

Parkland News

"Expand Your Horizons"

September 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 17 School Photo Day
Sept 18 PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Sept 18 or 19 ROCK SOLID for Grade 7s
Sept 20 Pro D, No School for Students
Sept 26 Open House & PAC BBQ, 5:30PM
Sept 27/28 Jr Boys VB Tournament at PMS
Sept 30 Day of Truth and Reconciliation,
School Closed
Oct 8 Student Fees Due
Oct 14 Thanksgiving Day—School Closed

Friday Rotations

Sept 13 Week 2 Thursday
Sept 27 Week 2 Wednesday



Check Out Our Web Site

pms.sd5.bc.ca

All sorts of great information about PMS
right at your fingertips!

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are charged to all students to cover the cost of locks, lockers, handbooks and miscellaneous supplies. **The cost is \$20** and can be paid using School Cash Online or may be paid in the office by cash or cheque.

If you have not already done so, please log in and set up School Cash Online. It's easy and a great way to stay on top of your child's fees. Visit our school website and click on School Cash Online to use the site.

CELL PHONES & DIGITAL SERVICES

Phones and handheld devices are to stay in lockers.

Smart watches, earbuds and gaming devices, **are not** to be used during instructional time.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF PARKLAND CALENDAR
MAGNETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE. HAVE YOUR
CHILD PICK ONE UP IF YOU'D LIKE ONE FOR YOUR
FRIDGE.



STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP

Due to congestion along 2nd Avenue South we have changed our student drop-off and pick-up area. Please drop-off and pick-up your child in the school parking lot. Follow the signs and please stay to the RIGHT!

PARKLAND PAC IS ON FACEBOOK

Please visit our PMS website and click the link for the PARKLAND PAC and request to join the group.

facebook 

Parkland Middle School

1115 – 2nd Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC, V1C 2B4

Phone: 250-426-3327

Ms. Brenda Tyson – Principal, ext. 21203

Mrs. Pam Drydale – Vice Principal, ext. 21204

Mr. Dan van der Walt—Counsellor, ext. 21209

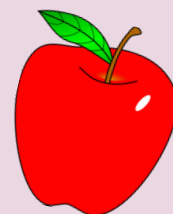


Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Parkland Middle School Community! What a fantastic week of learning and community connection we had for the first week of school. The building and the staff are ready and looking forward to a wonderful school year. As the community of Cranbrook grows, so does the Parkland Community. We are incredibly excited to welcome all our new families and students. We are also thrilled to welcome back all the familiar faces. We have some incredible events planned for this year. We are hosting a wonderful Open House & Welcome Back PAC BBQ on Thursday, September 26th. We hope to see everyone there.

With approximately 450 students, our school will to be a busy place. Morning drop-off and after school pick-up is always busy. Buses will pick-up and drop-off on 2nd Avenue South, alongside the building. We ask that you do not interfere with flow, as our bus drivers have tight timelines to meet. Parents can drop-off and collect students along 11th Street South, or in the parking lot loop. Please follow the arrows and traffic flow within the parking lot. We do not recommend parking across 2nd Avenue South, as there is a lot of traffic. With the buses parked in their lane, pedestrians are difficult to spot, and middle school students often forget to look both ways.

Brenda Tyson
Principal



VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

Volleyball sign-up sheets for all teams will be posted outside the gym office on the first day of school. Practices may start as soon as September 9.

We have coaches for grade 8 girls and boys, and grade 9 girls.

We are in need of coaches for grade 9 boys and both grade 7 teams. Contact adam.wills@sd5.bc.ca if you have any questions regarding coaching.



PAC Meeting

Our Parent Advisory Council meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. You can follow them on Facebook (Parkland PAC) for updates and events. Our first meeting of the year is September 18th at 6:30PM in the school Library. Click the link on our website to join the group.

Open House & PAC BBQ

We are excited to welcome parents to come tour the school and meet staff on Thursday, September 26th at 5:30PM. This is a social opportunity to connect with the school. If you would like to discuss your child specifically with a teacher(s), please contact them for an alternate date and time. Please RSVP with numbers to parklandchairperson@gmail.com.

STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent please advise the office via School Messenger Safe Arrival (see information below) or by calling the office and leaving a message on our answering machine. Please call 250-426-3327, choose option 1



STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE / DISMISSING EARLY

All students arriving late to school, or leaving at any point during the school day, are required to check in/out at the office.

If your child must leave school during the school day they require a signed note or a parent phone call to the office and must check out at the office prior to leaving the building.

We cannot accept a text message.

2023-2024 YEARBOOKS

Parkland yearbooks for the previous school year will be handed out in the next couple of weeks. Grade 10 students will pick their copies up at MBSS. All students will be notified via school announcements when it is time for them to pick-up their copy.



Photo Day

School Photos are Tuesday, September 17th. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help organize students. If you have a couple of hours to spare that morning please send a note to pms.mailing@sd5.bc.ca Every student and staff must have a photo for our student information system and for student ID cards. Grade 9s, these are your photos that will go on our memory wall. Note: we ask that students **do not** wear hats in the photos.

Welcome to School Messenger SafeArrival

SafeArrival handles the majority of parent contact (including phone calls) when a student absence is unexpected.

All parents are asked to please report student absences before **8:15 am** on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known).

To report an absence you may choose to:

- call the toll free # **1-(833) 566-1225** or
- access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- download App from **Apple** or **Google Play**

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. **Don't forget to wait for confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.**

If you do not connect with the SafeArrival system by 8:30 am on the day of your child's absence from school, and when the teacher has completed attendance for his/her class, then a report will be dispatched for all.

Please get in touch with your child's school if your contact information (email or phone number) has recently changed so SchoolMessenger has the most current information on file.



School Messenger SMS

Our district utilizes the School Messenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can join by sending a text message of

"Yes" or "Y to **978338**.

Please make sure you are utilizing the cellular number that the school has on record. The cellular phone number for SMS must match the contact information on file.



*if your number is Canada-based.