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NOVEMBER



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Head Teacher: Scott Hodges
Secretary: Maureen Mah
Trustee: Katrina Chen

Dear Parkcrest Families,

October was a fun and exciting month at Parkcrest Elementary, students and adults enjoyed all the activities around the school. There was an important staffing change at Parkcrest this month, Ms. Jensen moved to Burnaby Mountain Elementary and our new secretary, Mrs. Maureen Mah joined our staff.

There have been wonderful things happening throughout the school in October. Our cross country team finished their season and I want to thank Mr. Hodges and Ms. Clark for sponsoring the team; we are also grateful to all the parents that helped to transport students to and from the meet. One of our grade 7 students, Parker Marks, placed top five for his age group. Congratulations, Parker!

The volleyball season is also underway and we have volunteer parents coaching both teams. Thank you to Kim Walters and Cindy Marander for coaching the girls team! Thank you also to Kevin Clegg, James Chan, Kurt Brock, Mike Squance and Juneko Kurahashi for coaching the boys team! The season is going great and there is a great deal of volleyball talent at Parkcrest!

Report cards will be coming out before Christmas break and as many of you know, there have been changes both to the curriculum and reporting. Please go to page 3 for further details on the curriculum and I will be giving further information on reporting changes in the December newsletter.

In the last two professional development days, our staff has continued to focus on the redesigned curriculum and implementing changes. Reading and SEL (Social Emotional Learning) are both a focus at Parkcrest and upcoming pro-d days will focus on implementing these goals. We have been experiencing a great deal of success in reading as this has been our focus for the last few years. Our current goal is to continue with this success but also focus on SEL, specifically helping students identify emotions.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or if you wish to share accolades!

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1stKindergarten Screening
Nov. 1stBoys Volleyball Game @ Parkcrest
Nov. 1stSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 2ndWalking Wednesday
Nov. 2ndGirls Volleyball Practice 12:10—12:55pm
Nov. 3rdBoys Volleyball Practice 12:10—12:55pm
Nov. 3rdGirls Volleyball Game @ Parkcrest
Nov. 3rdSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 4thDominos Pizza Lunch
Nov. 7thBoys Volleyball Practice 12:10—12:55pm
Nov. 7thGirls Volleyball Practice 3:10—4:00pm
Nov. 8thBoys Volleyball Game @ Parkcrest
Nov. 8thSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 9thGirls Volleyball Practice 12:10—12:55pm
Nov. 10thRemembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 10thBoys Volleyball Practice 12:10—12:55pm
Nov. 10thGirls Volleyball Game @ Parkcrest
Nov. 10thSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 11thRemembrance Day (school closed)
Nov. 14thFruit & Veggie Program Mixed Organic Apples
Nov. 14thMobile Dairy Classroom
Nov. 14thBoys Volleyball Practice 12:10—12:55pm
Nov. 14thGirls Volleyball Practice 3:10—4:00pm
Nov. 15thPAC Mtg. 7:00pm
Nov. 15thBoys Volleyball Game @ Aubrey
Nov. 15thSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 16thWalking Wednesday
Nov. 16thGirls Volleyball Practice 12:10—12:55pm
Nov. 17thPhoto Retakes
Nov. 17thGirls Volleyball Game @ Aubrey
Nov. 17thSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 18thDominos Pizza Lunch
Nov. 22ndSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 23rdWalking Wednesday
Nov. 24thJersey Day
Nov. 24thSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 25thPro-D Day (no classes)
Nov. 28thFruit & Veggie Program Mandarin Oranges
Nov. 29thSprouting Chefs Afterschool Program @ Parkcrest
Nov. 30thWalking Wednesday



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



Welcome, Mrs. Mah!

Please welcome our new secretary, Mrs. Maureen Mah. Mrs. Mah was previously at Burnaby North High School and she is very excited to be at Park-crest. Mrs. Mah is looking forward to meeting students and parents; please stop by and introduce yourself. Mrs. Mah is in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

REDESIGNED CURRICULUM

The manner in which we learn has changed and the BC Ministry of Education has responded to these changes by redesigning the curriculum. The biggest change that educators have noticed is that there is less emphasis on content and more emphasis on developing competencies. In the past, educators had a list of topics that had to be covered and there was an urgency to get through these topics. The emphasis now is on competencies and these are a focus from kindergarten onward, changing in scope as students get older. Teachers also choose big ideas and these big ideas help determine what the focus will be.

The first competency is the communication competency which focuses on connecting and engaging with others, inquiries, collaboration and reflection. The second competency is creative thinking which focuses on dealing with novelty situations, generating ideas and developing ideas. The third competency is critical thinking which focuses on analyzing and critiquing, questioning and investigating and developing and designing. The fourth competency is positive personal and cultural identity which focuses on relationships and cultural contexts, personal values and choices and personal strengths and abilities. The fifth competency is personal awareness and responsibility and the focus here is on self-determination, self-regulations and well being. The final competency is social responsibility and the focus here is on contributing to community and caring for the environment, solving problems in peaceful ways and valuing diversity.

