



Panther Press



Principal: Navdeep Aujla
Head Teacher: Scott Hodges
Secretary: Maria Jensen
Trustee: Katrina Chen

Dear Parkcrest Families,

I hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer, we have heard many wonderful stories about some of the adventures that your families experienced. Our staff is very excited to be back and we have a few new faces at the school. The staff for the 2015-16 school year is:

Div. 1.	Mr. Grundy	Grade 6/7
Div. 2	Mr. Hodges (Head Teacher)	Grade 6/7
Div. 3	Mr. Boulanger	Grade 4/5
Div. 4	Ms. Andrews / Ms. Vaesen	Grade 3/4
Div. 5	Ms. Marto	Grade 2/3
Div. 6	Ms. Glavas	Grade 2/3
Div. 7	Ms. Gourlay	Grade 1
Div. 8	Ms. Loungsay	Grade K/1
Library	Ms. Hain	
Music	Ms. Vaesen	
LST/ELL/HT Relief	Ms. Clark	
E.A.'s	Ms. Twersky, Ms. Cruz, Mr. May and Ms. Sanchez	
Custodians	Mr. Ram (a.m.) and Ms. Grundy (p.m.)	
Secretary	Ms. Jensen	

This has been an exciting summer for many of our students, please check out the story on page 6 in the "Good News" section about the "once in a lifetime" experience that one of our grade 7 students had. We welcome and invite "Good News" stories about our students and families to share in upcoming newsletters.

All families are invited to our first PAC meeting on September 20th at 7 pm in the staffroom (babysitting will be provided). Please come out and learn how you can be more involved with the school community because our school is a better place with your involvement.

Students are settled into their new classes and staff is looking forward to meeting families at the Parents as Partners meetings on September 27 and 28. The school is also having a family night on the 27th and you are all invited to come see our updated library. We have also arranged to have a food truck at the school and families are invited to pre-order their food through Munch-A-Lunch and have dinner at the school with their friends and neighbours. I hope to see you there!

Navdeep Aujla
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 20thCross Country Practice 12:15—1:00pm
Sept. 20thDrop Everything and Read
Sept. 20thPAC Meeting 7:00pm
Sept. 21stWalking Wednesday
Sept. 22ndCross Country Practice 12:15—1:00pm
Sept. 26thCross Country Meet @ Burnaby Lake 3:30—4:30pm
Sept. 27thCross Country Practice 12:15—1:00pm
Sept. 27thParents as Partners & Library Open House 3:10—7:00pm
Sept. 27thHoli Masala Food Truck 4:30—7:30pm
Sept. 28thEarly Dismissal 2:00pm
Sept. 28thParents as Partners 2:10—5:00pm
Sept. 28thWalking Wednesday
Sept. 28thTerry Fox Run & Assembly
Sept. 27thFire Drill
Sept. 29thCross Country Practice 12:15—1:00pm
Sept. 30thPro-D Day (no classes)
Oct. 3rdGr. 6 Immunization
Oct. 3rdCross Country Meet @ Burnaby Lake 3:30—4:30pm
Oct. 4thCross Country Practice 12:15—1:00pm
Oct. 6thCross Country Practice 12:15—1:00pm
Oct. 10thThanksgiving Day (school closed)
Oct. 11thCross Country Meet @ Burnaby Lake 3:30—4:30pm
Oct. 11thPAC Meeting 7:00pm
Oct. 13thGreat Shakeout BC
Oct. 13thSchool Photos
Oct. 18thBoys Volleyball Game
Oct. 20thGirls Volleyball Game
Oct. 21stPro-D Day (no classes)
Oct. 25thBoys Volleyball Game
Oct. 26thArt Starts Performance 2:00pm
Oct. 27thGirls Volleyball Game
Oct. 31stHalloween Assembly



For the most updated information on Parkcrest events, please use the online School Calendar at <http://parkcrest.sd41.bc.ca/calendar-2/>

Cell Phone Usage At Parkercrest

Please note that our school has a cell phone policy which all students must adhere to at all times. A cell phone is not needed at school as a school phone is available for students to use in case of an emergency. If students have a cell phone at school, there are very strict guidelines around cell phone use during school hours. This policy is in effect to preserve the privacy and confidentiality of students and staff. The policy is as follows:



- All cell phones should be kept in a student's backpack, unless a staff member gives permission for the students to use a cell phone in class. In this case, a cell phone cannot be taken out of that class.
- Cell phones cannot be taken to the bathroom, changing rooms, or used in hallways; students are not permitted to use cellphones on school grounds during school hours. If a student uses a cell phone in the above listed areas, the cell phone will be taken away and held by the principal. Student will be able to get their cell phone back the first time an incident happens; if there is a second incident, then a parent will be required to come with the student to pick up the cell phone.

