



May 2026

Raven's Roost

Parkcrest Elementary School Newsletter



Principal's Message

Happy May! Spring is in full swing ... flowers are blooming, the weather is warmer, the days are longer, and students are spending more time outdoors. Some students are riding their bikes or scooters to school. Please be reminded that bikes and scooters need to be walked on school grounds. We have bike parking outside and our fabulous PAC has purchased some scooter stands for indoors. Thank you, PAC, for your support.

May is always a busy and exciting time filled with both fun and enriching experiences. While we are still in full swing with classroom teaching, field trips, sports days, and more, we have started to look ahead to next year. If you know that you will be moving, please let us know at the office. This will help with our planning for next year. In addition, if you would like some input into your child's classroom placement, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to me by the end of the month. Alternatively, you can fill out this [survey](#).

Here's a glimpse into what is coming up this month at Parkcrest Elementary School. Track and Field season is here. Monday and Wednesday afternoons were dedicated for the practice before the big day. The Parkcrest Track and Field day will be Monday, May 4th. Students who qualify will move onto Zones on May 20th and Districts will take place on May 28th. The long distance runs are scheduled for May 13th (Zones) and May 27th (Districts). Good luck to all of our track and field athletes.

Two very exciting District Events are taking place in the coming days. On May 1st, we are sending several young authors to the Young Authors' Conference and then on May 6th, we will send two artists to the Young Artists' Conference. To attend these conferences, students needed to submit a piece of art (for Young Artists) or writing (for Young Authors) and be selected to go. I have been a part of the Young Authors' Conference for many years and students who attend always come away inspired about writing. I know our students will enjoy these two conferences.

The rest of this month's newsletter has some highlights from April and information about May. Have a most enjoyable month of May!

~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 April

Battle of the Books

We had a great turnout for the Battle of the Books this year. Students began reading books in the fall to prepare for the event. They then practiced with Mrs. Whalen throughout the winter and spring. Congratulations to our three Battle of the Books teams who represented Parkcrest at Zones on April 16th.

Grade 3 and 4 Team: Temprence, Tinsley, Gemma, Finn

Grade 5 Team: Audrey and Ava

Grade 6 and 7 Team: Logan, Nifemi, Abigail



Ms. Boyer leading the drummers and telling a story.

RoboThink



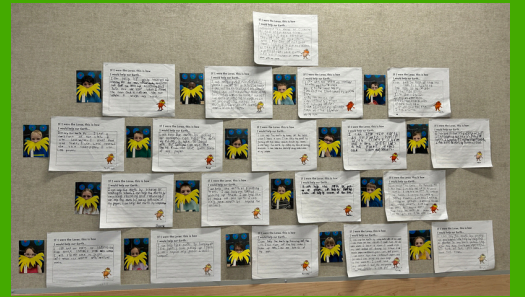
Students had the opportunity to unleash their inner engineers during the recent visit from the RoboThink Robotics Experts.

Using stem robotics, students were taught how to use gears, axles, and motors to build their own moving & controllable robot.

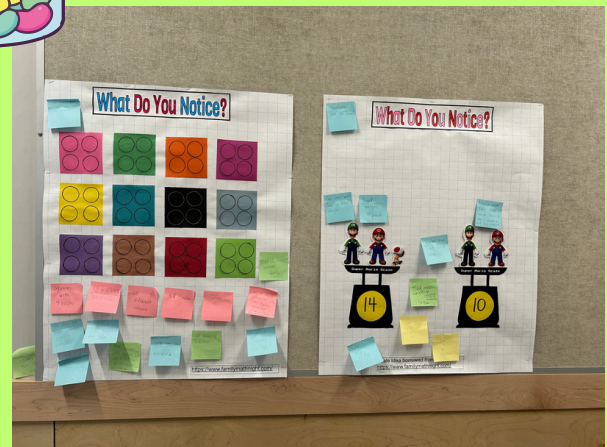




Wednesday, April 22nd was Earth Day. From lessons focused on Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax* to making promises to the Earth, classes focused on ways to save the Earth.



