SPOOKTACULAR NEWSLETTER

Parkview Elementary October 2026

Autumn leaves are falling, pumpkins are glowing, and our school is buzzing with excitement for Halloween! Here's what's happening this month:

Reminder

No school on October 23rd (Pro-D Day).

Halloween Highlights

- ***Halloween Parade: 10:15am*** *Students can dress up in fun (not scary) costumes on October 30th . Please avoid masks that cover the whole face or costumes with weapons.*
- ***Classroom Celebrations:*** *Each class will enjoy Halloween-themed crafts, games, and healthy snacks.*

Upcoming Events

October

- **20th -PAC meeting 2:30 in Library**
- 20th- Twin Day!
- 21st- Chicken Noodle Soup
- 22nd- Photo Re-takes.
- 26th - No classes- **Conferencing Day** Scheduling link email was sent home.
- 28th - Taco Soup
- 30th - Costume Parade 10:45

November

- 4th - Mac n' Cheese
- 4th- Volleyball Game at Eagle River
- 11th - Remembrance Day No School
- 12th- Come Read With Me 12:15-1:45
- 12th- Parkview Host Volleyball game VS South Broadview
- 18th - Parkview Volleyball team at Silver Creek
- 25th - Parkview Volleyball Host Ranchero

December

- 9th - 🦅 Eagles Soaring Together: Bannock, Bonfires & Belonging Winter Community Gathering 5:30-6:30

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is with a mixture of amusement, exhaustion, and just a tiny bit of slime on our shoes that we write to you today.

Over the past several weeks, our school has become home to a surprising number of visitors: squishies, stuffies, slime, goop, dumplings, fidgets, and an assortment of mystery toys that seem to multiply overnight. While these little treasures bring great joy to their owners, they have also brought along some not-so-joyful companions: disagreements, tears, trade disputes, missing belongings, accusations of theft, and even the occasional slime-related bathroom incident.

Some recent highlights include:

Squishies that have mysteriously vanished without a trace.

Fidget trades that seemed like excellent ideas at recess but regrettable decisions by lunch.

Stuffie custody battles worthy of a courtroom drama.

Dumplings and toys changing ownership several times before the end of the day.

Slime finding its way onto clothing, desks, floors... and, unfortunately, even toilet seats.

While we appreciate the creativity and enthusiasm these items inspire, we have reached the point where managing squishy disputes is taking away from what we are really here to do: learn, grow, play, and enjoy our time together.

Therefore, all toys, fidgets, squishies, slime, goop, stuffies, dumplings, collectibles, and similar items should stay at home.

The good news is that we already have a variety of school-approved fidget tools available for students who benefit from them. We are happy to provide appropriate classroom fidgets when needed.

Students will be reminded of this expectation at school, and we ask for your support in helping these beloved treasures remain safe at home where they can be enjoyed without the risk of disappearing, being traded, or becoming the centre of a recess negotiation.

Our goal is to maintain the positive, caring, and focused learning environment that makes our school such a wonderful place to be. We would much rather spend our day celebrating student learning than investigating the mysterious case of the missing squishy unicorn.

We also recognize that there are a small number of students who require specific sensory tools, fidgets, or comfort items as part of a C.B.I.E.P. and formal medical, behavioural, or learning accommodation. Please know that this expectation is not intended to negatively impact those students. We are committed to working closely with families to ensure necessary supports remain in place and that individual student needs continue to be met. If your child requires a specific item as part of an established accommodation or support plan, please reach out to us so we can work together to find the best solution.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Warm regards,

The School Team

"Saving friendships one squishy at a time."

Gratitude!









Thank you Askews for donating 700 pounds of pumpkins!

Thank You for Supporting Learning at North Fork Wild





Thank You Sicamous Thrift Store for our cozy sick room bedding!



A Wonderful Day at North Fork Wild

What an incredible day we shared at North Fork Wild! On behalf of everyone at Parkview Elementary, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the people who helped make this special learning experience such a tremendous success.

A day of this size and scope simply would not have been possible without the dedication, generosity, and support of so many community members. Thank you to our volunteers from Nana, the RCMP, Sicamous Fire Department members, Knowledge Keeper Aunty Gloria Morgan, Sicamous Council member Gord Bushell, parents, caregivers, and family volunteers who generously shared their time and talents with our students. Your contributions helped create meaningful experiences and lasting memories for our Eagle Nation learners.

