learning skills and work habits and enjoying all the social dynamics of school-life. As we close the first term and review the report cards (which go home on February 15) we engage in a time of reflection and celebration! Families are encouraged to continue to have conversations with your children about their learning both inside and outside of school and explore how both opportunities for learning might collide. As a reminder, you are always encouraged to connect with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, learning and ways you might continue to partner. We would like to thank the Parkland staff for their continued dedication to serving our students and families.

Yours in partnership,

Pamela and Tisha - *Principal and Vice Principal*

Message From Our Trustee



With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

Sincerely,

Juanita Nathan - Markham Wards 7 and 8

Kindergarten Registration Continues



Registration forms are linked below:

- [Registration Form](#)

- [Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Questionnaire](#)

Welcome to
Kindergarten!

Thursday May 24, 2018

A kindergarten information session for parents/guardians will take place this spring on **May 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm.**

Volleyball Season at Parkland

The junior girls and boys volleyball team had a very successful season this year. They learned new and mastered old skills. They all displayed exceptional sportsmanship and supported each other throughout the season. The Area Tournament, which was held at Armadale Public School on January 25th, 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. The team competed in five invitational tournaments throughout the season:

- Dec. 13th at Wilclay P.S. – [Parkland 1st place](#)
- Dec. 07th at Markham Gateway P.S. – [Parkland 1st place](#)
- Jan. 11th at Parkland P.S. – [Parkland 1st place](#)
- Jan. 18th at Parkland P.S. – [Parkland 1st place](#)
- Jan. 23rd at Cornell Village P.S. – [Parkland 1st place](#)

The junior volleyball team went undefeated for the season, finishing first in all 5 competitions. In the end, Parkland placed 2nd overall out of 15 teams in the Area East Division! Congratulations to all of our players for their hard work and dedication.

Lastly, we would like to thank all the parents and volunteers who assisted in the two tournaments held at Parkland and who transported and cheered on our players throughout the season. We could not have done it without your continued support.

Special thanks to our team members:

- Grade 5s - Nithipan, Rocco, Manvir, Aathithan, Anoshan, Haritharan, Nicholas, Nikhil Jasmine, Erica, Shivanni, Jennifer
- Grade 6s - Sujaan, Ajay, Aadil, Jason, Ivan, Mridul, Dua, Lana, Kari, Ella, Thenuja, Ridhi, Swetha, Mahari

(Mrs. Silvester, Ms. Zollo, Ms. Jagroop & Mr. Saravanapavan)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

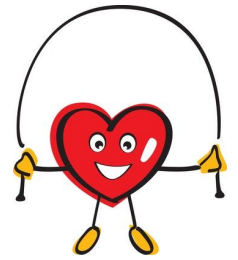
This month, Parkland staff, students, and families will engage in learning that recognizes and celebrates the rich history of the Black community. Daily morning announcements will provide students with information about various Black Canadians, events and quotes that are significant to our history. Students will also have the opportunity to learn by engaging in a variety of activities set up in the Learning Commons. We will have guests visiting our school to share their expertise in music, hair braiding and storytelling.

Events will be as follows:

- Feb. 9 - Steel pan presentation from Pappy
- Feb. 13 - Learning about African hair braiding (gr. 1-6)
- Feb. 20 Storyteller Yvonne Brown (K - gr. 3)
- Feb. 22 Hip Hop presentation (gr. 6-8)

Students will be encouraged to post what they have learned on our interactive Anansi the Spider Information Web displayed on the wall in the front foyer of our school. Families are welcome to join us as we celebrate. Remember to ask your child about all their amazing learning!

(Ms. Adore and Ms. Grant)

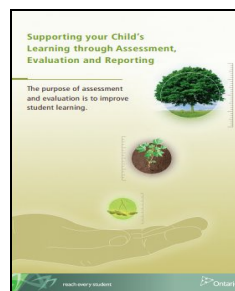


Parkland Public School is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Jump Rope for Heart event during the month of February. The goal of our event is to inspire the students to be active, teach them heart-healthy habits, and show them how their efforts are helping kids like them. The kick-off assembly will be on February 1st in our school gym and pledge forms will be sent home to collect donations from family and friends. During the actual event on February 27, 2018, stations will be set-up in the gym and students will rotate through them. All pledge envelopes and donations must be returned no later than February 27, 2018. Healthy Heart, Healthy Kids!!!

