



May 2019

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SECRETARY: Mrs. Sharon Binng & Ms. Judi Miehl

FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents:

As we start May, our school community shifts into high gear readying for numerous end of year preparations.

Enhancement trips are being planned by many teachers right now and please note some of these may leave before the regular start of school day, and possibly end afterwards. Please keep a close eye on the permission slips just in case your child is to be at school before the regular start of the day or picked up later than normal. Reminders, as always, will come out on our email list serve.

We have started our planning for next school year. There is more information in this newsletter; I would encourage you to keep reading.

Thanks, as always, to members of our PAC for their continued contributions to the school. Your help and assistance is appreciated by the staff, students, and Park Avenue community. The Park Ave PAC Fun Fair is taking place on Saturday May 25th and we hope many of you will be able to come that day.

Many thanks to Mx. Derksen who is planning an evening concert for the following divisions (#11-16): Mills, Smith, Galloway, Schlitz, Wheeler and Robertson on the evening of May 30th (6 PM). Thanks also to Mr. Schlitz and Mx. Derksen who are planning the Talent Show for Friday May 31st. The talent show time is TBD, however it will be towards the end of the school day on May 31st (once the acts are confirmed and timed we will be able to announce the start time)

Finally, a reminder, every Monday has an "early" dismissal time of 1:37. Please ensure all caregivers are aware.

Yours truly,
Mr. Robbie Dhillon
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019

School Track Meet (Gr 3-7).....	Thurs May 9
Non Instructional Day (Students do not attend).....	Fri May 10
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon May 13
Victoria Day (students do not attend).....	Mon May 20
PAC Fun Fair.....	Sat May 25
Zone Track Meet.....	Tues May 28
Concert (6 PM, Mills, Smith, Galloway, Schlitz, Wheeler, Robertson).....	Thurs May 30
Talent Show (afternoon, exact time TBD).....	Fri Jun 31
District Track Meet (Rotary Bowl).....	Thurs Jun 6
Welcome to Kindergarten (AM).....	Fri Jun 7
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Jun 17
Grade 7 Parent/Guardian/Staff Evening (exact time TBD).....	Thurs Jun 20
Formative Report Issued.....	Thurs Jun 27
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:37).....	Thurs Jun 27
Administration Day.....	Fri Jun 28

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS

The cool wet weather seems to always be around.



There may be days students will ask the question "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is no. Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily.

We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. At Park Ave we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard. **It is also advisable students have a change of clothes in their school bags, including socks.** Warm gloves are always a good idea as well.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

There will be an event for students (and parents/guardians) starting Kindergarten in September on **Friday June 1 in the morning, most likely 9:30-10:45 AM** at the gym and MPR.

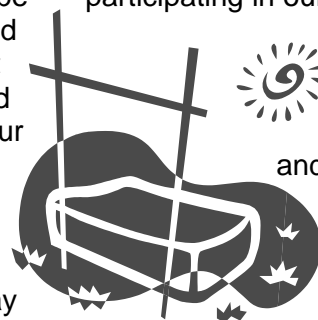
Please ensure you have registered your child for Kindergarten ASAP. You do not need to preregister for this session, as we will be expecting most registrants to be present, along with parent and/or guardian.

TRACK AND FIELD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our school track meet (Grade 3-7 students) is happening **Thursday May 9th** and we can certainly use extra adults to help. If you are available to help that day (either AM, PM or both), please let Mr. Robertson know through the permission form that has already been sent home. Please indicate on the form if you are able to volunteer and the time(s).

ZONE TRACK MEET GRADES 3-7 TUESDAY MAY 28

All students in Grade 3-7 will be participating in our annual school track & field meet on **Tuesday May 28** at the Rotary Bowl (behind NDSS). Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and arrives to school on time as the buses leave for the Rotary Bowl around 8:55 am. Even though the sun may be out it can get quite cold at the Rotary Bowl. **All students should have a jacket, hat and pants in their backpacks, available to wear when needed.**



Students will ride on school buses for the return trip back to Park Ave as well (approx 2:20). Please note parking is an issue around the Rotary Bowl; there is pay parking beside the baseball field. You will also want to send your child with a packed lunch/extra snacks and lots of water. A permission slip will be sent home with students in Grades 3-7 who qualify from our school meet. Thank you to Mr. Robertson for organizing this for our students. The district meet is on Thursday June 6th for those that qualify from the zones.

PARENTAL REQUESTS FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We are in the process of planning the next academic year. It is important you trust the teachers and administration to build classes, which suit the students' both academic and social needs. We take a lot of care in doing classroom composition for each grade. We make up each class list in a way that maximizes the quality of teaching and learning conditions for all students. The decision for placement is based on many factors, such as: balancing academic ability, levels of independence, learning styles, social/emotional maturity, previous placement, and maximizing the positive learning environment for the whole class. The classroom composition for each grade has to reflect the acceptance of all individuals within an inclusive school as we attempt to provide appropriate educational programming to all children. If you have specific educational reasons/concerns, you would like us to consider about your child, **please contact Mr. Dhillon (in writing) as soon as possible, but no later than May 24th**. We do consider these requests along with all other pertinent information provided by classroom teachers and support staff. Please note your request will be considered but we do not guarantee it can be honored. It does become an important part of our planning process. As teachers may change schools and grade groupings are dependent on our enrolment numbers and balancing learning needs, **please describe optimal learning environments without referring to specific teachers. We are not able to take requests for individual teachers.**

SUNSCREEN



Our yearly reminder:

--to apply sunscreen on your child in the morning, before heading off to school.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Students are allowed to wear anything they choose so long as it conforms with the school Code of Conduct requirements for the intended activity and does not promote drugs or alcohol, display offensive images or language, or encourage discrimination.

ABSENCES OR LATES

If your child is absent or late for school please phone the school as early as possible to notify the office (and preferably before 8 AM). The school office does have a 24 hour voice mail and you can leave a message stating your name, your child's name, grade and teacher. This will avoid the phone call from the office to you in the morning, as well as help us to ensure all students are accounted for as quickly as possible.



Recently, we have noticed many voice mailboxes are full when we call home on students not here. Please ensure you are in the habit of clearing space on your phone for these important calls.

On the topic of lates, please ensure your child arrives to school by 8:45. Being late to class can impact your child's day as critical information (i.e.: shape of the day) is covered early on, as are the morning announcements. Being late can also cause distractions for students and staff.

ARE YOU MOVING IN OR OUT OF THE AREA?

If you are moving (and your child is changing schools) please advise the office as soon as possible. Your cooperation greatly assists us in determining our numbers and school organization for the upcoming school year. Please also ensure you have registered your child at your new catchment area school as well. If you know of a family moving into our school community (or has already moved in), encourage them to come in to register before June 15 as this is the district deadline for guaranteed placement in our school. After that date, we can still accept students from within our community providing we have room for them, but we may not be able to confirm this until September.