We would also like to recognize our incredible Parkview staff. The planning, organization, preparation, and care that went into this event were remarkable. From coordinating activities and supervising groups to adapting to unexpected challenges, our staff's commitment ensured that students had a safe, engaging, and memorable day outdoors.

Most importantly, we want to celebrate our approximately 200 Eagle Nation students. Throughout the day, students demonstrated kindness, respect, curiosity, and responsibility. They represented our school community with pride and made us all incredibly proud.

Students spent the day immersed in the beauty of nature. They explored the stunning Hemlock Grove, hiked scenic trails to breathtaking viewpoints, and learned to identify plants and their traditional uses. We were honoured to listen to Aunty Gloria Morgan of Splatsin, who shared her knowledge about the natural world, teaching students about lichen, moss, wild ginger, wild rose, and the important connections between people and the land.

Learning opportunities continued throughout the day as students created nature-inspired art and bookmarks, designed beautiful nature mandalas, and enjoyed cooking bannock over an open fire. The mixed-age learning groups provided wonderful opportunities for students to be both leaders and learners, building new friendships and strengthening connections across grade levels.

As with any large event, there were a few unexpected adventures along the way! After receiving word that a bear might be nearby, students and staff successfully put their bear safety learning into practice. Following a calm and orderly "drill," we discovered that the report was the result of a simple miscommunication and that no bear had actually been spotted in our area. We are proud of how calmly and responsibly everyone responded and grateful for the opportunity to practice important outdoor safety procedures.

We would also like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during a transportation mix-up that resulted in a delay for approximately half of our groups. Participants, volunteers, students, and staff adapted with positivity and understanding, helping the day continue smoothly despite the unexpected change in plans.

Days like North Fork Wild remind us of the incredible strength of our school community. When families, community partners, volunteers, students, and staff come together, amazing things happen. Thank you for helping create a day filled with learning, connection, laughter, and appreciation for the beautiful natural environment we are fortunate to call home.

Without our volunteers, community partners, dedicated staff, and outstanding students, this day would not have been possible. Thank you for making North Fork Wild such an unforgettable success! 🦅🌲🍃🔥

Volunteer Drivers

A reminder that both staff and parents are required to follow the school district policy prior to being able to transport our students. The following documents are needed to help out as a volunteer driver:

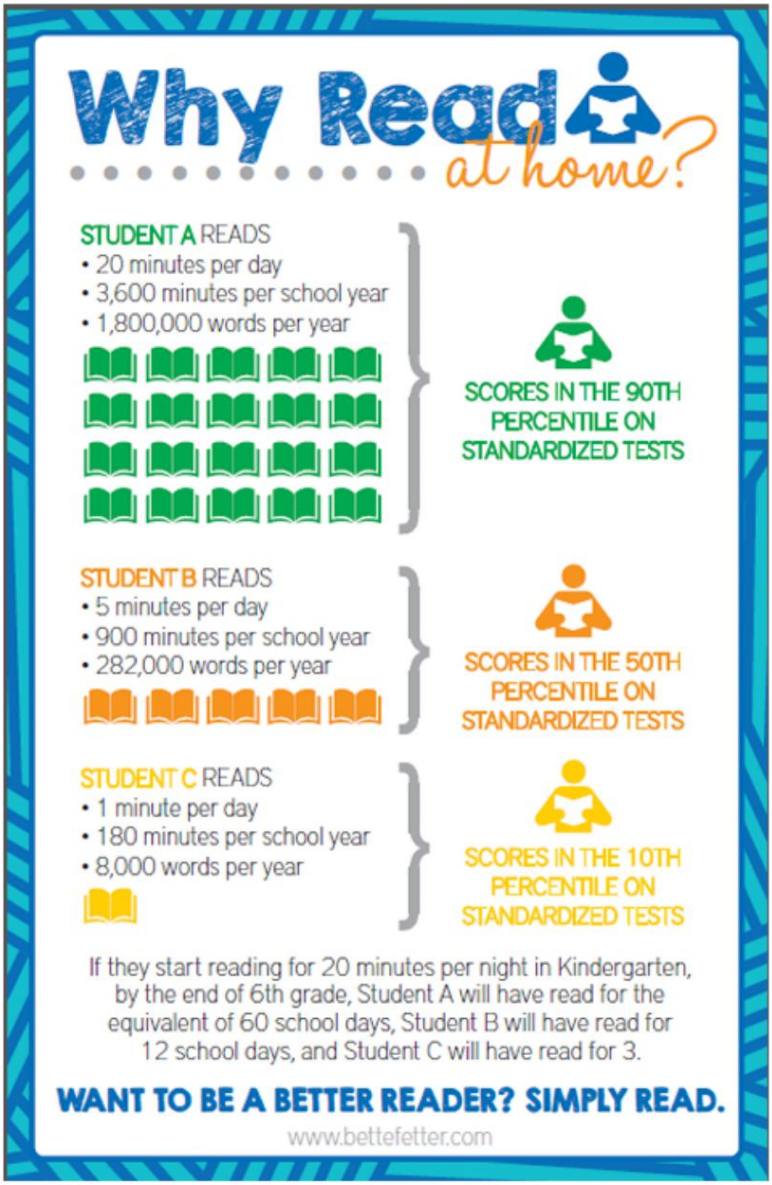
- A copy of a valid Driver's Licence
- A copy of you Driver's Abstract
- A copy of the Vehicle Registration
- A copy of the vehicle's Insurance
- A criminal record check

