

# Parkland News

"Expand Your Horizons"

# NOVEMBER 2025

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 7 Pyjama Day  
Nov 10 Remembrance Day Assembly  
Nov 11 Statutory Holiday, School Closed  
Nov 14 French Friday  
Nov 19 PAC Meeting, 6:30 PM in the Library  
Nov 21 PRO D, School Closed for Students  
Nov 27 Semester 1, Midpoint Reports Published  
Dec 4 Band Concert, Key City Theatre, 7:00 PM  
Dec 12 Non Instructional Day, School Closed  
Dec 15 School Wide Turkey Dinner  
Dec 22—Jan 2 Winter Break, School Closed

## Friday Rotations

Nov 7 Week 1 Thursday  
Nov 14 Week 2 Tuesday  
Nov 28 Week 2 Wednesday  
Dec 5 Week 2 Thursday



## 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. LIMIT ONE per FAMILY



## 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!

## 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 

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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



### **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.

Corporate Christmas orders must be placed by November 3 to guarantee they will be here in time.

### **ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE**

It's that time again! Parkland will be running its annual holiday Food Drive Dec. 1-10 in support of the Cranbrook Food Bank.

Students and staff will compete homeroom to homeroom to see who can earn the most points. 1 point earned for every non-perishable food item or toiletry they bring in, and 1 point earned for every \$0.50 donated, with the winning homeroom getting ice cream treats and the privilege of eating first at the Holiday Dinner!

Grade 7s and 8s will bring their donations and cash to their homeroom teachers. Grade 9s will bring their donations and cash to Ms. McElgunn in the Foods room.

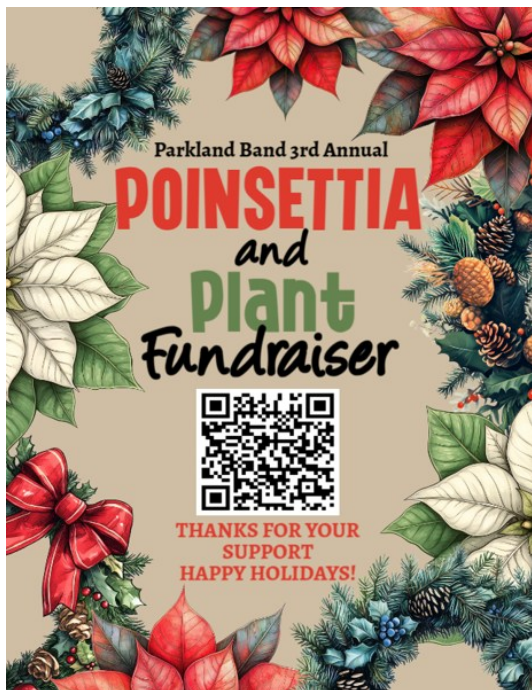
Thank you to everyone for their support in giving back to our community!

### **PARKLAND CLOTHING**

Introducing 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/>



## **CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING**

A massive congratulations to Parkland's own Brinnley Pasowisty (grade 8) who attended the Kootenay Zones cross-country running Provincials qualifier in Salmo and placed first ! Brinnley raced in the Junior age group, which includes athletes from grades 8-10. Beating all athletes from the East and West Kootenays as a grade 8 is especially impressive! Congratulations Brinnley!

## **Criminal Record Checks**

At this time, all previous CRCs from Parkland, and all other sites, are no longer valid. The district is asking that we use a new system that will allow for easier tracking at the district level, and will allow for CRC clearance at other schools. If you are coaching/volunteering for school events, and have not already completed a current CRC, please email [chris.aikins@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:chris.aikins@sd5.bc.ca) for more information.

**Pam Drydale**  
**Athletic Director**



 **SCHOOL DISTRICT 5**  
SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

## **ATHLETICS**

What a fantastic volleyball season so far! We have a number of new trophies to add to our trophy case and improved play across all teams. The players are grateful for the time the coaches have volunteered to their development. Parkland Middle School is housing the MBSS Junior tournament this weekend, and you can see both of our junior teams in action on their home court. On November 7-8 we are hosting the Junior Girls East Kootenay Championships. Our final tournament is the Grade7 Boys PLAYDAY on November 15.

For the first time, we were able to have a Junior Boys Soccer Team. Junior Boys soccer started this year, with only 3 teams, but we expect that it will grow next year. As Junior Boys soccer is a new adventure for the region the boys were only able to play 2 games but came away with 2 big wins: 8-0 over Fernie Secondary and 6-0 over Jaffray. Huge thanks to the boys who signed up and came to play and practice on some pretty cold days. A huge thank you to the community coaches to helped with this new athletic endeavor.

Our next season is BASKETBALL. We have a full coaching team and are looking forward to another great Athletics Season for Parkland Middle School.

## From the Cranbrook RCMP

### **When to Call the Police: 911 vs. Non-Emergency**

The Cranbrook RCMP non-emergency line is 250-489-3471. It offers a 24 hours a day - 7 days a week line to call takers that create police file reports. Outside of our local office hours (Monday to Friday 8am-4pm) the line will connect you to our non-emergency dispatch call center. If you call outside of office hours please remain on the line and follow the prompts to be connected to a call taker.

