

PARKCREST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Annual General Meeting **Tuesday, November 25th @ 7:30 on Zoom**

We are well into fall and have been enjoying every moment. The Pumpkin Patch was so much fun. We saw sheep, goats, bunnies, turkeys, kittens, donkeys and more! We went on a tractor ride, walked through Fantasy Forest and explored the play structures. The zipline was a huge hit! Thank you to all the families who joined us for our first field trip of the year.

With your support in donating recycled materials, we collected boxes, paper towel tubes, cardboard, shoe boxes, glue sticks and more! We will be using these items through November to recreate four wonderful winter stories. This process will include discussions, brainstorming, gathering materials and reproducing parts of the stories to make them come to life!

There will be a display for families and children to enjoy just before the winter break. Dates will be listed in December's newsletter.

FALL BOTTLE DRIVE

Last month we hosted our first bottle drive of the year. We collected 317 bottles of our targeted 1000 bottles. Families are welcome to continue donating empty, unflatten and rinsed beverage containers to help us reach our goal. Additional bottles are always welcome throughout the year!

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.

NEWThe Return-It Express app now has an automatic donation tab to organizations. If you would like to donate your next return to our Centre, simply click on

SET AUTOMATIC DONATION, search for Parkcrest Child Care Society and click on donate funds. Every little bit helps us plan and implement special activities, and purchase program supplies.

GIFT CARDS FOR SALE THROUGH FUNDSCRIP

This year, we're introducing an easy new way to help support our Centre—just in time for the holidays!

When you purchase gift cards through our dedicated **FundScrip** order forms, you'll receive the full *face value* of your cards, and our preschool will earn a **2%–10% donation** from FundScrip on every purchase. All ordering details and instructions are included on the forms. Please ask for additional order forms for your friends, family and workplace—near and far! Payments must be included with each order form and can be paid for by cash, cheque, card (at the preschool).

It's a simple way to give twice—buy the gifts you already plan to give while helping our preschool grow and thrive! Thank you for supporting our preschool community this holiday season!

SCHOLASTICS

The **Scholastic Book Club** is a wonderful way to spark your child's interest in reading! Our goal is to help children learn how to sit with a book, turn pages gently, and use the pictures to imagine and follow a story. Reading together builds curiosity, imagination, and a lifelong love of books.

With the holiday season approaching, ordering through Scholastic is also a great way to get gifts in advance—while supporting our preschool's love of reading. If your order includes gifts, please let us know so we can bag your order separately and keep it a secret!

Orders can be placed online at www.bookclubs.scholastic.ca/en/home and are **due by Thursday, November 13** to ensure delivery before the holiday.

When ordering, please use our **Class Code: RC174102**.

Thank you for helping us nurture a love of reading in our preschoolers!

PICTURE DAY

Every year Photo Franco visits the preschool to take individual and class photos.

Children are welcome to dress up. Pictures will be taken against a white background therefore, dark solid colours are preferred. A QR code will be provided for each family on these days where proofs and orders will be accessible online. All photo orders should be placed no later than December 3rd.

Picture day:

Wednesday, November 19th for the 3 day class

Thursday, November 20th for the 2 day class

PRO D DAY

District Pro D Day is on Friday, November 21. There will be no class on this day.

WINTER MARKET

We will be hosting our annual winter market on Thursday, December 11 and Friday, December 12 from 1pm - 2:30pm. Families, friends and community members are invited to join us for a fun filled afternoon of shopping.

Classes will run from 9:30-1:00 on these days. Families are asked to arrive at 1pm and join their children for a winter story before your shopping adventure.

As a part of the market, the children are working on making items to be sold at the market. Items include trail mix, bath salts, photo frames, decorations and more!

This year we are including some local vendors who would like to support our fundraising efforts by donating a portion of each sale. We will have handmade soaps, lip scrubs, balloons, crocheted figures, and jewelry. If you are craft and would like to sell or donate items to sell at the market, please connect with Miss Farhana.

In addition to these special items, we are looking for some big-ticket items such as gift cards, travel related vouchers, gift baskets, or local restaurant/spa vouchers. Families who are able to donate items for raffle buckets, can connect with Miss Farhana.

You can also support ***Parkcrest Children's Centre*** by making cash donations to the Center, for which you will receive a tax receipt.

We look forward to welcoming you as the children show off their handmade market creations and we make efforts to ensure that the preschool can always be the special place that it is for the children.

Thank you for your support!

WINTER STORY DISPLAY

The next few weeks will focus on project work. We will be putting the children's work on display just before the holiday, which will also mark the last days of instructional classes.

Dates and times will be listed in December's newsletter.

ILLNESS

A reminder to keep your child home when cold or flu symptoms are present.

The key symptoms to watch for are fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

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

PARKING AND WEATHER SAFETY

A friendly reminder to all our families...Please park your car in the appropriate areas. The staff have noticed some families parking in the "no stopping" zones and on the wrong side of the road. This creates a safety issue for the children attending Parkcrest Elementary School and our Preschool families.

Be prepared for the weather. Please note that during heavy snowfall, if Parkcrest Elementary School closes, the preschool will also close.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 11 - Statutory holiday for Remembrance Day - **No School**

November 13 - Scholastic Book Orders due

November 19 & 20 – Picture Day!

November 21 – Pro D Day - **No school**

November 25 - **PARENT NIGHT & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ 7:30 pm**

December 3 – All photo orders due

December 11 & 12 – Winter Market