



From the Desk of Mrs. Gracie
March 2, 2021

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Report Cards will be posted to the Parent Portal on Friday, March 5th at 3:00pm . Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on **Wednesday, March 10th (2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)** and **Thursday, March 11th (2:00 p.m. – 7:30)**. We hope that many of you will be able to meet with teachers to discuss your children's progress. It is preferred that these conferences take place virtually using TEAMS but for some reason if you are unable to meet using TEAMS teachers can accommodate by a telephone conference or in person.

We use an online interview booking website in order to make it easier for parents to book conferences. The booking calendar will open on Wednesday March 3rd at 3 p.m. Conferences can be booked between that date and Tuesday, March 9th at 5 p.m. Each conference is a 15-minute time slot. We ask that parents/guardians speak to the relevant teacher if they feel that a longer conference time is needed. This might need to be at an alternate time.

The website for booking Parent-Teacher Conferences is:
<https://parkside.schoolappointments.com>.

Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator:

Stephanie Eby, our Aldergrove Community Schools Coordinator, continues to work hard to bring supports and activities to our Aldergrove families. In her March newsletter, you will find information about:

- Mobile Food Bank
- Fort Building Challenge
- StoryWalks
- Metro Vancouver Spring Break Programs
- Geocaching
- Donate to Community School Programs & Events

* You can also find out information about what Stephanie is up to by following her Facebook page **Aldergrove Community School Coordinator**.

One of the great community supports that Stephanie and our CYCW (Jennifer Fuller) have been able to arrange is to have a Mobile Food Bank come to Parkside over Spring Break:

SOURCES Food Bank will be serving the community on March 17 & 24

Have you been taking advantage of the free bread or food that's been available at your school each week? If you have, you've seen all the great bread and pastries and other items Sources has been providing.

Over spring break, we will have a food bank set up at Parkside Elementary in their parking lot from 1:30-3:30pm March 17 & 24

We are asking people to register if you would like to take advantage of this so we can ensure there is enough food.

Register for March 17 [HERE](#) Register for March 24 [HERE](#)

You will be asked to pick a timeslot so that we adhere to health orders and there aren't too many people at once. Questions? email seby@sd35.bc.ca

🔗 **The Langley Children's Committee** has updated their Resources page to make information more easily accessible for our families. Take a look to have one stop to check out many of the great family supports in Langley : [Click here to access the site.](#)

🔗 **Big Brothers and Big Sisters Virtual Spring Break Programming.** [Click here to find that info.](#) **And for part 2 of that info [click here.](#)**

School Messenger:

As some of you may have noticed, we began using a new district tool for communication yesterday, School Messenger. It will allow us to communicate with our parents in a more accurate and timely way that will ensure to keep our school community healthy and safe.

What do families need to do in preparation for the new notification service?

- Read this information to get familiar with the service and know what to expect. An infographic about the tool is [here](#).
- Ensure your contact information on MyEDBC is up to date (email addresses and phone numbers). Please contact the school to make changes.
- If contact information is up to date, you will automatically receive phone and email messages.
- If you want to take advantage of the text message notification service (optional), please follow the attached instructions. If you have already opted-in by responding to an earlier text message sent by the District, no further action is needed. Instructions to opt-in are [here](#).

Friendly reminders:

Please ensure that students bring the following to school on a regular basis:

- Water bottle - fountains are closed due to Health & Safety Protocols but our new water bottle filling station is fantastic!
- Mask (students are asked to wear a mask in all common areas of the school such as hallways, bathrooms, library and music rooms. Students can also wear masks in the classroom at the parents discretion.
- Change of clothes – due to the amount of liquid sunshine we expect to receive over the next few spring months, students are asked to have a change of clothes in their backpack. We will be outside for recess, lunch, P.E. classes and many other fun outdoor activities. We would rather not have to call home for a dry set of clothes.
- Playgrounds are closed each day from 8:15am to 2:45pm. Another Health & Safety rule put in place due to Covid 19. We appreciate your cooperation.

*** If you know anyone that is planning on registering for Kindergarten (or any other grade) for next year. Ensure that they register by March 31st to be guaranteed a spot in their catchment school. (The office will be closed over Spring Break)**

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, March 5th – Fire drill 9:50 (weather dependant)
- Report Cards published to the Parent Portal 3:00pm
- Wednesday, March 10th – Parent- Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 4:30
- Thursday, March 11th – Parent- Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 7:30
- Monday March 15 – Friday, March 26 – Spring Break
- Monday, March 29th – School re-opens
- April 2nd – No School – Good Friday
- April 5th – No School – Easter Monday.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful spring break. Take care of yourself and each other.

Sincerely,
Cathy Gracie
Proud Principal
Parkside Centennial Elementary