### **Knowing who to call can make a big difference:**

Call 911 if something dangerous is happening right now, situations where someone is getting hurt, a fight in progress, or any situation where safety is at risk or weapons are involved.

Call the Cranbrook RCMP non-emergency line if it is not urgent but still important, situations like threats made online after school, vandalism, or suspicious activity.

Please remember: If something happens off school grounds and outside school hours, students and parents should report it directly to police, not the school. The school can offer support afterward, but police need to be the first to know.

## Support French Culture at Our School

### Enhance your child's French Immersion experience!

Join Canadian Parents for French (CPF). **It is free and provides funds directly to our school.** CPF is a national organization that promotes French language learning. Each new member helps our local chapter fund cultural events, including performances, workshops, and guest artists for our students.

Let's enrich our school community. By joining CPF, families help create more opportunities for students to experience French language and culture in meaningful ways.

Join today at [Canadian Parents for French.](#)

If you are interested in becoming an active member of our board for Cranbrook and Fernie, you can contact the president of the organization Erin Stevenson at [cpfcranbrookfernier@gmail.com](mailto:cpfcranbrookfernier@gmail.com).

Facebook page: [Canadian Parents for French - BC & Yukon](#)

Facebook group: [Canadian Parents for French Cranbrook / Fernie](#)



### **CLIMBING CLUB**



Climbing Club has started at Parkland! Students of all skills, abilities, and fitness levels are invited to come indoor rock climb at the school wall from 3:15-4:30 on most Mondays, and every Wednesday and Thursday. The school provides harnesses and climbing shoes, but students are welcome to bring their own if desired. There is no cost, and the only thing needed is a signed permission form. Extra forms can be found at the office and must be returned to either Mr. Wills or Ms. McElgunn before anyone is permitted to go up the wall. Hope to see you out there!

## Indigenous Education

### Indigenous Leadership Field Trip

On October 1st and 2nd, Indigenous Leadership groups from Parkland Middle School, Mount Baker Secondary, and Laurie Middle School, along with district elders and staff recently embarked on a memorable field trip to Yoho National Park located within the traditional lands of the Ktunaxa ʔamakʔis. The trip offered students the opportunity to experience the breathtaking beauty of the mountains, waterfalls, and forests while deepening their understanding of the land's cultural and ecological significance.



### Wood Day

Students from Parkland Middle School, Laurie Middle School, and Mount Baker Secondary School, lent their time and muscles on October 10<sup>th</sup> to help the Elders of the ʔaqam community. They helped split wood, stack, and deliver wood to assist those that do not have the means to get wood for the winter.

### Friday Art-YAY!

On October 17th, students joined Miss Marie for dot painting in the Gathering Place. It is a fun way to get creative and meet new friends.



### November is Metis Appreciation Month

The Métis are a distinct Indigenous people of Canada with a unique cultural heritage resulting from unions between First Nations women and European men, primarily fur traders. The first fur traders in Canada were French fishermen and explorers in the early 1500s. The Metis developed their own customs, language, and way of life, and are recognized as one of Canada's three Indigenous peoples alongside First Nations and Inuit. Métis communities are historically concentrated in a region often called the Métis Homeland, which includes parts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, and British Columbia (In the US, Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota). For more information visit:

Canadian Geographic

<https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca/article/frequently-asked-questions-metis/>

Gabriel Dumont institute

<https://gdins.org/>

Red river Ancestry

<https://www.redriverancestry.ca/>

Gabriel Dumont Institute- Metis museum

<https://www.metismuseum.ca/>

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# Parenting Your Anxious Teen



• **Thursday 20th** •  
**NOVEMBER**

• **7:00** •  
**PM**

• **Parkland Middle School** •  
**LIBRARY**

Anxiety is a common struggle for today's youth. We will discuss what anxiety is, what it looks like, and what parents/caregivers can do to support their teen. First 60 minutes is a presentation, followed by 30 minute Q&A.

### **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



**Check Out Our Web  
Site**  
[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.

We cannot accept a text message.



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### **ANGEL TREE PROGRAM**

*The Cranbrook Rotary Club is seeking your assistance in promoting their Angel Tree program. Below is a message that you can include in any newsletters or correspondence you distribute. Additionally, I have attached an image previously used for this purpose.*

"The 2025 Angel Tree program, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Cranbrook Sunrise, the Tamarack Centre and the Canadian Cancer Society, will begin accepting registrations now for children aged 0 to 17 years old. The due date for request forms to be returned is November 25th, 2025, and if you need a an information letter and registration form, please see your school's administrative assistant, visit the Tamarack Centre's administration office or request a digital copy to download and print from: [cdbermel@shaw.ca](mailto:cdbermel@shaw.ca)

This program will ensure that all our little "Angels" in Cranbrook have a very Merry Christmas."