

PARKVIEW PULSE

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SCHOOL DAY TIMES

8:25am

Entry Bell

8:30-10:30am

Learning Block

10:30-11:00am

Recess

11:00am-12:20pm

Learning Block

12:20-1:20pm

Lunch

1:20-3:00pm

Learning Block

3:00pm

Dismissal

A Message from the Administrative Team

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone! We are looking forward to working with your children. We would also like to thank the Parkview Community for their warm welcome!

The teaching staff at Parkview have spent many hours preparing their classrooms in order to create learning environments which promote intellectual rigor, collaboration and curiosity for our students. Our caretaking team has worked hard to ensure that the building looks inviting for our community and has overseen the construction that took place over the summer. Our office staff have worked endlessly to allow for a smooth start for September. The entire staff at Parkview bring unique gifts and talents which contribute in making our school a caring and safe place for all students. We thank all our staff for all their dedication and commitment to teaching and learning.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new staff members: Ms. Weissberger, Ms. Zhong, Ms. Chau, Ms. Chou and Ms. Awais. Ms. McAllister is our new school office administrator.

The Parkview staff are committed to ensuring that all our children have quality education that includes academics, arts and athletics in order to ensure the development of the whole child. We are dedicated to ensuring that our children become responsible global citizens and understand how to make a positive difference in the world.

This month, we held our school council elections. Please join us in congratulating our newly formed council members: **Chair: Anoosh Sharif, Vice Chair: Flora Ho, Treasurer: Henna Alvi Secretaries: Shiva Shirzad and Bin Liu.**

Our job is to help your children grow and learn in a positive and safe environment in order to become the best that they can be. We know that we cannot accomplish this without your support and we look forward to working with you in pursuit of this goal. We look forward to the wonderful year ahead!

Shelley Anand
Principal

Dalia Osman
Vice-Principal

A Message From Our School Council

A warm welcome to our new Parkview families and we hope that this will be a memorable year for you and your children. For our returning families thank you for your support of School Council initiatives throughout the years.

School council fundraises in order to support the school. Over the years council has purchased playground equipment for kindergarten students, invested in musical instruments, updated the outdoor school space, provided healthy snacks, installed lighting and sound systems in the gym and has put more technology into the classrooms.

All profits from the sale of PIZZA hot lunches on Fridays and SUSHI on Wednesdays go to School Council who in turn will continue to support Parkview students by enhancing programs at our school. Monday SUB sandwich lunch is organized by our council teacher representative, Mr. Hewson and our governing student council ministers. The profits from SUB lunches benefit all our Grade 8 students by offsetting the costs for the Grade 8 graduation ceremony and graduation trip.

A Message From School Council (continued)

All orders must be placed with School Cash Online by:

1. October 1st for Sushi Wednesday
2. October 1st for Pizza Friday
3. October 9th for Sub Monday **Please see Cash Online for further details and pricing.**

Sushi Wednesday starts October 4, Pizza Friday starts October 6 and Sub Monday starts October 16

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE If you have 1 hour to give between 11:50 AM - 12:40 PM to help with PIZZA lunch on Fridays please email OurSchoolParkview@gmail.com for more information.

Respectfully,

Anoosh Sharif

School Council Chair

Trustee Greetings

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year. I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Trustee Billy Pang

Parkview's Meet and Greet

Come join us for Parkview's Meet and Greet Evening which will take place on **Thursday, October 12th, 2017**. Visit classrooms, meet our teachers, and learn about your child's experience at school. Teachers will be available to meet between **6:30-7:30pm**. The **BOOK FAIR** will be available in the library from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Classroom Presentation 1

6:30 - 7:00pm

Classroom Presentation 2

7:00 - 7:30pm

Classroom visits: Homeroom Teachers will be available to meet parents/students in homeroom classes.

SERTS, French, prep and ELL Teachers: will be stopping by homerooms to introduce themselves.

We look forward to meeting our Parkview families!

Parkview Staff

Position	Staff	Position	Staff
Kindergarten (FDK)	Ms. Chau & Ms. Awais Ms. Nakada & Ms. Soda Ms. Shim & Ms. Thakur	SERT	Ms. Andrews (Primary /Junior) Ms. Rae Vair (Junior/ Intermediate)
1	Ms. Nadarajah Ms. Chou	Prep	Mr. Rainford Ms. Birtch
2	Ms. Yeung	Librarian	Ms. Vikse
2 /3	Ms. Chong Mr. Da Ponte	Music	Ms. Rinaldi Ms. Birtch
3	Ms. Kruchak Ms. Prasad	French	Ms. Bolhuis Ms. Rinaldi
4	Ms. Cunha Ms. Weissberger	Reading Recovery	Ms. Vikse Ms. Bilkas
5	Ms. Zhong Ms. McShane	ELL	Ms. Bucci
5/6	Mr. Mc Cammon		
6	Ms. Kemp Mr. Suleiman	EAs /CYW	Ms. Troyer Lee Ms. Waye Ms. O'Neil Ms. Jeffery
7	Ms. Kim	Caretaking Team	Mr. Cuddahee Mr. Featherstone Mr. Lamana
7/8	Mr. Trivelli	Administrative Assistants	Ms. Mc Allister Ms. De Sousa
8	Mr. Jung Mr. Hewson	Administration	Ms. Anand (P) Ms. Osman (VP)

