

Parkland News

"Expand Your Horizons"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 15	School Photo Day
Sept 16	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Sept 18	Pro D, No School for Students
Sept 23	Open House & PAC BBQ, 5:30PM
Sept 30	Day of Truth and Reconciliation, School Closed
Oct 6	Student Fees Due
Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day—School Closed

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.

September 2026

Friday Rotations

Sept 25	Week 1 Monday
Oct 2	Week 1 Wednesday



Check Out Our Web Site

pms.sd5.bc.ca

All sorts of great information about PMS right at your fingertips!

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.



STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP

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 

Parkland Middle School

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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



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2026-2027 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 Wednesday, September 23rd. We hope to see everyone there!



Brenda Tyson
Principal

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR VISITOR BADGING & CHECK IN SYSTEM

All visitors must check in at the main office. If you just require assistance, we are happy to help. If you are coming in to meet with a staff member or go beyond the front counter you will be given a VISITOR badge. Access to the school will be through the main entrance ONLY once classes are in session.

PAC Meeting

Our Parent Advisory Council meets the 3rd 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 18th at 6:30PM in the school Library. Click the link on our website to join the group.

Open House & PAC BBQ

We are excited to welcome parents to come tour the school and meet staff on Wednesday, 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 parklandpac24@gmail.com.

Southeast Kootenay School District Code of Conduct Guiding Principles

We believe:

- that all students and staff have a right to learn and work in a safe, respectful and productive environment.
- a positive, productive and responsible attitude will create strong communities.
- that everyone can learn to make appropriate choices for themselves and for others.
- that all communication needs to be based on courtesy and mutual respect.
- that diversity among students and staff is to be respected, but commonly accepted rules for conduct will apply to all. Age, maturity, cognitive ability and previous behaviour will be taken into consideration when defining unacceptable behaviour and the consequences that follow.

General Guidelines for Success

Everyone shares the responsibility of behaving in ways that will make our schools a special place where people are valued and where excellence in performance is the commonly shared goal. Inappropriate behavior is that which disrupts the teaching and learning environment of the school, creating greater difficulty for students to have success.

Summary: Fair Notice

1. All students and staff have a right to learn and work in a safe, respectful and productive environment.
2. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to. Schools in Southeast Kootenay School District have zero tolerance for not responding to serious violence or threatening behaviours.
3. A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. It may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet or made by gesture.
4. All threat making behaviour(s) by a student(s) shall be reported to the Principal, who will activate the Southeast Kootenay School District protocol.
5. Following an investigation, a comprehensive plan, involving the support and participation of community agencies, will be developed to bring positive change, safety and well-being for all students and staff.

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Student Threat-Violence Risk Assessment

Fair Notice and Process



Southeast Kootenay School District

The model presented in this document reflects the thinking and work of J. Kevin Cameron, Director of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response.



**Parkland
Counselling**



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

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

Visit the counsellor's **website**:
<https://parklandcounsellor.weebly.com>

LOCKER SHELVES

We have a limited number of locker shelves available to rent for the year for \$15.00. Shelves will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please pay cash/cheque at the office if you wish to rent shelves for your child.

YOUTH CARE SERVICES

Parkland Middle School offers full-time Youth Care Services to provide various levels of support for students and families. Miss Robin and Miss Kelly are our Youth Care Worker team who help facilitate programs and services including, but not limited to:

- Social emotional support and well-being
- Referrals to community supports and services
- Life skills groups
- Access to basic needs items (clothing, hygiene supplies, school supplies, etc.)
- Student food support includes facilitation of our breakfast, nutrition break, and lunch programs
- Family food support
- Communication between students, parents, and teachers
- Support with academic and organization skills

Students needing a place to eat breakfast or lunch can join Miss Robin or Miss Kelly in the Youth Care Services room. Both have their Food Safe Certification and aim to provide healthy, nutritious snacks and meals for students. Food access is available for everyone, whether it be an ongoing need, on a day when lunch may be forgotten, or they feel they need a little more! We have fruits and vegetables available daily, and a variety of other options such as cheese, yogurt, granola bars, crackers, toast, cereal, bagels, cream cheese, and more! Every child is welcome, and the youth care space is a great place to connect with others.

Parents are welcome to call, email, or stop by the Youth Care offices at any time to discuss their children's needs. Please feel free to reach out to:

Robin Priore email: robin.priore@sd5.bc.ca phone: 250 426-3327 ext.21212

Kelly Fentie email: kelly.fentie@sd5.bc.ca phone: 250 426-3327 ext.21231

SAVE ON FOODS GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Each time you shop at Save on Foods you give back to our school community. Please tell your cashier you wish to support Parkland and they will write your purchase in a book and we will receive a credit of 5% to help families in need.

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:

- Advocacy for strategies and structures to be culturally safe and appropriate for Indigenous students
- Communication between students, families, and teachers
- Elders in Residence Support
- Tutoring
- Technology
- Connection to community
- Indigenous Student Leadership Group
- Community cultural events and connection
- Indigenous Languages and Cultural Programs
- Referrals to outside agencies and supports
- Daily snacks, Breakfast, and Lunch options
- School supplies & hygiene supplies
- A place to eat lunch and chill



All are welcome! 😊

2025-2026 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.



CLIMBING CLUB

Climbing Club

- Sept. 22 - Nov. 26
- Yup, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-4:15
- Yes please to permission forms (no ARQ trip this year, so just climbing wall ones, pretty please)

No fees

Cross Country Running

- Sept. 14 - Oct. 27
- Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays at Mount Baker Secondary, 3:45 - 5pm
- Meets are: Idlewild on Oct. 6, Fernie on Oct. 14, and Provincial Zone Qualifiers in Salmo on Oct. 27

Matt Taylor should have permission forms and associated costs (if applicable)

ATHLETICS

Volleyball sign up sheets are at the office for grade 8 and 9 Boys. The grade 8 and 9 Girls teams are completing tryouts this week. Our Bantam and Junior (Grade 8/9) Teams begin their season with tournaments next weekend. The Bantams are heading to Fernie and the Juniors are off to Sparwood.

The grade 7 season will begin next week with sign up at the office. Practices will begin the week of September 21st. Please see the updated schedule on the Parkland Middle School Website. Please note that our grade 7 teams will have the 5-6:30pm slot, with girls running Monday and Wednesday and Boys running Tuesday and Thursday.

We are still in need of a grade 7 girls coach. If you, or anyone you know are interested, please reach out by email.

The spring season is busy. Parkland Middle School is also offering up a Cross Country Running Team and a Junior Boys Soccer team, which includes grade 8-9 athletes. We are also looking for a junior boys soccer coach.

Cross Country Running Practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, September 14th.

Please note that there are fees tied to our athletic teams. If you are in need of financial assistance for athletic fees, please reach out. At this time, fees have not been completely determined.

pam.drydale@sd5.bc.ca

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



Photo Day

School Photos are Tuesday, September 15th. 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. 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.

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.

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.