Staff have all discussed and agreed upon the above policy. The standards above may seem strict, but we need to protect the privacy of everyone at the school. Thank you for sharing these expectations with your child.

Parents as Partners & Parkercrest Community Event

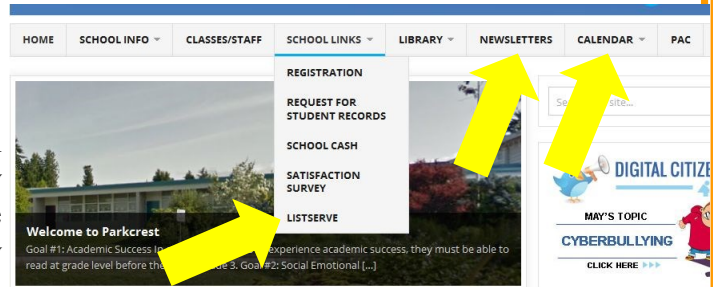
Parents as partners meetings will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 from 3:10 to 7:00pm and on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 from 2:10 to 5:00pm. Parents can schedule their appointments online at <https://parkercrest.schoolappointments.com/admin/>

On Tuesday, Sept. 27th, there will be a food truck in our school parking lot that will serve Indian food. Food items need to be pre-ordered and prepaid. You may place your order here Munchalunch.com

Also on the 27th, we will be having an Open House in our Library. All our welcome.

Listserve & Parent Messages

The School District Listserve system is being slowed down considerably when notices are attached to the emails. For the sake of efficiency and expediency, we will include a link in our listserve messages where notices can be viewed. We are also doing this with our monthly newsletters.



We encourage you to check the Parkcrest website and online calendar on a regular basis in order to keep up on the latest news.

School Cash Online

The Burnaby School District implemented the School Cash Online system a few years ago to minimize the risks of having cash in the schools and to give parents a convenient and secure alternative for paying school expenses.



Parkcrest uses School Cash Online for school fees, events, special lunches and all school activities. To register your child, please go to <https://burnaby.schoolcashonline.com/>. Thank you for

Why Use School Cash Online?

- ◆ **Convenient** Make secure payments 24/7 from the comfort of your home
- ◆ **Easy To Use** Online shopping with various payment methods
- ◆ **Safe** Your child won't be carrying cash or checks to and from school
- ◆ **Saves Time** Manage your school expenses and view payment history in one place

Please call the office before 8:30am to report your child's absence or if your child will be late. You may also email the school secretary, Ms. Jensen at maria.jensen@sd41.bc.ca.



Be On Time... It's Important

Please ensure that your children are on time for school. The first morning bell goes at 8:50am and the lunch bell is at 12:55pm. Tardiness is often disruptive to the class and important instructions and information may be missed when your child is late. If you know that your child will be late, please call the school ahead of time. If your child is late, please ensure that he/she signs in at the office. Thank you for your co-operation.





PAC News

Welcome back Parkcrest!

We hope that everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to the 2016-17 school year.

The first PAC meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 7 pm in the library (babysitting will be available). Whether you're a new or returning parent, mark this on your calendar and attend. We need volunteers for both the PAC Executive and to help out with the various activities and initiatives throughout the year. We will also be electing a new president and secretary.

We cannot do it without your support. Please join us on September 20th we look forward to seeing you there.

2016-2017 Parkcrest PAC

PAC Chair: Michelle Romano
PAC Vice-Chair: Janina Nenadic
PAC Treasurer: Diane Ormiston
PAC Secretary: Nancy Leung

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Upcoming PAC Meeting

PAC Meetings are on Tuesdays and start at 7:00pm—All parents/guardians are welcome

☼ September 20, 2016

☼ October 11, 2016

Little League Baseball World Series

by: *Nathan Clegg*



This summer I went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania for the Little League Baseball World Series and represented team Canada after winning the Canadian Championship at our home park, Richard Saunders field, at Hastings Community little league. I got to play against Japan, South Korea and Mexico, and we also played an exhibition game against Italy. Our victory over Japan made history. It was the first time Japan had lost an opening game since 1965. We truly were treated the better than you can imagine around the complex we stayed at and around the fields. It was one of the greatest experiences ever.

