

Parkside Elementary News

December, 2022



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"Remember, this December, that love weighs more than gold." ~
Author unknown

I am so very thankful that we have such wonderful and caring staff here at Parkside, who are going above and beyond to meet the needs of students this year.

December is one of the busiest and most exciting months of the year. We are thrilled to be able to once again, open our doors to host our Parkside Christmas Concert. This will be December 14th, with shows at 11:00 and 1:00.

We are so proud of the efforts our students have put in to prepare for this concert as well as the incredible work and preparation of our amazing music teacher, Ms. Arsenault.

Also, during announcements each day, we will be reminding students day that with their daily acts of kindness, the Grinch's heart (Mr. Martin) will grow. Please ask your child about what acts of kindness they are doing at Parkside.

As December 20th draws near, I want to take this moment to wish you all a very safe holiday break; wishing you special holiday moments with your child.

Happy Holidays

Nick Martin

Parkside Principal



Important Dates:

December 7: Grade 4-6 School Dance. Picture Retakes.

December 9: Christmas/Festive Sweater Day 2.0 (or wear red and green).

December 14 Christmas Concert, Report Cards go home.

December 15 Deck the Halls: Wear holiday headgear, antlers, hats. Lights!

December 16: Christmas Flea Market

December 17: French Bingo

December 20: Last day of classes. Movie at Cineplex! More info to come!

January 3: First day of Classes 2023

Notes from the Music Room

Parkside School will present a school Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 14 (storm date is Thursday, December 15)! The concert will be held at Parkside in the school gymnasium. All classes will have a chance to perform. The concert will be presented twice: once at 11:00AM and once at 1:00PM. The concerts will be identical, so parents/guardians are asked to attend the concert time that best suits their schedule. There is no admission fee, but there will be a donation jar at the door. All proceeds collected will go toward purchasing new instruments/equipment/materials for Parkside's music programs. We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Flea Market

On Friday, December 16th Parkside School is having its annual Christmas flea market. The purpose of this flea market is to give students the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members. At the flea market students will be able to purchase items for the low price of \$1.00. Any gently used items (**excluding clothing and stuffed animals**) that you would be willing to donate to our flea market would be greatly appreciated. You can simply send the items to school with your child or drop them off in the office. We are requesting that all donated items be brought to school by Thursday, December 15th. We will also gladly accept any donations of ribbons, bows, bags (paper & plastic), wrapping paper, and tissue paper. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Volunteers Needed! We are looking for volunteers to help at our Christmas flea market. Volunteers are needed for three time slots: 1) 8:40am – 10:30am 2) 10:30am – 12:00pm 3) 12:30pm – 2:40pm. If you are available to volunteer during any of these times please email Melanie MacDonald at mvmacdonald@edu.pe.ca. Thank you for your help!



Set Design

In the spring of 2023 Parkside Elementary will be presenting Disney's Frozen Jr – the musical! Students and staff are very excited about this production and the cast has already begun rehearsing. We are now looking for students to help with set design and props.

There are many opportunities available for students who are interested in helping with set design, props, and staging. Our "set team" will be responsible for designing and creating all necessary backdrops and props for our musical. It is a very important part of our production and we are looking for responsible, artistic students to join our set team. Set design for our school musicals has been very popular in the past. Students in grades 2-6 (who are not already part of the Frozen cast) are welcome to join our set design team. Permission slips will be sent home the first week of December.



Frozen Junior

From the Gymnasium

Basketball:

Parkside currently is participating in the Elementary Basketball League. Special thanks to our coaches this season: Mr. Logan, Mr. MacDougall, Ms. MacDonald, Ms. Webster, and Ms. Mackinnon for their help with this!

Special Olympics Fun Day:

A group of students attended Special Olympics Fun Day at SIS. We had a great morning participating in lots of different physical activities in a fun, inclusive environment! Special thanks to our grade 6 leadership students, Mr. Alex, and Mrs. Mac for coming with us!

Intramurals:

Our Grades 3-6 students are now participating in ball hockey intramurals at lunch-time. We have 3 leagues- Blue League 1, Blue League 2 and our White League. We are having lots of fun and enjoying some friendly competition at lunch-time.

School Clothing:

Anyone interested in ordering school clothing can check out our Parkside online clothing shop. There are lots of different items that can be ordered directly to your home! Check it out here: <https://parksideelementaryschool.entripyshops.com/> .

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Grade 4 Fossils: Mrs. Webster's Class

4A has been learning about fossils during science. We wanted to share an activity that we did!

The first step to making our fossils was to collect items from outside that we could press into the clay. Some of the items were sticks, leaves, acorns and rocks.

Next we shaped our clay into small pieces and pressed the different items into the clay to make trace or cast fossils.

We all tried our best and had fun making them. We got to bring the fossils home after they dried and hardened.