Numeracy Week



Numeracy is one of our school goals, and we've been bringing math to life in fun and engaging ways! During the last week of April, students took part in a variety of schoolwide activities. Bulletin boards with What Do You Notice? and Which One Doesn't Belong? questions really stretched students' thinking. Students also tackled problem-solving challenges, sharpened their estimating skills, and so much more. It's been fantastic to see students building confidence, sharing ideas, and discovering that math is all around us!



May News

Bikes and Scooters

Students are reminded that bikes and scooters are to be walked on school grounds. Thank you, parents, for reminding them when you are with them.

Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills

In the coming weeks, we will be practicing fire drills and lockdown drills.

Field Trips

May and June are packed full of field trips. Thank you for signing and returning field trip permission forms. Thank you as well to PAC for supporting so many field trips. Without PAC's support, we would not be able to go on as many field trips.

Parents, please make note of the items students must bring, such as warm clothing, sunscreen, or extra water, to make their days safe and successful.

Important Dates

Fri., May 1	Young Authors' Conference
Mon., May 4	Parkcrest Track and Field
Wed., May 6	Young Artists' Conference
Wed., May 6	Kindergarten SPARK - Session 3 (3:30)
Tues., May 12	PAC Meeting (6:00 pm)
Wed., May 13	Zone 1000/1200m (at Parkcrest)
Fri., May 15	Non Instructional Day - No School
Mon., May 18	Victoria Day - No School
Wed., May 20	Zone Track and Field
Wed., May 20	Kindergarten SPARK - Session 3 (3:15 or 4:15)
Wed., May 27	District 1000/1200m
Thurs., May 28	District Track and Field
Fri., June 5	Bike Rodeo (primary)
Thurs., Jun. 18	School-Wide Swim Day
Mon., Jun. 22	Fun Day
Tues., Jun. 23	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
Thurs., Jun. 25	Last Day of School (Dismissal at 12:34 pm)

District Family Event - Digital - May 13 - 6:30-7:30 pm

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, through the erase strategy, join this free online session: **Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities.**

This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

The course is intended for: Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents, and youth aged 10 and up.

Previous Family Engagement Sessions:

- January 21, 2026
- March 11, 2026

Upcoming Family Engagement Session:

- May 13, 2026

Register [HERE](#)

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:
pacparkcrest@gmail.com

Please join us for the next PAC meeting that will take place in the Parkcrest Elementary School Library.



Everyone is welcome—whether you attend regularly or you'd like to come for the first time. PAC meetings are a great way to stay informed about what's happening at the school, share your voice, and connect with other parents.

Parents meet in the library while children get supervised playtime in the gym. We appreciate RSVPs via Facebook or email so we can plan childcare, but of course, drop-ins are always welcome!

Upcoming Fundraiser: Track and Field Concession

PAC will be selling concession items at the track and field event on Monday, May 4th. Primary students can go to the concession during their scheduled times with their classes. Intermediate students will be able to visit during the day.

Concession Items and Prices:

- Gatorade - \$3.00
- Chocolate Milk - \$2.00
- Juice - \$2.00
- Fudgesicles - \$1.00
- Space Pops - \$1.00
- Freezies - \$1.00
- Cookies - \$1.00
- Chips - \$1.00



Next PAC Meeting

What: May PAC Meeting

When: Tuesday, May 12 @ 6:00pm

Where: Parkcrest Library



PARKCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2170 Parkcrest Ave
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Phone: 250-554-2368
Fax: 250-377-2235
Website: <https://parkcrest.sd73.bc.ca>
Vice-Principal: Jason Nesci

PARENT REQUEST FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2026 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

(One form per student)

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Current Grade: _____

Current Teacher: _____

At Parkcrest Elementary School, we value the in-depth knowledge that parents have about their children. For this reason, we allow parents to make a request on their child's behalf. However, please keep the following points in mind:

- 1. Requests for not being in a multi-grade class can not be considered.** Research has shown that there are no negative effects on students placed in multi-grade classrooms. We have a process to go through to determine classroom configurations, and we will have several multi-grade classrooms.
- 2. Requests for a specific teacher can not be considered.** We can not guarantee that a particular teacher will be teaching that grade the following year. In addition, changes in staff can occur even at the last minute.
- 3. Requests to be with a particular friend can not be considered.** Parents can only make a request for their own child. When asking for your child to be with a friend, you are making a request about another child.

