

Parkside News

News from around the School

Hat Day

Fridays are Hat Day at Parkside. For a donation of 25¢ to the YMCA *Back to School Program*, students can wear their hats in class. This is also Jeans Day at Parkside for the teachers. They also contribute to the same program.

Colder Weather

Now that the colder weather is here, we are encouraging students to wear appropriate clothing for the outside temperature. Students should be wearing hats, mitts (gloves) and a winter coat. All students are expected to go outside for both recess and lunch breaks unless the weather does not cooperate. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Thank You

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped make our flea market a success. Your help was very much appreciated!

Dates to Remember

February 1 st - PD Day (NO CLASSES)	February 21 st - Islander Day (NO CLASSES)
February 8 th - Home and School Meeting 7pm	

1 Hour Delay in School Opening

Parents please take note that at times, because of weather conditions, it is necessary to delay the opening of school by 1 hour. Though the weather in the city may look alright, the conditions in the rural areas may not be, so it is important to listen to the radio every morning. Thank you for your cooperation.

If there is a hour delay, then Parkside's schedule will be:

ONE HOUR DELAY

9:15 Office Opens
 9:25 Teachers on Duty
 Outside
 9:35 School Begins
 No Recess
 12:00 Noon Recess
 12:25 Lunch
 12:50 Start P.M. Classes
 2:45 - 2:50 Dismissal

Birthday Book Club Update

We have had a lot of new members join this year and others who have renewed their membership in the Club, which means some excellent books, both English and French, have been added to our library collection. Here are the latest additions:

The Very Best Pumpkin donated by Mrs. Dianne Burt (3X); *Bats in the Library* from Ms. Rosemary Driscoll (Library/5B); *Imagine a Night* chosen by Olivia MacKinnon (3X); *The Rocket* from Kalib Snow (3X); *Snowmen All Year* selected by Katie Snow (3X); *Imagine a Day* picked by Emma MacLauchlan (2X); *Milo and the Magical Stones* selected by Mr. Mark Ronahan (VP/4A); *Mon ami des neiges* chosen by Vanessa Clements (1C); *I Ain't Gonna Paint No More* selected by Zoë van der Veen; *Un drôle d'animal* chosen by Ben

O'Brien; *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake* chosen by Cassidy Milligan (3A); *A Quiet Place* donated by Branden Thompson (1A); *It's Christmas David* was MLA Gerard Greenan's choice and his wife, Elizabeth, our former teacher-librarian, selected *A Porcupine in a Pine Tree*.

Currently, our membership stands at 19 members and there are others waiting for their chance to choose a Birthday Book.

Thank you to all students, parents, and staff who have joined. All the books are very popular and it's hard to keep them in the library!

Communication Committee

In a parent survey, the area of communication was identified as an area for improvement. To address this, a communication committee has been formed. This committee will look at ways of improving communication between school and home and home and school. This group, made up of teachers and parents, will meet beginning in February. We will keep everyone informed of the committee's progress.

Kindergarten Registration for September, 2011

Children who were born in 2006 are eligible for Kindergarten next September. Parents are encouraged to visit your local elementary school and register before the end of January as these numbers are used to arrange for the number of Kindergarten classes, hire teachers, and obtain supplies. To register, please bring proof of the child's age and confirmation of your home address. Thank you!

Winter Track Camp

Athletics PEI will be holding Winter Track Camp 2011 at Credit Union Place in Summerside. Any athlete aged 11 or older is welcome to take part. There is no cost for this camp. This is a great opportunity for athletes to try something new, get a great workout and have fun. They will be meeting at Credit Union Place at the following

times and dates:

Mondays – 6:30pm – January 17, 31, February 7, 21, March 7, 21.

Saturdays – 11:00am – January 15, 29, February 12, 26, March 12, 19

Athletes are encouraged to wear clothing that will keep them warm and comfortable. Please bring a water bottle.

Special Olympics Programs

Active Start and FUNdamentals programs are new initiatives that offer physical activity opportunities to children between the ages of 2 – 12. The Active Start program is designed for children ages 2 - 6 who have an intellectual disability. The FUNdamentals program is the continuation of the Active Start program and is for children ages 7-12. For more information on these programs please contact:

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