

Parkland News

"Expand Your Horizons"

FEBRUARY 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 5 WINTER ACTIVITY DAY #1
FEBRUARY 6 HOT LUNCH (date changed due to Activity Day)
FEBRUARY 12 HOT LUNCH
FEBRUARY 12 SCHOOL DANCE, 6-9 PM Chaperones Needed
FEBRUARY 14 NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, School Closed
FEBRUARY 17 STAT HOLIDAY, School Closed
FEBRUARY 19 HOT LUNCH
FEBRUARY 19 PAC MEETING, 6:30 pm in the Library
FEBRUARY 26 PINK SHIRT DAY
FEBRUARY 26 WINTER ACTIVITY DAY #2
FEBRUARY 27 HOT LUNCH (date changed due to Activity Day)
MARCH 7 NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY, School Closed
MARCH 17-28 SPRING BREAK

Friday Rotations

FEB 7 Week 1 Thursday
FEB 21 Week 2 Monday
MAR 14 Week 2 Monday



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Please note we will start accepting any NEW registrations or family requests for out of catchment placement on Monday, February 3rd. See the links below for more information.

[FAMILY REQUEST FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT FORM](#)

[STUDENT REGISTRATION ENROLMENT AND PLACEMENT](#)

WINTER ACTIVITY DAYS

We have 2 activity days planned in February – the 5th and 26th.

Sign-up has already happened and we are looking forward to some great days. Kids will have signed up to go to Fairmont, downhill skiing, ice fishing, Idlewild, battle bots, snowshoe/hike, board games, painting pottery, art, cooking, and school climbing wall.

The cooking group will be making a 3-Course Meal consisting of:

Appetizer: Bruschetta

Main Course: Chicken parmesan with homemade pasta

Dessert: Vanilla and salted caramel semifreddo



IMPORTANT SCHOOL REMINDERS

STUDENT ABSENCE

If your child is going to be absent please advise the office via School Messenger Safe Arrival or by calling the office and leaving a message on our answering machine.

Please call 250-426-3327, choose option 1.

STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP

1. Slow down when entering the parking lot.
2. Ensure wheel chair zone is open for our bus.
3. Remind your student to watch for vehicles and to not cross in the middle of the driveway.
4. Watch for staff and student walking via the parking lot.



the YOUTH SUMMIT SERIES
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Save the Dates

A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION

March 17-21 and April 12

Join us for the 7th annual Youth Summit Series organized by the Ktunaxa Nation! This year, we are excited to offer access to two exciting events: Gathering Our Voices in Kamloops, BC, and our local Ktunaxa Youth Summit in Cranbrook. These events are a celebration of youth voices, culture, mentorship and community, providing a safe and welcoming space connection and collaboration. Please note that all expenses are covered for participants of both events.

More Information about Gathering Our Voices →

The Events

Gathering Our Voices (GOV)- March 17-21 (Kamloops, BC)

An annual Indigenous youth leadership training event bringing together over 1,000 participants across Canada to engage in cultural workshops and community-building activities. Interested in joining us on a road trip and getaway? Make sure to submit your application by January 24th. Seats are limited.

Applications now open! →

Ktunaxa Youth Summit April 12 (Cranbrook, BC)

Welcome to the 7th annual Ktunaxa Youth Summit! Join us for a day of great food, workshops and activities focusing on interpersonal and community connectedness! This event is open to all Ktunaxa, Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth between ages 12 and 24.

Registration now open! →

CONTACT US
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KTUNAXA NATION

SD5 MOBILE APP

Download the SD5 Mobile App for parents/guardians and students! From events important school information, find all the information your family needs in one place.



Currently available for iOS.
Google Play version coming soon.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

<https://www.sd5.bc.ca/pms>

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Hot Lunch is back up and running with a new on-line ordering system and pay what you can for families.

1. Click on the link. <https://sd5.food-for-thought.ca/orders/menu>
2. Choose Register
3. Create an account
4. Add your child and click on the green *Add Child* button
5. It's that easy..... and works well on mobile device too!