What kind of requests can you make? Requests should be about the educational needs of your child. Does your child have specific needs that should be considered? If you would like to make a specific request, please state specific requests below.

Reason for request:

Have you discussed this request with this year's teacher?

Yes

No

How can you make a request? Requests need to be made in writing to Principal Steptoe. You can either fill out this form and drop it off at the school or fill out this [Google Form](#).

This request will be considered on the basis of the reasons provided. Other factors such as maintaining an even balance of student ability levels, gender, social emotional needs, and class size limits will influence the decision. While parents are encouraged to give their input, the final decision, according to the School Act, rests with the school principal. All requests must be in writing. Thank you.

Parent Signature: _____

Please return this form to the office by May 29, 2026.

BROCK SECONDARY SCHOOL

KIDS CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER!

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH
4:30 PM – 8:30 PM



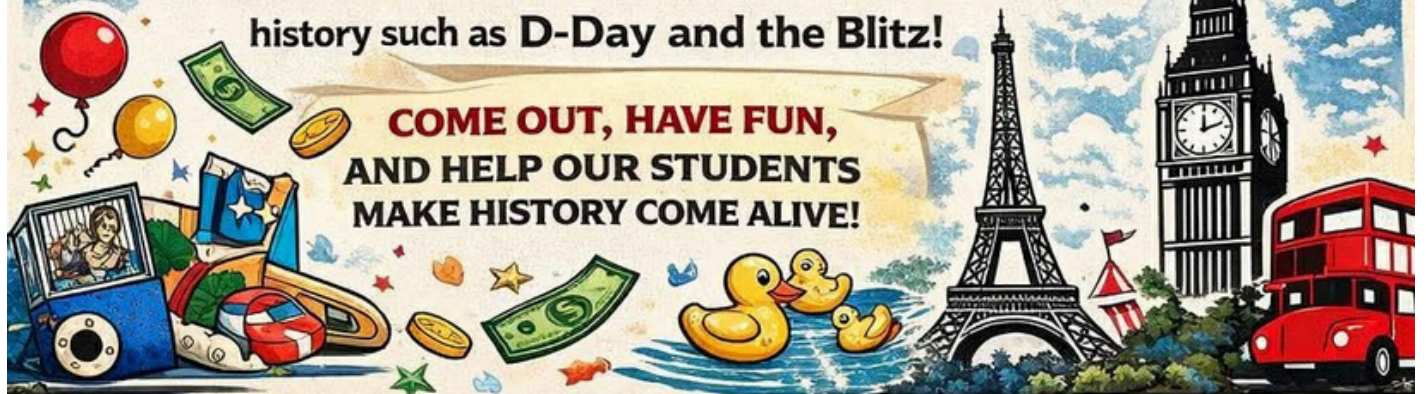
BROCK SECONDARY SCHOOL

CASH ONLY EVENT!

SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

All proceeds help send students on an educational trip to **LONDON** and **FRANCE** to learn about **WORLD WAR** history such as D-Day and the Blitz!

**COME OUT, HAVE FUN,
AND HELP OUR STUDENTS
MAKE HISTORY COME ALIVE!**



PRO D & VICTORIA DAY

CODING CAMPS

May 15 & 18, 2026

1:00 pm - 4:00
pm

@ The Game Hub
1304 Battle St.

Ages 8 - 14



VIDEO
GAME
DESIGN



AI ThinkLab
Powered by P O C O D E

ROBOTHINK
Build, Code and Play with Robots
KAMLOOPS

kamloops@myrobothink.com

250-574-7099

PRO D & VICTORIA DAY

ROBOTICS CAMPS

May 15 & 18, 2026

Full Day &
Half Day Camps
@ Desert City
Games

171 Leigh Rd

Ages 6 - 12



CLASH OF THE ROBOTS
RUMBLE ARENA

ROBOTHINK
COSMIC SPACE BOTS

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