

# Parkland News

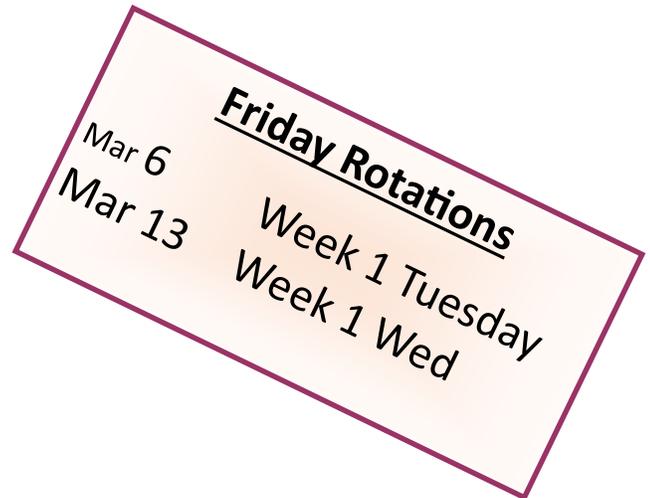
“Expand Your Horizons”

# MARCH 2026



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mar 16-27	Spring Break, School Closed
Apr 3	Good Friday, School Closed
Apr 6	Easter Monday, School Closed



## FRENCH IMMERSION FIELD TRIP

All FI students (grades 7, 8, and 9) are attending a Missy D concert at Key City Theatre on Tuesday March 3. French Immersion students will be leaving PMS by bus at 9:40 and returning at 11:15. There is no cost to students.

### PARKLAND PAC IS ON FACEBOOK

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



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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



## **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

On February 20-21, students from Parkland Middle School, Laurie Middle School, Mount Baker Secondary, Elders, & staff visited the Galt Museum in Lethbridge Alberta. At the Galt Museum we listened to Blackfoot Elder Blanche share stories, teachings, and knowledge rooted in Blackfoot traditions. Her words offered students a deeper understanding of culture, history, and the importance of oral storytelling. The Galt Museum archives contain an extensive collection of information on the human history of Lethbridge and southwestern Alberta. Today, the museum cares for well over 17,000 artifacts and more than 1 million archival documents and photographs.

The following day we attended the International Peace Pow Wow, where we experienced powerful drumming, beautiful regalia, and traditional dancing. The students were proud to participate in some of the dances, demonstrating respect, courage, and community spirit. The Annual International Peace Pow-Wow Festival is a celebration of community. The Pow Wow lasts two days and gives attendees a glimpse into traditional regalia, music and art that has defined the area for thousands of years. We experienced the exhilaration of the spectacular Grand Entry, drumming, dancing, and the phenomenal Marketplace. This is entertainment Niitsitapi (People of Truth) style.



# WINTER ACTIVITY DAY #2



## **ATHLETICS**

Basketball season has wrapped up. Congratulations to all 6 of our basketball teams—they have learned a lot and grown both as players and teams. Huge thank you to our coaches— we could not have done this without you. Please remind players to return uniforms ASAP so we can return your deposits. Good luck to our Grade 7 teams who have their final tournament on March 6-7.

Parkland would like to run a junior girls soccer team and a track & field team in the spring.

## **WARGAMING CLUB**

Parkland's Wargaming Club has started! We meet Tuesdays at lunch and Thursdays after school until about 4:45 in room 211 with Mr. Wills. Participants can learn painting techniques as they build and paint their own miniatures, and they can also learn the tactical tabletop game that accompanies the minis. No cost, and no experience necessary.

## **PARKLAND CLOTHING**

Check out Our New School Clothing Website!

We're excited to launch a fresh, easy-to-use site where you can shop all your favorite school gear. Fast shipping, great prices, and styles for every student. Start the year in style!

 Visit now <https://parklandmiddleschool.entripyshops.com/>

## **BAND FUNDRAISING—GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

Band student fundraising is well underway. Grocery gift cards are an easy way to raise money for your child's annual band trip. Cards can be purchased in the school office for face value and a percentage of your purchase goes directly to your child's fundraising account. Cards can be used across Canada and make a great gift for students or grandparents.

Superstore (5%) available in \$50 and \$100

Safeway (6%) available in \$25, \$50 and \$100

Save on Foods (6%) available in \$50 and \$100

For large orders (over \$3000) please call ahead to be sure we have the amount available.

## **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.

**Check Out Our  
WebSite**

**[pms.sd5.bc.ca](http://pms.sd5.bc.ca)**

## **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.

## **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**

**Due to congestion along 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**