Curriculum Corner

Your child is growing up in a media-rich, technological world. Changes in society are happening so quickly that children need time to think about the underlying messages in print or in other media. Here are some ways you can help to foster critical literacy skills:

- Help your child understand the speaker's viewpoint or perspective.
- Discuss the fairness of the message and look for the misleading effects of missing information.
- Talk about how language is used to persuade people – for example, talk about the powerful effects of one language in advertising.
- Ask if your child has learned something new that prompts new questions. Does it change what your child thinks about the topic? How can he or she find out if it is accurate?

To encourage your child to read critically, ask questions:

- What is this book about? Why are you interested in reading it?
- What does the author of this news article want us to know or think?
- Does the writer want us to believe something?
- What does this magazine's theme say about children, teenagers and parents?
- How has the author used words and images to communicate the message?

~Reading & Writing With Your Child K-6, Ministry Of Education~



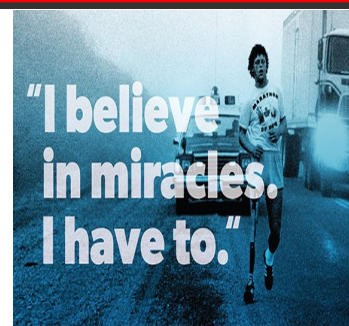
EQUITY CORNER

An equitable, inclusive education system is one in which all students, parents, and other members of the school community are welcomed and respected, and every student is supported and inspired to succeed in a culture of high expectations for learning. Equity and inclusive education aims to understand, identify, address, and eliminate the biases, barriers, and power dynamics that limit students' prospects for learning, growing, and fully contributing to society. Barriers may be related to sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnic origin, religion, socio-economic background, physical or mental ability, or other factors. At Parkview, we are committed to equity and inclusivity. For more information please visit: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/inclusiveguide.pdf>

TERRY FOX RUN AT PARKVIEW

Terry Fox was a Canadian athlete, humanitarian, and cancer research activist. In 1980, with one leg having been amputated, he embarked on an east to west cross-Canada run to raise money and awareness for cancer research. On October 6, 2017 Parkview Panthers will continue his dream by running and raising awareness for cancer research. Online donating is simple and you will receive your tax receipt immediately. Simply click:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/ParkviewPublicSchoolUnionville> to make your donation and your funds will be automatically added to our school's fundraising total.



Safe Arrival Program

Our school operates a safe arrival program that requires that we check the whereabouts of all students who are absent each day. It is important that parents/guardians let us know if their child is going to be absent. We have a 24 hour absence reporting line. When you call in please clearly state your child's name and state their teacher's name as well. You may leave a message anytime at: **(905) 477-2172**



Dropping Off Children At School

Students who do not take a bus should be walking to school every day. Walking to school promotes a healthy lifestyle, encourages older students to be responsible for younger children, gives students an opportunity to socialize with friends, and much more. Fewer vehicles in front of the school reduces traffic congestion and lowers pollution levels in the schoolyard during drop-off times.

Teachers are on supervision duty 15 minutes before the start of school in the morning at 8:15a.m. Please ensure that your child does not arrive prior to these times as the yard will not be adequately supervised and we want all of our students to be safe.

The entry bell will ring at 8:25am. At this time, students will be expected to line up at their designated doors, for entry. Instructional time will begin at 8:30am.

Any student arriving after 8:30am will be marked absent and will need to report to the office in order to receive a late slip. In order to support student success it is important that your child arrive on time so that they are not losing instructional time.

Thank you for your co-operation!



Building Security

In order to ensure student safety all school doors, including the front doors will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office.

For non-school activities taking place in the evening the front door will be unlocked 15 minutes before the permit begins and locked 15 minutes after it begins.

Lunches may be dropped off at the lunch table which is located in the main foyer. We are respectfully asking parents / guardians/ caregivers to support us with ensuring the safety all our children by exiting the building once lunches have been dropped. If you require further communication with you child, please do not block the front doors/library doors. This will allow our front door to remain closed and accessible, which will ensure the safety of all our students.

Our school continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged.

Bus Safety



At the beginning of the school year it is important to establish routines with your children. It is especially critical when it comes to bus safety. Please establish and maintain after school and bus routines with your children by discussing these key points as a family:

- Never get off the bus unless the adult that is supposed to be waiting at the bus stop is present
- Speak up to the bus driver if the above occurs. Tell them you need to go back to the school so your parents/guardians can be contacted.
- Put a note in the front pocket of your child's backpack with "in case of emergency" contact information.
- Notify the school office if you need to change a family's end of day routine. Do not leave voicemail for the teachers as they may not get the message in time.

Parkview students had the opportunity to participate in a bus safety session which took place in September. In the session safety was discussed with a bus driver, students viewed educational videos, and participated in a practical bus evacuation training on a school bus. Working together we can ensure that our students arrive at their destination safely.

