

PARKCREST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

In November, the teachers introduced **Sound Tubs** and taught the sounds of the letters **A** and **B**. These tubs help children build vocabulary and make meaningful connections to real objects in the classroom. At home, you can support their learning by encouraging them to expand their language—offer the appropriate names for objects around the house, at the grocery store, or wherever your day takes you!

The children continue to build and expand their critical thinking skills each class. They participate in circle-time activities, engage in collaborative experiences, and work on developing social skills through modelled behaviour and thoughtful dialogue.

In the New Year, we will be offering in-person/phone meetings to share more detailed insights into the activities and skills your children have been working on, as well as suggestions for how you can support their learning at home. Please feel free to email us with any specific questions you would like addressed.

Our **Winter Fundraising Market** is just around the corner, and we are grateful for the continued support from our community. So far, we have received a wonderful selection of raffle prizes, including beauty products, books, games, full dental cleaning, beauty services, a massage, and a photo package!

There is still time to participate and show your support—whether through cash contributions, empty beverage containers, raffle prize donations, or ongoing gift card orders. Every contribution helps!

Winter Fundraising Market Time and Date

Thursday, Dec. 11 for the 2 day classes

Friday, Dec. 12 for the 3 day classes

Everyone is welcome!!

On these days, families are requested to return and join the winter market from 1:00-2:30. All purchases can be made by cash or card.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Photos

Please remember to scan your QR code and place your preschool photo order by no later than **Wednesday, December 3rd** to receive your order before the winter break. Please book a time with Photo Franco if your child was away for picture day. Late orders will be available for pickup after the break.

Winter Story Display

With a lot of dedication and group work, our projects are almost ready for display! On Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th children and their families are welcome to participate together. This event will include crafting and hot chocolate followed by a walk through the winter display.

When: Thursday, December 18th for the 2 day classes & Friday, December 19th for the 3 day classes

Times: 12:30-1:30 (during the last hour of your child's class)

January-Around the World

We are fortunate to have such a diverse community of families. Many of our students share words with us in different languages such as Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Cantonese, Mandarin, Italian, Vietnamese and more. We often see and smell foods from other parts of the world at lunch time. The children are curious, ask us questions and often see who has a similar snack such as sushi, rice balls with seaweed strips, fried rice with different vegetables and stuffed triangle shaped pies.

In January, we will be exploring some countries from around the world and we need your help. We are asking families who are available for a short 10 minutes, to come in during your child's class time and share something with the children at circle time. You and your child/children can present a dance, share a story, recipe, or teach us a song/game. You are also welcome to share some of the following:

What part of the world is your family from?

What language(s) are spoken in your home? Teach us some words or a song.

What traditional clothes do children wear?

What kind of games do children play?

What is a special recipe or food that your child enjoys? (nut free)

Can you tell us 4 important facts about where your family is from?

We will be exploring this unit all of January. A signup sheet will be posted outside from December 15th to 19th. Please signup and help us make this experience one to remember!

Pancake and Pajama Day

After a busy but hopefully restful holiday, we would like to invite the children to wear their Pajamas on Monday, Jan. 5 and Tuesday, Jan. 6 for a pancake treat! This event will take place

during your child's regular class time. No snack is needed on these days. Feel free to send an alternate snack if your child has any food sensitivities.

Snack

To ensure the health and safety of all the children, please take a minute to read all the ingredients on the packaging. Snacks that say, "may contain traces of nuts" or "made in a facility that manufactures nut products" and "nut extracts" must remain at home!

NO NUTELLA, PISTACHIOS, ALMONDS, CASHEWS, HAZELNUTS...

Safe snacks have packaging that display the peanut free image.
Avoid sending candies, chocolates, and gummies.

Parking

A friendly reminder to all our families...please park your car in the appropriate areas. We have noticed cars being parked in the "no stopping" zones and on the wrong side of the street. This creates a safety issue for the children attending Parkcrest Elementary School and our Preschool families. Please feel free to stay dry under the covered area on really wet days.

Illness

As influenza season is in full swing, it is essential to keep your child home when cold or flu symptoms are present (cough, fever, runny nose with yellow or green mucus). Symptoms should be resolved prior to returning. Medication use to mask symptoms does not eliminate the spread of bacteria/viruses. Children with lingering coughs from a cold/flu or asthma can return to preschool after other symptoms have resolved. Please inform one of the teachers at drop off or send an email to info@parkcrestchildcaresociety.ca.

For children, it's important to think about what is usual or unusual about their specific symptoms. For example, a child may have a low fever, irritability and a runny nose because they are currently teething or a child may have a runny nose due to seasonal allergies.

Check with your health care provider, or call 811 to speak with a nurse, if you have concerns.

Remember, if your child is ill, please keep them at home until symptoms have resolved.

Ongoing Bottle Drive

Save your empty beverage containers after your parties and family gatherings over the holiday season. Bring them by during the first week back at preschool and we will drop them off to the bottle depot. Kensington Return It Depot has an easy drop off system. At the kiosk near the entrance, type in 604-294-6224. You can attach the printed labels to each bag and drop them in the large blue bins just past the cashier. They will do all the sorting and deposit the funds directly into our account.

Scholastics Book Orders

We encourage all families to continue reading together over the holiday. If you would like to add to your collection, <https://bookclubs.scholastic.ca/en/home> is a great site to make your purchases. You can select books by interest, developmental level, or by age/grade. Please use our class code when making your purchase: **RC174102**. Every purchase helps us replenish our preschool book collection and art supplies.

Mabel's Labels

Mabel's Labels offers custom name labels for the stuff kids lose. Labels are laundry and dishwasher safe, and they are easy to apply. These labels make a perfect gift and are ideal for school supplies, clothing and containers. Prepare for kindergarten early and save! Go to www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for Parkcrest Child Care Society and shop your personalized labels! We receive 20% in funds from your order!

Winter Break

Preschool will be closed for Winter Break. It runs parallel with the Burnaby School District from Monday, December 22 to Friday, January 2. Preschool will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Weather Closures

In the event that we have a snowfall, here is what to do:

- visit <https://parkcrest.burnabyschools.ca/> for closure updates. If Parkcrest Elementary is closed, we will also be closed. It is very rare that the Burnaby School District closes due to weather.
- call the Centre at 604-294-6224 and listen to the answering machine.
- watch the local news.

Dress for the weather

Please bring your child to school in clothing appropriate for the current weather conditions. We go outside rain or shine so please ensure your child has a warm jacket, a toque, boots when raining, gloves and an extra set of clothing to keep in their backpack in case clothes get wet or dirty.

September 2026/2027 Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2026/2027 preschool year will open in February. Miss Farhana will be reaching out to each returning family for registration.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Photo orders due - Dec. 3rd – Pick up before the holidays

Scholastic Book Orders - Dec. 5th (please visit the website to view books and place orders)

Winter Market Fundraiser - Dec. 11th and 12th (Please see details above)

Winter Story Display- Dec. 18th and 19th

December 19th – Last day before for winter break

January 5th - Preschool reopens

Pancakes in Pajamas- Jan. 5th and 6th