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# Parkside News

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back students and parents. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2022-23 school year. We are excited to re-engage with students and provide them with many enjoyable opportunities this year.

As an administrative team, and as a staff, we are very excited about this school year as we work on our school goal of focusing on Social Emotional Well-being. Your child's sense of connection and feeling safe and happy at Parkside will in turn lead to stronger connections to their learning. Our staff are already laying the groundwork for connecting with students and providing them with engaging opportunities to be their best.

I would like to thank the Parkside parents who showed up for Meet the Teacher Night. It was great opportunity for myself and our staff to get to meet with you and speak to many of you about your child's education here at Parkside. We are excited for the opportunity to work hand in hand with you and your child this year. I always like to remind parents that they are their child's first teacher and their engagement in their child's education will be crucial over the coming years. Please take the time to read to your child and be an active partner in their education, as they make their way through this school year at Parkside.

Nick Martin - Principal

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## Upcoming Events

October 10 Thanksgiving  
Holiday: No Classes

### **Parkside Calendars!**

Parkside School Year Calendars are still for sale at the school office.

These large refrigerator calendars are just \$10 with all proceeds going to the students at the school for special initiatives like awards, events or guest speakers!

Calendars can be purchased using cash or cheque made out to Parkside Elementary.

Thank you in advance for your support!

## More Important News

### National Farm Day

Friday, September 16, 2022, Agriculture in the Classroom PEI sponsored all students in the grade 2/3 and 3 classes to visit local farms. The students toured Howard Vale Holsteins, a dairy farm in Springfield and Kool Breeze Farms, a fruit and vegetable farm in Summerside. Students enjoyed learning about the importance of agriculture in our community. Agriculture in the Classroom PEI generously covered all the cost of this trip, including a snack for the students.

### Parkside's Breakfast Program

Parkside's breakfast program will be starting on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The program will run on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. If there are any parents or grandparents that would like to volunteer, please email Danielle Keough-Delgado at [dddelgado@edu.pe.ca](mailto:dddelgado@edu.pe.ca). Volunteers make this program possible and give our students a good start to the day. Thank you for your support!

### Cereal Program

We are pleased to once again be offering a cereal program at Parkside school. The program started up in mid September in all homeroom classrooms. Dry cereal is available to students each morning to help ensure that students are ready for a great day of learning. In order to help sustain this program we are requesting the help of our Parkside family community. It would be wonderful if each family could donate a box of cereal to our school program. Donations can be sent to school with your child. We gladly accept donations of the following brands of cereal:

- Cheerios (regular or multi-grain)
- Raisin Bran
- Kellogg Mini-Wheats

Another option is to make a monetary donation to our cereal program online on our school's hot lunch website. Your support of this important school initiative is very much appreciated. Thank you!



**SAY CHEESE!!**

**October 13 and 14 are picture day at Parkside!**

### Frozen Treats

Our Frozen Treat sales started Friday, September 23. This is a fundraiser for our Grade 6 end of year activities. Each treat costs \$1. Students who wish to purchase a frozen treat can bring money to school on Friday. Starting next month (October), it will also be possible to prepay for Frozen Treats using the Hot Lunch website. Thank you for your support!

Online ordering for November treats is now available.

## The Library Is Open for Business!

Library visits have begun for the school year. Students have been excited to return to the library or to visit the library for the first time.



We have practiced safety procedures and expectations related to being in the library. Book exchanges began last week. Please check with your child's teacher to find out their day for book exchange. If your child takes their library book(s) home, they must return them the day before their next library visit.

Please choose a spot at home where library books will stay while they are at your house so you or your child can easily find them when it is time to return them. Another idea is to always put library books back into your child's backpack after reading them each day so that they are always in their backpacks and ready to return in case you forget which day they need to be returned. Placing them in a plastic bag within the backpack provides extra protection from water or food containers that may open.

## Scholastic Book Fair

There will be two Scholastic Book Fairs held this year, one in October and one in March. These are our main fundraisers to purchase new resources for the library. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ms. Driscoll by email: [rddriscoll@edu.pe.ca](mailto:rddriscoll@edu.pe.ca)

## Birthday Book Club

For almost 20 Parkside's library has been offering a program that celebrates the birthdays of students and staff. It is a small fundraiser with the aim of not only raising needed funds for the library, but more importantly engaging children in the spirit of giving and participating in the development of our library collection. For a donation of \$15.00, students and staff can select a book from a collection of new, hardcover books to be added to the library collection in their name. We have also had people participate by making a donation and choosing a book to honour a loved-one who has passed away. If you are interested in this program, please contact Ms. Driscoll.

"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

## Physical Education News:

Physical Education Classes: Welcome back to a new school year everyone! Students have physical education every second day for 25 minutes. Students are asked to dress appropriately and safely for movement on their phys ed days, for example: t-shirt or long sleeve shirt, shorts, sweatpants or tights. As well, students should have indoor sneakers that fit well and are safe for movement. Ms. Rebecca looks forward to a fun, active school year!

## Extra-curriculars:

Movement Club- We have started Movement Club at lunch-time for any students in grades 3-6 who are interested in walking or running at lunch-time. Students are working towards completing laps of our movement club course. When students complete their movement club card, they get to choose a charm for their sneakers! All ability levels are welcome, as the goal is simply being active!

## Cross Country:

Parkside will have a cross country team this school year. We will have teams in pre-novice girls and boys, as well as novice girls and boys. Right now, students who are interested in cross country should be coming to movement club for training at lunch-time. In order to make the cross country team, students must be able to run their required distance (pre-novice 1.5 km and novice 2.0 km). Students who make the team will continue to attend movement club at lunch-time for training. Our team will attend the zone cross country meet at Cabot Park on October 11 during the school day. More information will be sent home with students who are part of our team!



\*Please note that any students who are not ready for Cross Country yet are more than welcome to continue attending Movement Club 😊

## Upcoming Extra-curriculars:

**Ball hockey-** We are hoping to start our Parkside ball hockey league for students in grades 3-6 sometime in October. We play all of our games at lunch-time. Ball hockey has been one of Parkside's favorite intramural activities in the past, so we look forward to a fun season!

**Terry Fox Run/Walk-** Parkside Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, October 14 in the afternoon, with the rain date/alternate date being Monday, October 17 in the afternoon.

## Notes from the Music Room

In the spring of 2023, Parkside will be presenting "Disney's Frozen Jr." – the musical! In the last 2 weeks, students interested in participating in the musical had the opportunity to fill out an audition form, and auditions will begin on September 26 during noon recess times. There are over 100 students signed up to audition, which is amazing! It will take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete the audition process, and then we will determine the cast list. Students will also have the chance to sign up to participate in set design - more information about set design will come later this fall. If you have any questions about the musical, or would like to help in some way, please contact our music teacher, Alexandra Arsenault via email at [alexandraarsenault@edu.pe.ca](mailto:alexandraarsenault@edu.pe.ca)