Thanks again for taking the time to complete this process!

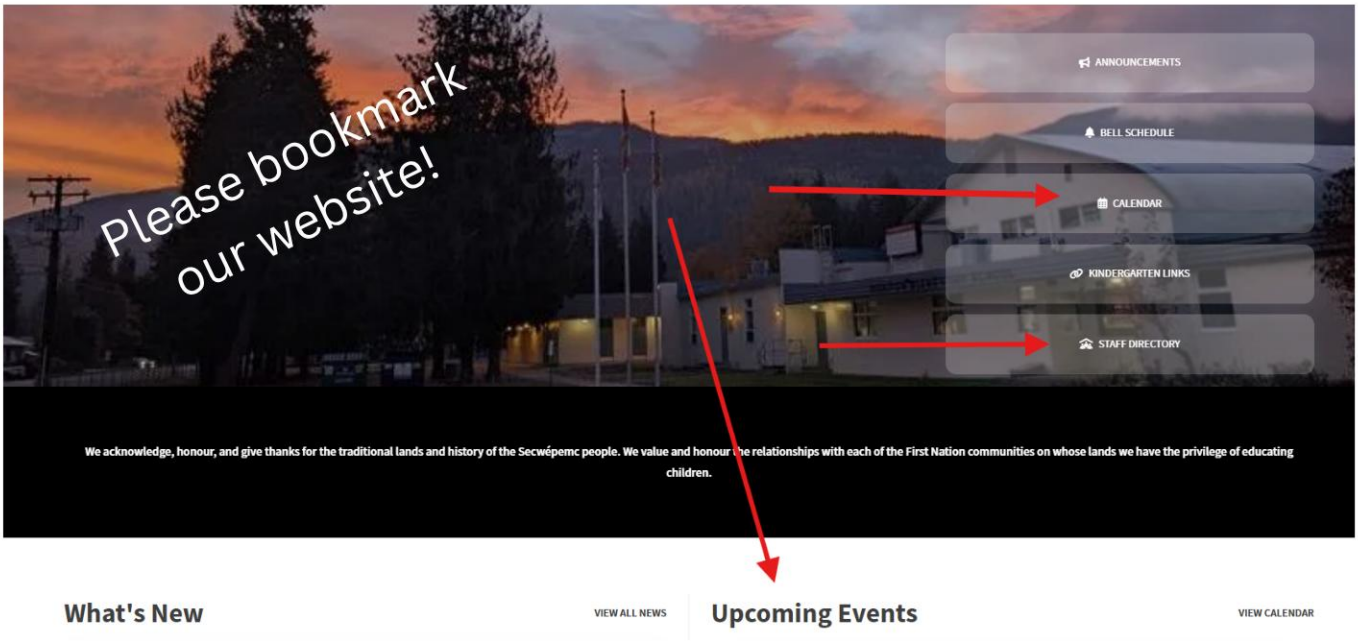


"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, and some make it happen ." - Michael Jordan

The Importance of Reading



https://par.sd83.bc.ca/



🦅 Eagles Soaring Together: Bannock, Bonfires & Belonging

A New Winter Tradition at Parkview

For many years, the Winter Concert has been a Parkview tradition. It has also been a bit like trying to juggle snowballs while wearing mittens. Students work hard to memorize songs, families race from work to performances, and staff somehow transform into event planners, choir directors, stage managers, and professional button-finders all at once!

