

Parkside News

News from around the School

Halloween Chip Fundraiser

Parkside fundraising committee will be conducting a Halloween Chip Sale beginning today and ending October 18th. Information regarding this fundraiser has been sent home today with all students. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this campaign. Thank you for your support!

Peanut Free

A reminder to all students and parents that we are a peanut free school. We do have students who have allergies to nuts so it is important that everyone is conscientious about what food is brought to school. Thank you for your cooperation!

Terry Fox Run

Students were able to raise over \$370 for the Terry Fox Run. Thank you for your support.

Dates to Remember

October 5 th - Halloween chip sale begins.	October 18 th - Halloween chip sales end.
October 7 th /8 th - School Photos	November 10 th - Parent Teacher interviews (evening only).
October 11 th - Thanksgiving (NO CLASSES)	November 11 th - Remembrance Day (NO CLASSES)
October 12 th - Home and School Meeting (7pm)	November 12 th - Parent Teacher interviews (NO CLASSES)
October 14 th & 15 th - PEITF Convention (NO CLASSES)	

Notes from the Music Room

Elementary Choir (Grades 3-6)

The elementary choir is in full swing! We will be working on various songs to perform at several concerts throughout the year. Being a part of a choir is just like being a part of a team – if we are missing a voice, we notice! Choir members are expected to attend rehearsals on Tuesdays at noon time. After 3 missed rehearsals (not including sickness or any other excused absence from school) a student will no longer participate in the choir. Please talk to your child about the importance of attending rehearsals! Students in the elementary choir also have the chance to work with a harmony group and an instrumental accompaniment group.

Primary Choir (Kindergarten-Grade 2)

The primary choir will begin on Wednesday, October 6, and is open to any students in kindergarten-grade 2 who love to sing! If your child chooses to join choir, you will be receiving an information letter soon.

Choir Uniform – Elementary and Primary Choirs

The choir uniform for performances (assemblies, music festival, and concerts) is black and white – any combination will do! Your child can express his or her own personalities through their uniform as long as it is all black and white – no blue jeans, please! You will be notified in advance of any performance requiring your child to dress in uniform, but now is a good time to start thinking ahead if you need to purchase or borrow black & white items for your child to wear.

Children's Wish CD

On **Wednesday, October 13**, the Elementary (grade 3-6) choir will be walking over to Trinity United Church to record a track on the Children's Wish Foundation Christmas CD. Every year, the Children's Wish Foundation puts this CD out to help raise funds for granting wishes to children on Prince Edward Island. Once the CD is finished, I will have more information for anyone that would like to purchase a copy. Also, be sure to listen to Island radio stations throughout the month of December, as they will be airing tracks from this CD!

* Students in the elementary choir have also received a note and permission slip detailing the trip.

*Please note: we will be **walking** to the church **rain or shine**, so please have your child dress appropriately!

*Also – if there are any parents/guardians who would be willing to help **chaperone** this trip (the walk to and from Parkside as well as the 30-minute recording session), please contact Miss Gallant by email:

acgallant@edu.pe.ca or by leaving a message at the school: (902) 888-8472

Reading Tips

From the Journal Pioneer

Helpful Tips to Raise a Reader
Reading with infants

* Select books with simple, bold and colourful shapes. These books usually have repeated phrases. Hearing words over and over helps

children become familiar with them.

* Let the child pretend to read the story. Allow him/her to hold the book and turn the pages as you point to the pictures.

* Make the story come alive by using different voices and facial expressions. When a child hears different sounds, the story becomes more fun and helps the child develop critical listening skills.

* Children never get bored of hearing their favourite books over and over again. The repetition of language helps develop literacy skills.

Reading tips for the beginner reader

* Point to the words on the page as you read them. This will teach the child that reading goes from the left to right, and will also help stimulate word recognition.

* Read alternate pages of the book and engage in a dialogue with the child. Ask him/her questions about the story to ensure comprehension.

* Make comparisons as the child reads. Comparing and contrasting helps the child recognize relationships between events and objects, and helps them notice similarities and differences.

* After reading a story together, ask the child what happened at the beginning, middle and end.

Talking about events in the story will stimulate higher-order thinking as the child tries to explain what happened in his/her own words.

For more literacy tips and activity ideas, please visit

www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

Fire Station Open House

The Summerside Fire Department is holding an **Open House** on Saturday, October 9th from 10:00 - 1:00 at Station #1 (251 Foundry St.). Everyone is welcome to attend the many fun filled activities for all ages including rides in a fire truck, mini fire fighting challenge and much more. Come down for lots of prizes and a free barbeque!

Fire Safety Reminders

Smoke Detectors:

- ✓ Check your smoke detectors to ensure that they are functioning properly.
- ✓ Change your batteries twice a year.
- ✓ One smoke detector per floor in your home.

Escape Plan:

- ✓ Every family should have an escape route in the event of a fire.
- ✓ Make sure you practice it!

Cross Country Team

25 Parkside athletes will be attending the Unit Cross Country Meet at Cabot Park this Thursday. Come out Parents and cheer them on. It is always great to see someone you love at the finish line.