

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 16	School Photo Day
Sept 17	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Sept 19	Pro D, No School for Students
Sept 23	Open House & PAC BBQ, 5:30PM
Sept 25	Indigenous Leadership Meeting
Sept 29	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30	Day of Truth and Reconciliation, School Closed
Oct 7	Student Fees Due
Oct 10	Non Instructional Day, School Closed
Oct 13	Thanksgiving, School Closed

## Friday Rotations

Sept 12	Week 2 Monday
Sept 26	Week 1 Tuesday



## Check Out Our Web Site

[pms.sd5.bc.ca](https://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. 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.

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Parkland Middle School

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Phone: 250-426-3327

Ms. Brenda Tyson – Principal, ext. 21203

Mrs. Pam Drydale – Vice Principal, ext. 21204

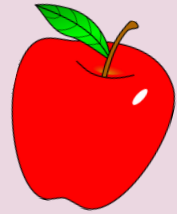
Mr. Dan van der Walt—Counsellor, ext. 21209



## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2025-2026 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 Tuesday, September 23rd. We hope to see everyone there.

Brenda Tyson  
Principal



### **PAC Meeting**

Our Parent Advisory Council meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the school Library. Click the link on our website to join the group.

### **VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION**

We are very excited about our upcoming volleyball season. We have:

- Grade 7 Girls and Boys
- Grade 8 Girls and Boys
- Grade 9 Girls and Boys

We may even have a second team for a few groups. We are hosting 3 tournaments this year.

- October 24-25: Bantam (Gr.8) Boys
- November 6-7: Junior (Gr.9) Girls Zone Championship
- November 14-15: Grade 7 Boys

We would like to thank our school community who volunteered to coach the volleyball team. Thank you very much.

Pam Drydale [pam.drydale@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:pam.drydale@sd5.bc.ca)



### **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

SD5 is growing their Hot Lunch program and Parkland was the pilot school. Through Community Connections and Feeding Futures we serve a hot lunch every Wednesday! This is a pay what you can model with a maximum cost of \$7/meal. Parents login to our Southeast Kootenay Cafeteria to pre-order meals. Meals change every week, with some repeats of our favourites throughout the year. Menus will be available September 22nd and our first hot lunch is October 8th.

Find the Hot Lunch link on the [Parkland website](#) in the quick buttons.

### **Open House & PAC BBQ**

We are excited to welcome parents to come tour the school and meet staff on Tuesday September 23rd 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](mailto:parklandchairperson@gmail.com).

### **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

Hello, my name is Marie Dawson, and I am Parkland Middle Schools Indigenous Education Support Worker. I am Cree Metis, and grateful to live in the beautiful homelands of the Ktunaxa people. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

Indigenous Education Supports Include:

Student & Family Support  
School Supplies Available  
Use of Technology  
Advocacy  
Elder Support  
Tutoring Available  
Food Security  
Connection to Community  
Transitions to Secondary School  
Resume and Application Help  
Indigenous Leadership Group  
Cultural Events  
A Bridge to Outside Agency



Please feel free to contact me for more information.

[marie.dawson@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:marie.dawson@sd5.bc.ca)

(250) 426 – 3327 ext. 21211

## 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.

## 2024-2025 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

## Counsellors Notes

Canadian Youth Mental Health will be hosting an in-person connect parent group in Cranbrook starting September 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays 12:00-1:30 PM and will run until October 27<sup>th</sup>.

More information: [Connect Attachment Program | Enhance Family Connections Today](#)

This group is for parents of adolescents experiencing behavioral or emotional challenges (12-18) and goes over attachment and connection through the teen years and balancing that connection with a developmental need for attachment.

If you are interested in finding out more contact Parkland Counselling:

[dan.vanderwalt@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:dan.vanderwalt@sd5.bc.ca)

(250) 426-3327 extension 21209



### Ways to Contact Parkland Counselling Services

**Walk-in.** Students may, with teacher permission, leave their class and come down to the counselling office. If the counselling door is open, I am available to see them; if it is closed, they can let the office know and I will contact them asap.

**Schedule an Appointment (in person)** using the Appointments iPad just outside the counselling office. Students can enter their desired appointment time etc. on the iPad setup just outside the counselling office. It automatically books the time for them.

**Schedule an Appointment (from home etc)** using their phone or home computer. Parents, or students, get to choose the date, time, and type of meeting. Click the QR code above, or link below: ☺

<https://parklandcounsellor.weebly.com/contact.html>

Connect by **email** using the following address:

[dan.vanderwalt@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:dan.vanderwalt@sd5.bc.ca)

Connect **directly by phone** during school hours – 250 426-3327 ext 21209

Visit the counsellor's **website**:

<https://parklandcounsellor.weebly.com>



## NEW SWINGS!

Over the summer our long awaited swings were installed! Thank you to PAC, Fiorentino Brothers for the use of a bobcat, and the Morrison family for spreading 110 yards of wood chips!

