### Parkland News

"Expand Your Horizons"

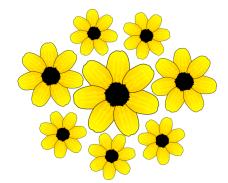
# **JUNE 2025**

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 4	Spring Activity Day
June 5	Library Books Due
June 6	Grade 6 Visitation Day, Grade 7s stay home
June 11	Band Concert, Key City Theatre
June 12	Grade 6 Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM
June 13	PRO D, School Closed for Students
June 18	PAC Meeting, 6:30 PM in the Library
June 19	Year End Dance, 6-9 PM, Chaperones Needed
June 23	Last Day of Classes for Students
June 26	Final Report Cards Posted Online
Sept 2	School Resumes

# Friday Rotations

JUNE 6 Week 1 Wednesday JUNE 20 Week 2 Tuesday



During the final month of this school year, we ask families to support students and encourage them to do their best to stay focused on school. This can be a difficult task with upcoming holidays, warm weather and busy schedules. As teachers are working tirelessly to wrap up coursework for students, we hope that students are working just as hard to finish off assignments and tie up loose ends. Maintaining positive behaviour and following our cell phone policy are also extremely important. These simple steps help to reinforce a continued positive learning environment.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September. Best wishes to our grade 9s as they move on to high school.

Brenda Tyson, Principal

### GRADE 8 & 9 FORMS ARE DUE FOR NEXT YEAR

Permission forms for next year were emailed out in May. Fillable PDF copies were sent and can be filled out online and returned to the office by email. If you cannot fill it out online please have your child pick up a hard copy in the office. These must be back in the office by June 20, 2025. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.



# CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

**Click Here** 

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Ms. Brenda Tyson – Principal, ext. 21203 Mrs. Pam Drydale – Vice Principal, ext. 21204 Mr. Dan van der Walt—Counsellor, ext. 21209

# GRADE 6 VISITATION DAY—FRIDAY JUNE 6

Grade 7 students will stay home on June 6 while the Grade 6 students visit Parkland for their visitation day.

### **FRENCH IMMERSION**

The French Immersion Grade 9 Science class will be heading out on a field trip to do some water quality testing on June 10th. They are excited to learn about our municipal water system and complete some field work.

## GAGA BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The school-wide 2025 Parkland Gaga Ball Championship took place on May 22. Individuals representing the Grade 7 classes had particularly impressive performances, and two (Kewan McDowell and Grayson Tanner) of them made it to the tournament's final three competitors. In the end, Grade 8 student Nolan Scavo came out on top and won the championship. Congratulations to Kewan, Grayson, Nolan, and everyone who participated or enjoyed spectating.

### 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. <u>https://sd5.food-for-thought.ca/orders/menu</u>
- 2. Choose Register
- 3. Create an account
- 4. Add your child and click on the green Add Child button

#### JUNE MENUS

#### June 3 - DATE CHANGED DUE TO ACTIVITY DAY

Roast chicken and Mashed Potatoes, Caesar salad \$7.00

chicken, mashed potatoes, garlic, rice, onion, carrot, celery caesar dressing, mustard, tomato gravy

#### June 11

Chickpea Masala with Rice and Naan \$7.00 potato, chickpeas, onion, garlic, curry spices, leek,

White or chocolate milk is available for \$1.00

### **GRADE 9 BAND TRAVELLED TO DISNEYLAND**

At the end of May, 68 of our Grade 9 Band students travelled to Disneyland and performed on the Disney Stage, as well as participated in a music workshop. These kids worked really hard to get ready for this trip and were great representatives of Parkland Middle School. A big congratulations to the kids and chaperones.



# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Hello, my name is Marie Dawson, and I am Parkland Middle School's Indigenous Education Support Worker. I am Cree Metis, and I am grateful to live here, in the beautiful homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

#### Indigenous Education Supports Include:

Student & Family Support Advocacy Elder Support Tutoring Food Security Connection to Community Transitions to Secondary School Resume and Application Help Indigenous Leadership Cultural events and connection A Bridge to Outside Agency



Red Dress Day



On May 5, 2025, Laurie Middle School hosted a Red Dress Day Event that was well attended. Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People, will mark the 15th anniversary of this important day of remembrance and action.

#### Indigenous Leadership

On May 8 & 9 the Indigenous Leadership students from Parkland Middle School, Laurie Middle school, and Mount Baker Secondary School. We took a trip to Head- Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Calgary, and up the mountain in Banf by Gondola.

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump Interpretive Centre is a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site that preserves and interprets over 6,000 years of Plains Buffalo culture. Through vast landscapes, exhibits, and diverse programming, learn about the cultural significance of this cliff to the Plains People. The Banff Gondola operates within Treaty 7 territory, a region where a treaty was signed between the Canadian government and several First Nations. The Treaty 7 territory includes the Banff area and extends across southern Alberta. Banff acknowledges its location on this land, recognizing the ongoing presence of Indigenous peoples in the area.





#### The Blanket Exercise



Four grade 9 classes participated in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise. This exercise was facilitated by SD#5 Indigenous Coordinator Faye O'Neil. The exercise is based on using Indigenous methodologies. The goal is to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. By walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance; the students gained a greater understanding of the shared experiences of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples.

Upcoming events:

May 29 & 30

Indigenous Education Support Workers from Parkland, Laurie and Mount Baker, will be taking students interested in attending collage and university on a trip to Lethbridge and Calgary. There, they will tour Lethbridge College, the University of Lethbridge, and the University of Calgary.

#### June 3

Indigenous Education will be taking Indigenous students for an additional visitation day to Mount Baker Secondary School.

#### June 4

Activity Day—Dot Painting with Metis Elder Pheb Goulet in the afternoon.

#### Dear Students and Parents,

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your dedication and involvement have made this year truly special, and we can't thank you enough for being an integral part of our school community.

As we approach summer break, we recognize that this time can bring both excitement and challenges. To support our students and families during the summer months, we want to remind you of the resources available:

#### Foundry

This organization offers youth-focused mental health support, ensuring that our students have access to the care they may need throughout the year. foundry@ktunaxa.org

#### Interior Health Youth Substance

Provides comprehensive mental health services for children and families, helping address any concerns you may have. elaine.prudhomme@interiorhealth.ca

#### Food Supports

If you find yourself in need of food resources over the summer, don't forget about our local food bank and the Salvation Army. They are here to help ensure our community stays nourished.

#### Exploitation Prevention Coordinator

Works within our school to provide guidance and resources to keep our students safe and informed erin.stevenson@sd5.bc.ca

#### Indigenous Support Worker

Alexis Hekker offers summer support and resources for indigenous students and their families. alexis.hekker@sd5.bc.ca

We hope you have a wonderful summer filled with joy and relaxation. Thank you for being a vital part of our school community!

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#### Sincerely,

Youth Care Team

# The 46th Annual

# **Cranbrook Firefighter's Fishing Clinic**



When: Sunday, June 15th 2025 (Father's Day), 8:00am - 1:00 pm

Where: Idlewild Park in Cranbrook

Who: All children 15 and under

**What:** Fishing! No cost or pre-registration required. Burgers and refreshments will be served, all free!

### CHARTERED FISHING TRIP for the biggest fish caught!

#### Many more prizes to be won!

Provincial fishing regulations apply. All fish must be caught in the lake.

### 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.



