



June 2026

Raven's Roost

Parkcrest Elementary School Newsletter



Principal's Message

Happy June! It's hard to believe that we are already into the final month of the 2025-2026 school year. There are many great things to look back on over the past nine months, and still so many to come. There is a feeling of summer approaching in the air with the excitement of events still to come, the beautiful weather that we are having, and the opportunity to learn outdoors.

I'd like to extend a huge thank you, kukwstsetsemc, merci, and gracias to all the parents who supported us at Parkcrest throughout the year. There are so many ways you helped out - volunteered on field trips, drove students to events, helped out in classes, coached, supported PAC hot lunches and fundraisers, supervised students, and more! Your support has opened the doors to more opportunities, and we appreciate you so very much!!

Looking ahead, this month is going to be a busy month with field trips, swimming lessons, the Bike Rodeo (for primary), the Entrepreneurship Fair, Indigenous Peoples Day, Fun Day, the Grade 7 Moving On Ceremony, Pride Month, and other year-end events.

The last day of school is Thursday, June 25th. Students will be dismissed at 12:34. Please also be reminded that we will be sending the final learning update of the year to parents and guardians electronically on Thursday, June 25th. You will receive notification that it is ready in MyEd BC. Other information, such as self-assessments of the Core Competencies, will be sent home on paper.

If you know that you will be moving over the summer, we ask that you let us know. It will help us with planning our classes for next year.

As we enjoy the final weeks of the school year and the summer days get closer, I would like to extend my wishes for a fun-filled summer.

Helen Keller says, "Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows." I hope your summer is full of sunny moments!

~Deanna Steptoe



SAFE ARRIVAL

School District #73 uses the SafeArrival student absence reporting system to record student absences. Please report your child's absence in one of the following convenient methods:

- Phone: 1-844-350-2647
- Web: go.schoolmessenger.ca
- App: SchoolMessenger

Principal: Deanna Steptoe ~ Vice-Principal: Jason Nesci
2170 Parkcrest Ave, Kamloops BC, V2B 4Y1
Website: www.parkcrest.sd73.bc.ca



A Look at May

Track and Field

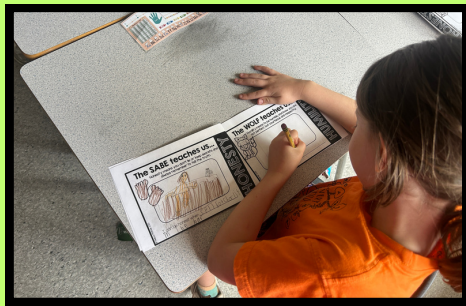


Intermediate students participated in track and field throughout the month of May. The school track meet took place on May 4th. Students who qualified moved onto Zones on May 13th (long distance runs) and May 20th. We had over 90 students participate in Zones. Districts took place on May 27th (long distance runs) and May 28th. We had approximately 40 students participate in Districts. Well done, Ravens!



Bert Edwards Skipping Team performed for our students on May 19th

Indigenous Education Corner



The Seven Grandfather teachings are taught within the curriculum. Each of the seven teachings is represented by an animal that guides how we treat one another.



Sunday, June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. To celebrate and honour our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, classes will be taking part in a variety of "on the land" and other activities throughout the month. On Thursday, June 11th, our grade 5 classes will have the opportunity to participate in a Powwow at the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Powwow Arbour. On Monday, June 22nd, we will have Fun Day that will include some Indigenous games.



June News

Farewell to Our Grade 7s

Our grade 7s have officially entered their final month in elementary school at Parkcrest. They have taken on a variety of leadership activities from lunch monitoring in primary classes, supporting our younger students at lunch, being positive role models, helping out around the school, and leading fun days. As they move into high school, we wish them all the best.

Bike Rodeo

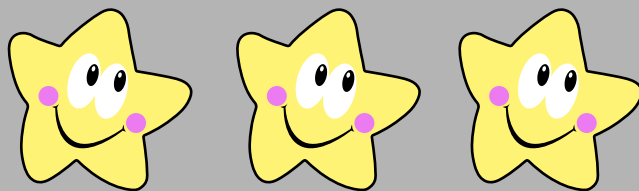
On June 5th, we will be having a Bike Rodeo. Kindergarten to grade 3 students will have the opportunity to participate in 3 stations. They will learn safety skills for biking and have their helmets and brakes checked. Students are encouraged to bring their bikes to school that day so they can participate in the rodeo. Scooters can also be used.

Just a reminder that bikes and scooters must be walked on school grounds. Thank you, parents, who give reminders to students before and after school.