There is specific content that teachers are required to teach in all grades, but teachers have choice as to how deeply they teach certain topics. If a teacher finds that there is a great deal of interest in a certain topic area, they have the option of going in-depth into that topic. The competencies provide the framework for teaching the content. Thus if a teacher decides to focus on bravery as a big idea for grade 7 language arts, this can help focus all the teaching for the term or for the year. Novels that focus on this big idea can be chosen and the core competencies can be taught through this.

The above is a simplified explanation of the changes that have been made to the BC Curriculum. If you are interested in understanding this further, please feel free to contact me at Navdeep.Aujla@sd41.bc.ca

No early drop offs please!



Please **do not** drop children off prior to 8:45 am. Children that arrive before 8:45 are not allowed to enter the school as they will **not** be supervised.

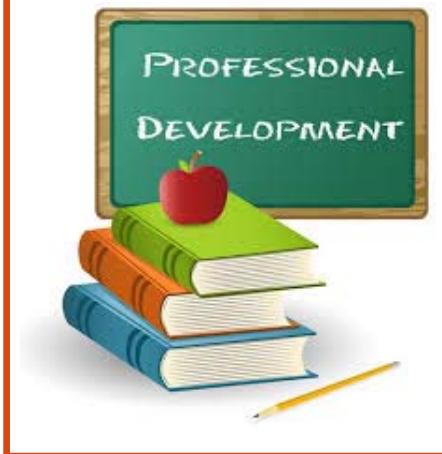


CHANGE IN WEATHER

The weather can be unpredictable during this time of year. Please ensure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for school and the weather. Students will be outside for recess and lunch and should be prepared for rain. Parents of primary children are encouraged to pack an extra set of clothes in their child's backpack or classroom in case of a muddy fall.



November 25th



LEADERSHIP



**THE
TERRY
FOX RUN**
for cancer research

Parkcrest held the annual Terry Fox Run on September 28th and \$241.15 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation. Way to go, Parkcrest!



Scare Hunger Campaign Recap

During October, the Grade 7 Leadership group held three different Halloween events for the school. There were two fun activities and one act of kindness for our local community.



WE Day

Thank you to Ms. Marto and Mr. Hodges for sponsoring the leadership club and WE Day fundraising activities around the school this year. Due to the success of these programs, our leadership students had the opportunity to attend WE Day at Rogers Arena on November 3rd!

They were entertained by Lilly Singh, Paul Abdul, George Takei, Margaret Trudeau and many more. Inspirational stories of how we can make a difference in the world were enjoyed by students and adults!

Ms. Jensen is off to High School

After 3 years as our school secretary, Ms. Jensen is leaving Parkcrest. On November 1, 2016, Ms. Jensen will start her new position as Head Secretary at Burnaby Mountain Secondary.

"I am so grateful to have been at Parkcrest. I so enjoyed the connections that I made with staff, students and parents. I will truly miss this wonderful school. Thank you Parkcrest Community for your support during these past three years."

Ms. Jensen

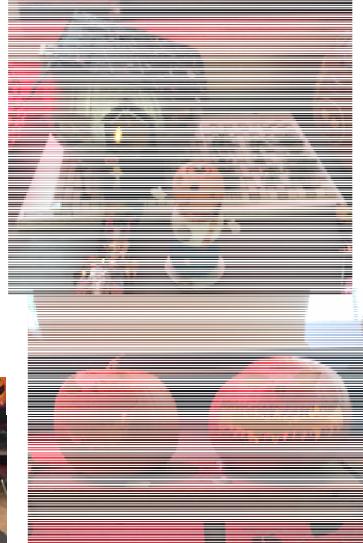


Students on the Parkcrest cross-country team participated in the Cross Country Meet on October 11th.

Congratulations to Parker and all of the Parkcrest Cross-Country participants. You make us proud.

A big thank you to our coaches Mr. Hodges and Ms. Clark and volunteer drivers as well!

HALLOWEEN AT PARKCREST





PAC News



2016-2017 Parkcrest PAC

PAC Co-Chair: Janina Nenadic
PAC Co -Chair: Kim McKay
PAC Treasurer: Diane Ormiston
PAC Secretary: Catherine Chuah
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DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

Talk to your teacher about
writing a story or poem
for this year's
WORDS WRITING PROJECT.

It might be chosen to be printed in
the 2016/17 WORDS Anthology!

Submit your written work to your teacher
by February 6, 2017



COMMUNITY NEWS



LOOKING FOR CHILD CARE? LET THE YMCA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL HELP!

We provide families with child care information & referrals to local facilities. From explaining your options to assisting with child care subsidy processes, we're here to help!

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Metrotown Community Resource Centre

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Burnaby, BC

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Capitol Hill Country Dance & Song Society presents...

COMMUNITY DANCE!

A black and white illustration of several people of different ages holding hands and dancing in a circle, representing a social gathering.

7pm SATURDAYS

OCTOBER 22 & NOVEMBER 12

**Willingdon Heights United Church
4304 Parker St. Burnaby**

live music by FLYING ALLEMANDE

join us for an evening of relaxed social dancing

All ages! No experience or partner needed! Fun!

Dances taught on the spot!

\$10/person

\$20 family

free under 12

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