



December 2019

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## FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are nearing our break. Where has the time gone this school year? Thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication to our students and your children over the past few months. This is a busy school requiring many caring and dedicated professionals to make the school day a success for all. We have been fortunate to have cross-country, chess club, football,



volleyball, and a drama club running the past while. Thank you to Mr. Shaw, Ms. Smith, Mr. Robertson, Ms. Dube, Ms. Matters, Ms. Knight, Mr. Klan, Mr. McGann and Ms. Gauthier, for their extra work in these endeavours. Thank you to Mr. Galloway for running a basketball group as well at long recess on Wednesday's.

Finally thank you to all parents and guardians for the day-to-day work you do with your children not only at home, but also at the school. It takes a community to raise a child and I am so happy we are a part of this wonderful community.

Our Winter Craft night will take place on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:15 PM in our gym. Please bring a box or something similar with you (something to take your creations home).

As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon (Principal)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

Winter Craft Night (6-7:15 PM) Gym .....Thurs Dec 12  
Last Day before Holiday..... Fri. Dec 20

First Day back ..... Mon Jan 6  
PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon Jan 13

Progress Report Issued .....Fri Feb 7  
BC Family Day (students do not attend) .....Mon Feb 17  
Non Instructional Day (students do not attend) .....Mon Feb 24  
Non Instructional Day (students do not attend) .....Tues Feb 25

PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon Mar 2  
Last Day before Spring Break/Easter ..... Fri. Mar 13  
First Day back..... Mon Mar 30

Good Friday ..... Fri Apr 10  
Easter Monday.....Mon Apr 13  
PAC (6:30 PM).....Mon Apr 20

PAC (6:30 PM).....Mon May 11  
Victoria Day (students do not attend) .....Mon May 18  
Track and Field Meet (Gr 3-7@ Rotary) ..... Fri May 22  
Non Instructional Day(Students do not attend).....Fri May 29

PAC (6:30 PM)..... Mon Jun 15  
Formative Report Issued.....Thurs Jun 25  
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:37).....Thurs Jun 25  
Administration Day ..... Fri Jun 26

## SNOW RULES

We'd like to remind parents of the "snow" rules at Park Avenue Community School. The following rules are enforced for the safety of students:



- There is "no snowball throwing" on the grounds
- Students are not to participate

in activities that may injure other students – face washing with snow, kicking chunks of snow/ice, etc.

It is important that our students understand the rules and our concern that snowballs can cause serious injury.

## LOST AND FOUND



All lost and found articles were put out in the main hallway on December 6<sup>th</sup>. These items will be out until claimed or Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> (until 11 AM) at

which time the items will be bagged up and donated to charity. We invite students, parents, etc... to claim lost articles.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES



It is that time of year again, when the school district would like to remind parents about school closure procedures. The most common reasons that schools might be closed are dangerous road conditions due to a heavy snowfall or ice. If you are wondering if schools

are open on a particular day, for the most current updates listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also attempt to put an announcement of any school closure on the school district website, [www.sd68.bc.ca](http://www.sd68.bc.ca), and on Twitter and Facebook, but our ability to do so could be affected by such things as power outages and technical issues. If there is no announcement on the website or social media, please be sure to listen to local radio stations.

**We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.**

**APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS**



The cool wet weather will arrive and there will be many 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.

**YOU CAN HELP THE OFFICE BE MORE EFFICIENT BY CONTINUING TO:**



- call the school in advance and leave a message on the answering machine which is on 24 hours a day, if you know your child will not be attending school on that day. It has been very much appreciated this year, and some days we have only had to make 2 or 3 calls to parents.
- have after school plans set up with your child **before** the start of the day so they do not have to use the office phone at the end of the day. Thank you parents for continuing to do this
- get your name on our email list by calling the office. If you know of families who are not receiving our emails please encourage them to contact our office and provide us with their email address or visit our website where the information is easily accessible.