June 5	Bike Rodeo (Primary)
June 11	Grade 5 to attend Powwow
June 17	Entrepreneurship Fair (pm)
June 18	School-Wide Swim Day
June 22	Fun Day / Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony (9:00 am)
June 24	Kindergarten Family Picnic
June 25	Last Day of School - Dismissal at 12:34
June 26	Administrative Day
Sept. 8	First Day of the 2026-2027 School Year

The last week for students to exchange their books is the week of June 3rd to 7th. All books will be due back to the library on Friday, June 14th.

THANK YOU
PAC



On behalf of our students and staff, a heartfelt thank you goes out to our PAC for their ongoing support, dedication, and generosity.

The time, energy, and care that our PAC volunteers contribute make a tremendous difference for our students and staff. Whether organizing events such as the Welcome Back BBQ and Hot Lunch days, fundraising, or volunteering behind the scenes, their efforts help create enriching experiences and opportunities. Some of the fundraising initiatives bought us chromebooks, iPads, a chromecart, outdoor play equipment, alternative seating options, support for numerous field trips, and more. Our school is so lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

The final PAC meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 pm in the library.

PAC Update

Get the latest on school news, events, reminders, hot lunch updates, and PAC meetings — all in one place!

Join our Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/parkcrestpac/>

Contact us anytime at:
parkcrestpac@gmail.com

All parents are members of PAC. Please consider joining PAC. PAC meets once a month at the school and childcare is provided.

In the fall, there will be openings for the Executive. The PAC Chair and potentially the Vice-Chair roles will be open.

Please reach out to PAC if you have any questions, or if you would like to nominate someone or volunteer for this position.

Voting will take place in at the September PAC Meeting.

PAC Frozen Fridays

June 5, 12, and 19

\$1 items include:

Freezies, Fudgcicles, & Rockets



Save the Date:

Welcome Back Event

September 22nd, 2026

4:00-7:00

Details to follow.



Thank you to parents for supporting PAC fundraisers over the past school year.



Next PAC Meeting

What: June PAC Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Where: Parkcrest Library

Please RSVP for Childcare

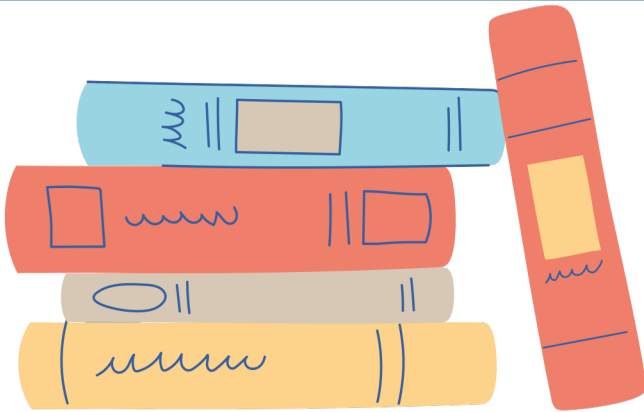
Summer Reading



During the summer, routines change ... Some children stay up later, some spend more time outdoors, and some do not spend as much time reading. When you do not practice something for two months, your skills deteriorate. We call this the summer reading slide and it is cumulative over the years. You can help to prevent summer loss by encouraging your child to read throughout the summer months.



Here are some tips to help with summer reading.



Make books accessible:

- Visit the library
- Go to the bookstore
- Trade books with friends

Read every day - 15 minutes a day really adds up!



Read books aloud to your child.

Let your child engage in reading that interests them.

- Audio books
- Graphic novels
- Picture books
- Magazines
- Novels
- Newspapers
- Book series
- And more!



**NEVER
STOP
READING**

STAY SAFE IN THE HEAT

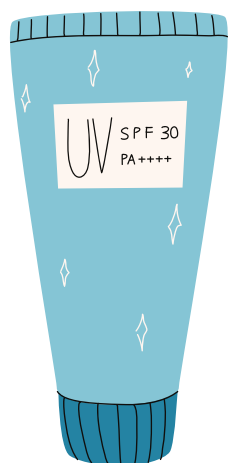
LIMIT SUN EXPOSURE

During high temperatures try to stay indoors or in shaded areas between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the sun is strongest.



DRESS FOR SAFETY

Children should wear a wide-brimmed sun hat and sunglasses with 100% UV (broad spectrum) protection.



LOOK FOR HEAT EXHAUSION SIGNS

- Fatigue
- Thirst
- Leg or stomach cramps
- Cool, moist skin



If you notice any signs bring the child indoors to rest, remove extra layers of clothing, and offer small sips of water.

APPLY SPF 30 SUNSCREEN

Apply at least 30 minutes before going outside.
Don't forget: ears, nose, neck, and tops of feet.



STAY HYDRATED

Encourage frequent water breaks—even if children don't say they're thirsty.



School staff can access information on preparing for heat events and other safety measures and resources.

InteriorHealth.ca