Bussing for Eligible Students

Our school's bussing is arranged by Student Transportation Services. Bussing information for eligible students can be accessed from the Internet at www.schoolbuscity.com The Student Transportation Services website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will provide information on the location, bus route number and time of pick-up/drop-off.

Please remember that students are only allowed on busses if they are eligible for the bus. Due to issues with insurance, friends who are non bussed students are not able to take the bus. Students who are in grade 4 or older who live closer then 1.6km from the school are not eligible to take the bus. This includes students who have younger siblings that are on the bus. Arrangements must be made for someone to meet younger siblings who are on the bus.

Anaphylaxis and EpiPens



Parkview strives to be a Nut Safe School. Parents /Guardians are asked to inform teachers if their child has any allergies (e.g., peanuts, dairy products, tree nuts, etc). If your child has an allergy/medical needs, they will need an Emergency Plan. Students will need to provide an Epi Pen to the office and will be asked to carry one with them at all times. Even if you have filled out the form previously, we need to update this at the beginning of each school year. EpiPens that are close to the expiry date will need to be replaced. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Parents/guardians are asked to check that their child is carrying his/her EpiPen when preparing to go to school.

Birthdays

Parkview will recognize student birthdays over the daily announcements and classrooms. We would like to remind parents /guardians not to send any food or loot bags.

Medic Alert's No Child Without Program

The **No Child Without** program offers a **free Medic Alert** membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, a life threatening allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program. MedicAlert is your child's voice in an emergency. For further information on the No Child Without Program please visit: : www.nochildwithout.ca. If you would like to register your child please come to the office to pick up a brochure with the school barcode & pin.

Extended Student Absence

As you may be aware, Bill 52, which delineates the government's plan for Learning to Age 18, also requires that the responsibility for extended student absent be addressed to ensure continuity of their learning.

In the past, a student who had been absent for 15 consecutive school days, without appropriate supporting documentation, was typically removed from the attendance register. Bill 52 allows for any pupil of compulsory school age to remain on the register for 16 to 30 consecutive days of absence, but only after the principal has referred the case in writing to the attendance counsellor. Further, this may be extended for subsequent fifteen-day periods, if the principal receives reports from the attendance counsellor every 15 days that the file is still active.

The legislation underscores the importance of maintaining contact with absent students. If your are planning an extended student absence for the purposes of family holidays during the school year please remember that it interrupts student learning. However, if your child is going to be away for 15 or more consecutive days, parents must contact the school in order to receive a form they must complete in order to follow the requirements of Bill 52.

Volunteers – Vulnerable Sector Screening:

It is our Board's practice that all volunteers hold a valid Vulnerable Sector Screening (Police Check). The purpose of this is, of course, to ensure the safety of students, staff and community members. There are some exceptions to this requirement that may be considered:

The volunteer is always in the presence of school staff

The volunteer is never alone with students

Situations in which we will require volunteers to get a VSS are :

Volunteers driving students on trips, to sport events, supporting in classrooms etc

Volunteers on school trips that require them to be alone with a small group of children

We truly value the assistance of all of our volunteers.

Thank you for all that you do!

MFIPPA: Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

We celebrate student achievement by posting student work/pictures around the school and within our school newsletters throughout the year. If you would prefer that your child's work or picture **not be** on display in any capacity, **PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE IN WRITING.**

Indoor Shoes

Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for school. With wet and slushy weather, outdoor shoes track in mud into the hallways and classrooms. If the students are able to change into indoor shoes when they are in the building it will contribute to a cleaner school environment for us all.



ECO CORNER

At Parkview, we encourage everyone to care for the environment. Whether it's packing litter less lunches or using reusable water bottles, being eco-friendly is easy! We also highly encourage you to carpool or walk to school which will reduce the number of cars on the roads. Cars send out tons of pollution which is harming our environment and polluting our air day by day. Walking to school can help resolve this problem very easily. Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 is "Walk to School Day" and we encourage all families and community members to participate in this eco event. So, the next time you drop your child off to school, always remember to think eco!

York Regional Police has provided the following safety tips on their website to help keep students safe on their way to and from school:

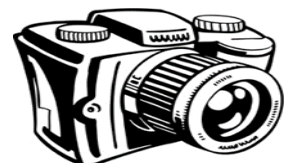
- Walk on available sidewalks
- Always cross at intersections
- Obey crossing guards
- Stop before stepping into roadway
- Be visible and indicate crossing intentions
- Look and listen for traffic in all directions
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Cross safely when the roadway is clear
- Walk. Do not run or cycle across roads
- If possible use the buddy system



For more information, visit www.yrp.ca.

PICTURE DAY

Photo day at Parkview will take place on October 25, 2017. More details to follow.



Parkview's Spirit Day

On Friday September 15th , Parkview Panthers participated in our annual Colour House Cross Country Meet. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to build school spirit across the grades. Thank you to our staff for organizing this event and to our Intermediate students for helping build school spirit!