(Ms. Lovatsis, Ms. Patel and Ms. Babbar)

Term 1 Report Cards are Coming

Please find a resource linked below for a guide to supporting your child through assessment and evaluation as reported on in the report card.



[English](#)

[Tamil](#)

[Traditional Chinese](#)

School Council Gathering- Feb. 8

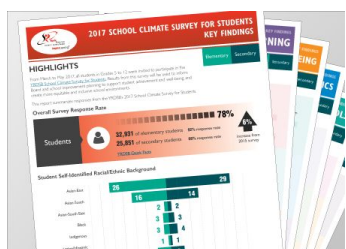


2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.
(*Child care provided for children of participating parents.)

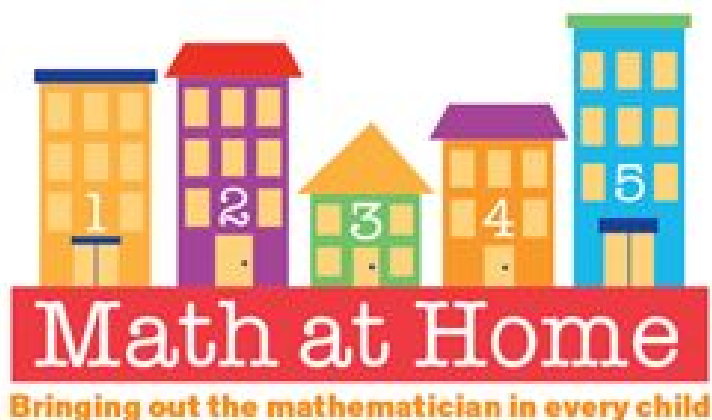
- Thursday, February 8, 2018
- Thursday, April 12, 2018
- Thursday, May 10, 2018

During the January School Council Gathering, families were invited to engage in a discussion about school improvement planning. They explored different types of school-wide student data including survey results, academic achievement as well as data about the demographic context of our school. The voices of our families plays an important part in understanding the Parkland learning community in order to more accurately serve them. Families were also invited to take a look at the YRDSB board-wide School Climate Survey results that was collected in 2017. Please click the link below for a summary of student responses.

School Council Gatherings will continue to be a forum for families to come together and partner with the school staff and students in enriching the learning experience here at Parkland P.S.



[Link to the system-wide student feedback](#)



In classrooms, educators are working with students to build skills with understanding and connections, to help develop their sense of number as well as learning and remembering facts. This helps them when problem-solving.

Think about knowing $4 + 7 = 11$ simply as a memorized fact. Now think about knowing that $4 + 7 = 11$ because it is a $3 + 7$ and 1 more (linked to knowing that 10 is an important number).

The understanding of this relationship can help a student to think flexibly about $64 + 27$.

In the same way, it can be thought about as $60 + 20 +$ the 10 (that was made by the understanding of $4 + 7$) and 1 more = 91

As a parent/guardian, you can support your child in thinking flexibly about how numbers are related:

- **What other numbers or facts is this connected to?** (Example: $6 + 7 = ?$ This is like the double I know of $6 + 6$ and then 1 more.)
- **What do you know that might help you get there?** Example: $7 \times 4 = ?$ I remember that $5 \times 4 = 20$, so then I have to add on two more 4's, which is 8, to get 28.
- **What is another way that you can know that?** Example: $4 \times 25 = ?$ I can think about money and know that 4 quarters is \$1.00, so $4 \times 25 = 100$

Excerpt taken from www.edugains.ca



February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 - Day 4	6 - Day 5	7 - Day 1 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	8 - Day 2  6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	9 - Day 3
12 - Day 4  Lunar New Year Assembly 10:40 am - 11:30 am	13 - Day 5	14 - Day 1 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	15 - Day 2  Term 1 Report Card go home	16 - Day 3
19 - No School 	20 - Day 4	21 - Day 5 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	22 - Day 1	23 - Day 2  Int. Boys Area Basketball Tournament
26 - Day 3	27 - Day 4 	28 - Day 5 <i>Pizza Lunch</i>	1 - Day 1	2 - Day 2  Int. Girls Area Basketball Tournament - Milliken Mills High School