

November 2026

Raven's Roost

Parkcrest Elementary School Newsletter



Principal's Message

Happy November! October was a busy and productive month at Parkcrest. With instructional routines in place, students are demonstrating their understanding in a variety of curricular areas. Many families have had opportunities to hear about their child's progress through parent-teacher interviews, interim reports, or other communication from classroom teachers. If you have questions about your child's progress, please reach out to their classroom teacher.

October also brought several field trip opportunities for our students. These experiences help enrich classroom learning and create lasting memories. We are grateful to our PAC for their ongoing support of field trips. Their generous contributions help make these opportunities more affordable for families and allow teachers to plan meaningful experiences without creating undue financial hardship.

Throughout October, we completed three fire drills as part of our emergency preparedness program. We will conduct three additional fire drills in the spring. In November, students and staff will also participate in a lockdown drill to help ensure we are prepared for a variety of emergency situations.

As Remembrance Day approaches, we will take time to honour and remember the Canadians who have served, and continue to serve, in the Canadian Armed Forces. Our school Remembrance Day ceremony will take place on Tuesday, November 10. Students who are members of Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, or Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms to school that day. Please note that there will be no school on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Remembrance Day.

I hope you have a wonderful month of November!

~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: Sierra Haw
2170 Parkcrest Ave, Kamloops BC, V2B 4Y1
Website: www.parkcrest.sd73.bc.ca

A Look at October



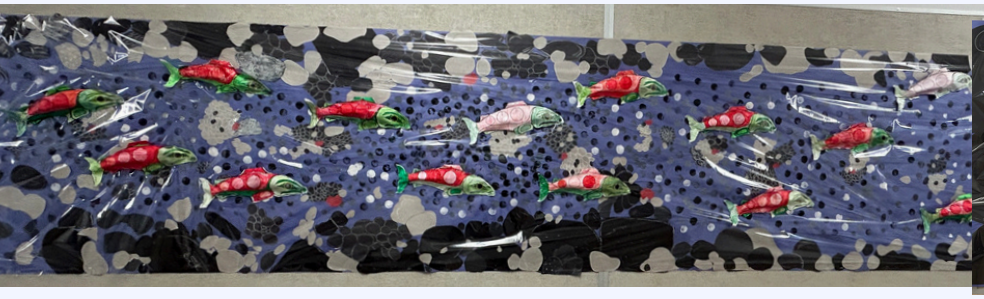
Salmon Run

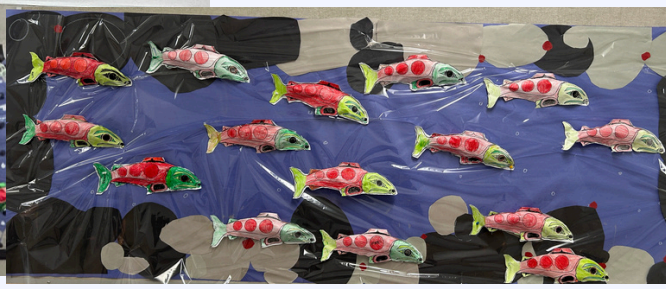




Every four years, a special wonder happens at Tsútswecw Provincial Park - thousands of sockeye salmon swim upstream, splashing through the rushing water as they return to the place where their lives began. It is a long and difficult journey, but the salmon never give up.

Several of our Parkcrest classes studied the salmon life cycle and visited this year's salmon run at Tsútswecw Provincial Park. The salmon teach us important lessons about courage, perseverance, and belonging. They remind us that even when the path is hard, we can keep moving forward.





Bike Safety





Grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Learn 2 Ride program presented by HUB Cycling. In these sessions, students learned about bikes (the parts and how to maintain it, proper helmet use, key traffic laws) and how to stay safe on a bike. Students practiced bike handling and traffic safety out on the school grounds.







A Look at October



Pumpkin Carving for Garden Gate

Mrs. Trestain, Ms. Ellingsen, and Mrs. Shantz's classes carved pumpkins for display at Garden Gate.

Halloween Safety



Safety Bear and the RCMP visited primary classes to give students some Halloween safety tips. Students remembered the following important safety tips:

- Always check your candy before you eat it.
- Don't go into other people's houses.
- Look both ways before you cross the street.
- Don't run between vehicles.
- Trick-or-treat with an adult.
- Don't go to houses where the lights are turned off.

Halloween Fun



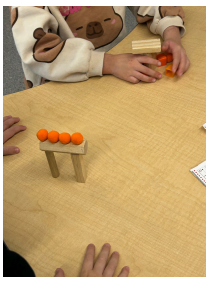




Halloween Themes



There are many curricular connections to Halloween. Math, reading, and writing activities took on a spooky theme leading up to Halloween.



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

November News

Field Trips

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered for field trips so far this year. If you would like to volunteer for an upcoming field trip and don't have a current criminal record check (one that has been done for Parkcrest in the past three years), please reach out to obtain a code.

Please be reminded that siblings are not allowed to join field trips.

Winter Concerts

Mark your calendars for our Winter Concert dates:

Tuesday, December 15th at 1;00 pm
Wednesday, December 16 at 9:00 am.

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



Volleyball

Volleyball season is underway with two girls' teams and a boys' team.

Go, Ravens, Go!!

Important Dates

Mon., Nov. 2	Pajama Day
Wed., Nov. 4	Railway Safety Presentations for K and Grade 1
Wed., Nov. 4	Take Your Grade 9 Child to Work Day
Sun., Nov. 8	Indigenous Veterans' Day
Mon., Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Wed., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day - No School
Mon., Nov. 16	Digital Citizenship Event for Grades 6 and 7
Mon., Nov. 30	Non-Instructional Day - No School
Fri., Dec. 11	PAC Meeting - 9:00 am
Fri., Dec. 11	Learning Updates Sent Home (Electronically)
Tues., Dec. 15	Winter Concert - 1:00 pm
Wed., Dec. 16	Winter Concert - 9:00 am
Fri., Dec. 18	Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break

Parkcrest Ravens Swag

Ravens swag is back! This year, there is the opportunity to order special edition logo on some items.

Items can be ordered from the Hansport store until Friday, November 13th. Use this link to access the store.

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!



Fundraising

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Growing Smiles Holiday Greenery

Move over Ghosts and Goblins, it's time for poinsettias, wreaths, and tabletop greenery from Growing Smiles Christmas Greenery Fundraiser.



Dates to Order: November 12-27
Delivery: Early December

Christmas Concert Raffle Baskets

Each class is given a theme and students can donate an item to fill a raffle basket. Tickets will be sold prior to the start of each Christmas Concert and the basket winners will announced at the end of the last concert.

Last year we had 16 raffle baskets to choose from!

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!



Next PAC Meeting

What: November PAC Meeting
When: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 @ 6:00pm
Where: Parkcrest Library