



Parkview Elementary School

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Welcome Back and Happy New Year to Students, Parents and Guardians!

Family Literacy Week

Family Literacy Week will be held during the week beginning January 28. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development - just 15 minutes a day can dramatically improve a child's literacy (reading and writing) skills, and is a great way to spend time with your child.

Family Literacy

Here are some great ways to get started:

1. Create your own comic strip about your family.
2. Invent two new endings to your favourite book.
3. Make up a new recipe together and post it online.
4. Tell knock-knock jokes together while doing the dishes.
5. Sing five songs really, really loud!
6. Invent a new game while playing at the park.
7. Read a story to your pet (or favourite toy).
8. Make a paper fortune teller with eight fortunes.
9. Write a silly poem and tell it to your family at dinner.
10. Log on to your favourite word game - can you beat your best score?
11. Create your family tree.
12. Play rhyming "I Spy" - "I spy something that rhymes with..."
13. Play a board game together.
14. Text your friend and tell them about your holiday.
15. Find 15 things that begin with the letter "S".

Both Parkview Elementary and the District of Sicamous will be doing activities to support Family Literacy Week. The school will be doing another "Drop Everything and Read Activity" on January 28.

Winter Activities

Everyone enjoyed the Winter Concert on December 5th. Parents, grandparents, guardians and friends were all on hand to witness an evening of music. A big thank you to our students and staff for all their efforts. A special thank you to Mr. Koenig our music director who made the evening possible!

Judges for the Classroom Door Decorating contest had a very difficult time choosing a winner. However, after much deliberation, winners were declared. Division 1 took 1st place, Division 8 took 2nd place for having the most interesting and well decorated doors. Honourable mention went to Division 4. Well done everyone!

A Winter Activity day was held on December 13 and students enjoyed carolling with Mr. Koenig and Bob Evans on Friday, December 21. Check out Parkview's Facebook page for photos.

Skating

Many classes are participating in skating at the arena during the month of January. We very much appreciate all the help parents have provided with helping with skates and on-ice support. Thank you to Wayne March and all the arena staff for their ongoing support to our skating program.

Assembly

Our next school wide assembly will be held on Monday, January 14 @ 8:25 a.m.

P.A.C. Meeting

Our next P.A.C. Meeting will be held on Monday, January 14 @ 2:30 p.m. Please plan to attend.

A **Ready, Set, Learn** event will take place at Parkview on Monday, February 4th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Ready, Set, Learn is a free early learning event for families with children who are **3 to 5 years old**. Please call the office to pre register for this event @ (250) 836-2871. or contact Jennifer Findlay @ (250) 833-2095 or email jfindlay@sd83.bc.ca

- All families will receive free books and a kit of materials and resources to help support their child's early learning experiences

Family Maker Night

On January 31 Parkview will hold a Family Maker Night. Students in grades K – 6, accompanied by parents will have the opportunity to build robotics. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will end with a visit from Kris the Clown. We ask that parents/guardians return the information form below if you plan to attend this event in order that we will have enough supplies on hand.

Parkview Elementary School
Family Maker Night
Thursday, January 31, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Number of family members who will attend: _____

Cross Country Skiing

Students in grade 4-6 will have the opportunity to sign up to go X country Skiing on January 23, 30 and attend the Pirate Loppet on February 1. More information will follow with permission forms and dates/times the bus will leave and return to Parkview.

School goals

Our school *reading* goal continues to be a focus. Practice makes perfect! We believe strongly that reading at home for 15-20 minutes every day is essential to reading success. One great idea that I have personally seen work really well with older students who are reading chapter books is a book journal with an adult. With this strategy the youth and the adult both read the same book, on their own, but share a journal where they record short thoughts about the book and respond to what the other person writes.

Math tip of the month: Skip counting is awesome! Right from kindergarten children learn to skip count. This skill is essential for learning higher level skills such as multiplication and research shows that students who can skip count are more successful in math throughout the years.

Practice skip counting in the car, before bed or maybe even as the ticket to being excused from the table after dinner 😊

Kindergarten: by 10's to 100

Grade 1: by 5's and 10's to 100 and by 2's to 20

Grade 2: by 10's BUT..... start at a number such as 3 (3, 13, 23, 33, etc)

Grade 3: by 2,3,4,5 and 10's

Grade 4 and above: 2,3,4,5,10's up to 100 (this is review)

School Fees

A reminder that the following fees for the school year 2018/2019 are requested if you have not already paid:

Primary Fees for students in grades K-3	\$30.00
Agenda Book Grades 1 – 6	\$10.00
Activity Fee Grades K – 6	\$20.00

Upcoming Events

January 7	School Begins
January 8	Div. 3 @ ORL 10:15
January 10	Div. 7 Skating 9:15
January 14	Assembly 8:25
January 15	Div. 2 @ ORL 1:00 p.m.
January 17	Div. 7 Skating
January 18	Division 3/4 Skating
January 23	X Country Skiing @ larch Hills
January 23	Hat Day
January 23	X Country Skiing
January 25	Div. 3 /4 Skating
January 25	Lunch Day
January 25	Snowball Dance
January 25	Snowball Dance 6:00 – 8:00
January 28	DEAR 12:45
January 28 – Feb. 1	Unplug and Play
January 30	X Country Skiing @ Larch Hills
January 31	Family maker Night
February 1	Pirate Loppet

Finally . . .

As we get into the winter months and snowy days, please encourage your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. In general, we will be outside at break times as much as possible. Toques, mitts, snow pants and proper footwear will keep your child warm. When the temperature is very cold, or when the wind chill drops the temperature to -20°C we will be indoors.