After much thought, discussion, and reflection, the Parkview team has decided to try something new. This year, we are excited to introduce our very first Winter Community Connection Event. We hope this gathering will be the first of many and become a new Parkview tradition that brings our entire community together.

On Wednesday, December 9th, Parkview Eagles invite families, community members, students, and staff to join us 5:30-6:30 pm for an outdoor celebration. We'll warm up with hot chocolate, roast marshmallows, enjoy chili and bannock, and, of course, sing our hearts out together.

We are also thrilled that our Parkview PAC will be involved, and we welcome family volunteers who would like to lend a hand in making this event a success.

As the days grow shorter and the weather gets colder, we hope you'll join us for an evening filled with warmth, laughter, community spirit, and connection. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you and begin what we hope will become a beloved new Parkview tradition. ❤️

See you on December 9! 🦅❄️☕🔥

Subject: Student-Led Conference Booking Information

Dear Families,

Student-Led Conferences are coming up, and it is time to book your conference appointment.

Please click the booking link below and select your child's teacher to view the available conference times.

If you have more than one child attending our school, please book a separate conference with each of your children's teachers. You will need to click into each teacher's schedule individually to reserve a time.

As these are student-led conferences, we ask that you bring your child with you so they can share their learning, celebrate their successes, and discuss their goals with you and their teacher.

Conference Booking Link:
https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/book/ParkviewElementaryBookingsCalendarPAR@sd83bcca.onmicrosoft.com/s/-v5j7Qy_IkS1mdWSdfZ45g2?ismsaljsauthenabled

If you experience any difficulties with the booking system or have questions about conferences, please contact the school office. We look forward to seeing you and your child at conferences.

Warm regards,

M. Quaal

Principal

School Supplies and Cost increases.

School Supply Fee: Why $40?

We've received a few questions about this year's **$40 school supply fee**, and we completely understand. Between groceries, gas, and back-to-school shopping, every dollar counts!

While pencils, crayons, and glue sticks are part of the equation, the fee also helps cover many shared classroom supplies, art materials, and mountains of photocopy paper. (If you've seen a child proudly bring home 10 masterpieces in one week, you'll understand where some of that paper goes! Paper alone has doubled in the last couple years.)

Like everything else, school supply costs have increased significantly over the past few years. Our goal is to ensure every student has the materials they need to learn, create, and succeed without constant requests for additional supplies throughout the year.

Thank you to the families who have reached out with questions. Often, if one parent is wondering, many others are too. We appreciate the opportunity to provide some clarification and, as always, encourage families to reach out if they have concerns or if the fee creates a financial hardship. We're always happy to work together to support our students. 😊🖍️📚

There are 8 spots still open- it is not too late to register!

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Complete the survey for a chance to **win a $100 gift certificate** to a local restaurant of your choice!

Parkview Elem School Spirit Wear Order Form 2026

ORDERS DUE BY: Oct. 16th

*Please complete and submit this form with cash or cheque. Cheques to be made out to Parkview Elementary.
*All prices are tax in.
*Size up samples are available in the office.

Student Name: _____

Div and Teacher: _____

Phone: _____

Cotton T-Shirts - Youth, Ladies and Adult





Colour	Size	Price	Total
Black	YOUTH S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐	$ 25.00	
	ADULT S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐,2XL☐,3XL☐	$ 27.00	
Red	YOUTH S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐	$ 25.00	
	ADULT S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐,2XL☐,3XL☐	$ 27.00	
Dark Heather Grey	YOUTH S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐	$ 25.00	
	ADULT S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐,2XL☐,3XL☐	$ 27.00	
SIZE ADDS: Ladies & Adult	For 2XL, 3XL	$ 4.00	





Hoodies - Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt - Youth and Adult

Colour	Size	Price	Total
Black	YOUTH S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐	$ 45.00	
	ADULT S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐,2XL☐,3XL☐	$ 50.00	
Red	YOUTH S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐	$ 45.00	
	ADULT S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐,2XL☐,3XL☐	$ 50.00	
Dark Heather Grey	YOUTH S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐	$ 45.00	
	ADULT S☐,M☐,L☐,XL☐,2XL☐,3XL☐	$ 50.00	
SIZE ADDS: Adult	For 2XL, 3XL	$ 4.00	

# of Pieces	Total Value	Paid
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Please complete and submit this form with cash or cheque. Cheques to be made out to Parkview Elementary.
All prices are tax in.
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We have some stock at the school!

Pop in and see if there is something that will fit.