FEBRUARY MENUS

FEB 6

Chicken Mac and Cheese, Greek salad

Chicken, macaroni, milk, onions, carrot, celery, cheese, peppers, cucumbers, balsamic vinegar

FEB 12

Beef and Barley Soup, cheese biscuit

Beef, barley, thyme, garlic, onion, celery, carrot, beef stock, flour, cheese

FEB 19

Tomato Braised Pork and Rice, Mixed Green salad

Tomato, onion, garlic, thyme, pork, carrot, celery, rice, mixed leaf

White or chocolate milk is available for \$1.00

VALENTINE'S DANCE

The Valentines Dance is coming up and the Grade 9 French immersion students are running the concession as a fundraiser, as well as part of their math 9 curriculum. They are developing a marketing plan and sales strategy. As part of their unit on financial literacy, they are making a budget to make informed financial decisions on how to maximize their profits. They will be calculating fixed and variable costs, determining break even points and estimating profit margins. Their sales ideas are fun. Expect that this dance will be a blast for all parkland students attending. We will also need lots of parent chaperones. Come out and support our program!



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Come out and cheer on your Parkland Raiders:



FEB 1 JR BOYS AT SPARWOOD SECONDARY

FEB 6 GRADE 7 BOYS vs. LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 5:00 PM
GRADE 7 GIRLS vs. LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 630 PM

FEB 7&8 JR. BOYS AT ELKFORD SECONDARY FOR EKs
JR GIRLS AT SPARWOOD SECONDARY FOR EKs

FEB 10 GRADE 7 GIRLS AT LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 3:30 PM
GRADE 7 BOYS AT LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 5:00 PM

FEB 11 GRADE 7 BOYS vs. McKIM MIDDLE SCHOOL 5:00 PM
GRADE 7 GIRLS vs. McKIM MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:30 PM

FEB 20 GRADE 7 BOYS vs. LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 5:00 PM
GRADE 7 GIRLS vs. LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL 630 PM

FEB 21&22 BANTAM GIRLS AT SELKIRK SECONDARY FOR EKs

FEB 28 GRADE 7 BOYS AT PARKLAND
GRADE 7 GIRLS AT LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL

MAR 1 GRADE 7 BOYS AT PARKLAND
GRADE 7 GIRLS AT LAURIE MIDDLE SCHOOL



Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grade 8, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>.

Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at pam.drydale@sd5.bc.ca



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PARKLAND PAC IS ON FACEBOOK

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



Earn \$500 for Referring a Great Host Family to ROCKY MOUNTAIN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a young person? Do you know someone who would be a fantastic host parent for international students?

The Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) is actively seeking new families to join our welcoming homestay community! We provide regular training, support and assistance for both families and international students.

Here's why you should refer a host family:

- Make a positive impact: You'll be helping to connect international students with a caring and supportive home away from home.
- Earn a generous referral bonus: Get \$500 for every new host family you refer who is approved and successfully completes at least one month of hosting.

It's easy to participate: Simply complete our quick and easy referral form by April 30th: <https://www.rminternational.ca/homestay2>

Don't miss out on this limited-time offer. Refer a friend or family member today! Remember, host families receive compensation of \$1050 to \$1300 each month for hosting.

P.S. Referral forms must be submitted before the new host family is approved. Referral rewards will be paid out after the new host family successfully completes at least one month of hosting.

Visit <https://www.rminternational.ca/homestay2> to learn more and submit your referral form today!



A promotional graphic for the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) referral reward. It features a teal background with white and yellow text. At the top left, it says 'REFERRAL REWARD' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'REFER A NEW HOST FAMILY AND EARN \$250'. A large '\$500' is displayed in the center, with 'LIMITED OFFER' in red and white text below it. To the right of the '\$500' is a QR code with 'SCAN HERE' written above it. At the bottom left, it says 'NOW THROUGH APRIL 30TH ONLY!' and provides contact information: 'For more information, connect with us at: rminternational@sd6.bc.ca 250-427-2245'. The Rocky Mountain International Student Program logo is in the top right corner.

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