



November 2025

Raven's Roost

Parkcrest Elementary School Newsletter



Principal's Message

Happy November! We've had a busy and productive first two months of school. We are well underway with students engaging in both academic and extracurricular activities.

Last week, we welcomed three Westmount classes into Parkcrest. Staff put in tremendous effort to transform three of our learning spaces into classrooms for the incoming classes. Our students welcomed the Westmount students in the hallways and outside on the playground and field. You may notice students being picked up and dropped off by parents or school buses. Please be extra cautious during drop off and pick up times with all of the additional students and staff.

Teachers will be communicating with parents about student learning at least five times throughout the school year. Three of these will be through formal written learning updates (report cards) and the other formats will be informal and may be in the form of conferences, in-person or virtual discussions, telephone calls, e-mails, portfolio entries, or interim reports. Many teachers have sent home interims or hosted parent-teacher interviews. Our first set of formal written learning updates (report cards) will be sent out on Friday, December 12th. Report cards will be sent to parents electronically. On December 12th, you will receive an email message from me letting you know that they have been published and that they are ready to view. You will need to log into MyEducation BC to view report cards. If you cannot get into your MyEducation BC account, please contact us at the office to reset your password or help you troubleshoot.

In November, we will honour those who have served, and continue to serve, in the Canadian Armed Forces. This year's Remembrance Day ceremony will be on Monday, November 10th (parents are welcome to attend). Students who are in Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, or Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms to school that day. There will be no school on Tuesday, November 11th.

I look forward to working with your children throughout this next month. The days are getting shorter and cooler, but the learning continues to grow. Have a fantastic month!

~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

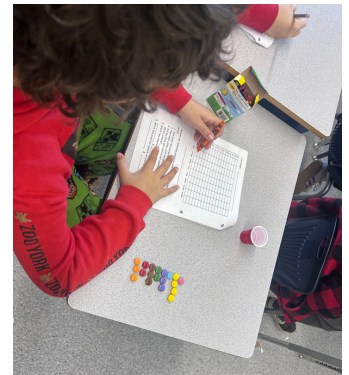
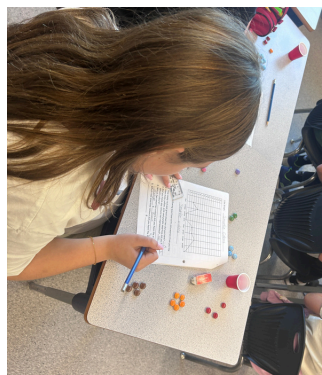


A Look at October

Halloween Fun



Halloween Math



We respectfully acknowledge that Parkcrest Elementary School is located on the unceded territory of the Secwépemc Nation, specifically the Territory of the Tk'ém̓lups te Secwépemc.



DEAR

On Monday, October 20th, we all gathered in the gym for 15 minutes of DEAR:

Drop Everything And Read!



Volleyball

Volleyball season is underway with two girls' teams - Tier 1 Competitive & Tier 1 Rec. Go, Ravens, Go!!



Fire Drills

At the end of September and beginning of October, we practiced three fire drills. We will have three more practices in the spring.



Welcome Westmount Students

Three classes from Westmount joined our school this month:

- Grade 3/4 with Mrs. Ruddick
- Grade 4/5 with Mrs. Gibbard
- Grade 5 with Mrs. Wilsher

Our playground and field areas are much fuller at lunch. So many more students to play with!

Our Parkcrest Ravens have been very welcoming to the Westmount students! We look forward to working with them for the coming weeks.





November News

Parking

Please remember that the staff parking lot is reserved for staff before, during, and after school. With added staff from Westmount, our parking lot is completely full! If you are coming into the school, you can use the church parking lot across the street. Please be mindful of our neighbours when street parking. Thank you!

Winter Concerts

Mark your calendars for our Winter Concert dates:

Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00 pm
and

Thursday, December 18th at 9:00 am.

Both concerts will be the same, so please choose to attend one concert.



District Family Event - Digital Safety

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/sextortion. 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.

Upcoming Family Engagement Sessions:

- January 21, 2026
- March 11, 2026
- May 13, 2026

Tues., Nov. 4	PAC Meeting (6:00 pm)
Mon., Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am
Tues., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No School
Non-Instructional Day - No School	Non-Instructional Day - No School
Wed., Dec. 17	Winter Concert (1:00pm)
Thurs., Dec. 18	Winter Concert (9:00 am)
Fri., Dec. 19	Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break
Mon., Jan. 5	First Day Back After Winter Break

Parkcrest Ravens Swag

Ravens swag can be ordered from the Hansport store until Monday, November 17th. Use this [link](#) to access the store.

Thank You PAC

Scoops of gratitude to our PAC for treating our students to ice cream! We appreciate all that you do to make our school such a sweet place to be!

Register [HERE](#)

Fundraising

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

A huge thank you to all our Parkcrest families for your incredible support! Here's what your participation has accomplished so far:

Sun-Oka Apple Fundraiser: 62 boxes sold = \$552 profit

Coupon Book Sales: \$1,012 profit

We couldn't do it without you!


THANK
YOU!

Your voice matters! Please join us for our monthly PAC meetings – everyone is welcome! 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: Growing Smiles Holiday Greenery

Brighten your home (or someone else's!) with beautiful holiday greenery – and support our school at the same time.

 Order deadline: November 21

 Delivery date: December 5

 Order online:

<https://parkcristelementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>



Christmas Concert Raffle Baskets

We're excited to bring back our Raffle Baskets at this year's Christmas concerts! Each class will soon be assigned a basket theme – stay tuned for details on how you can contribute.



Next PAC Meeting

What: November PAC Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Where: Parkcrest Library

Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security

When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share, and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

Check out these 5 tips

1

Discuss personal vs. private info.

Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).

2

Use privacy settings.

Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.

3

Avoid location tracking.

Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.

4

Power up passwords.

Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.

5

Skip quizzes.

Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.



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