



SEPTEMBER 17TH UPDATE

newsletter

IMPORTANT INFO:

September 21st - No school - PD day for staff

September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Schools are closed

STRONG CONNECTIONS:

September 25 and September 28th - Strong Connections -

Grades 1-4 ONLY. You can find your students date on Parent Portal.

Strong Connections DOES NOT apply to Kindergarten students.



Each year, all students in Grades 1-8 participate in Strong Connections. For the 2026-27 school year, students will attend on either Friday, Sept. 25 or Monday, Sept. 28.

The format of Strong Connections facilitates building relational connections. With a small student-to-teacher ratio, teachers will have the opportunity to learn about each student socially, emotionally, and academically through various learning activities that promote relationship building.

ATTENDANCE & END-OF-DAY MESSAGES

- Students arriving after 9:10 a.m. should check in at the office for a Welcome slip.
- Please report student absences through the Parent Portal or contact the school before 9:00 a.m.
- If there is a change to your child's end-of-day plans, please contact the school **before 3:00 p.m.** so we have time to communicate the change.
- We ask families to avoid early pick-ups whenever possible, as they can disrupt your child's learning and classroom routines.

Parkhill Student Handbook - Can be found here and has some important information. [Parkhill Student Handbook.](#)

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, September 22nd @ 6:00 in the school library - all parents are welcome to come and learn about the Parent Council.

The parent council is looking for new members. If you are interested, please come to the meeting.

Please visit the Parkhill School Website for more PAC information - parkhill@hsd.ca

Hot lunch will be organized by the Parent Council and is not yet up and running. Updates will be shared once available.





SCHOOL NUTRITION AND LUNCH

Nut-Aware Notice - Some children have severe peanut and tree nut allergies. Please avoid sending food that contains nuts.

Please be aware that NUTELLA contains nuts.

Thank you for helping us keep all students safe.

At Parkhill, we care deeply about the health and well-being of every student, both in and out of the classroom.

As part of our ongoing commitment to support families in our community, we want to share information about our Free Nutrition Program, which provides access to healthy food at no cost. This program is available to any family who may be experiencing challenges in putting together nutritious meals at home—whether occasionally or on a more regular basis. We will have fruit and veggies available for all students.

We understand that many factors can affect a family's ability to consistently access healthy food, including rising costs, changes in employment, and unexpected life events. Our goal is to ensure that every child has the nutrition they need to grow, learn, and thrive.

A balanced diet is essential for children's physical development, ability to concentrate in school, and overall emotional well-being. With the support of this program, we hope to help make it a little easier for families to provide the healthy meals their children need and deserve.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to participate in the Parkhill Nutrition Program, please don't hesitate to reach out.

You can phone the front office (204-346-7740), email your child's teacher or reach out to Ms. Aundrea directly at aschlamp@hdsd.ca.

If you are sending a lunch item that requires utensils, please pack them in their lunch kit. Please note: we do not have microwaves for students use.





A FEW THINGS TO NOTE

Permissions: Found on Parent Portal

Several permission forms must be completed for students to participate in school events:

- Walking Field Trip Form
- Technology Use Agreement
- Other



School Supplies

School supply payments can be made through the Parent Portal, or by cash/cheque at the office. **School supply fees are \$40.**

Please log in to your child's Parent Portal account to confirm all forms are complete.

INDOOR PICK UP: RAINY, STORMY, EXTREME COLD

Locations:

- Multi Purpose Room (inside door): 1D, 1W, 1R, 1AW
- Main Gym (side door): 2A, 2M, 2/3T, 2/3H, 3H, 3CS, 3C, 3/4R, 4M, 4P
- Kindergarten pick ups remain at the same location.

