

PARKCREST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2026

January went by really fast! We travelled around the world and explored various traditional clothing, foods, songs, music, arts and so much more. Passports were made and suitcases filled up with arts from different countries. Please take some time to go through the brief description on the back of each piece with your children.

Canada, India, Ireland, England, Bhutan, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Korea and Philippines were countries that were explored. The children looked at maps, the globe, flags, landmarks and saw some beautiful crafts. They tried snacks and desserts from some of these countries, and learned some history, geography, culture and tourism. What an amazing month of hands-on learning!

We want to thank the families who joined us in celebrating around the world with your presentations and posters!! Your children were thrilled that you were able to share something so special with their class. We look forward to travelling to new destinations in the future!

February is here and it's going to be super fun! The teachers have planned exciting games, crafts and activities each week. Please see details below.

*****IMPORTANT SNACK REMINDER*****

Please leave items such as Nutella, pistachios, cashews and other peanuts/tree-nut products for home only. We have children with nut allergies and are at risk to develop severe allergic reactions when exposed to nut products. Read all labels. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please continue to send fruits for our shared snack on Monday and Tuesday each week. We enjoy all kinds and always look forward to trying something new, even vegetables!

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE

Starting April 1, 2026, preschool fees will increase by up to 4%. This increase has been approved by the Child Care Operating Funding Program. Families will continue to receive the automatic reduced rate set by the Fee Reduction Initiative. Please review the new rates posted on our preschool window.

WEATHER WARNING

Winter is still with us. Please send your children to school in layers and appropriate winter gear such as mittens, toques, scarves and a warm coat that fits over layers. We go outside daily and those little hands can get cold and sore.

Please keep in mind that during a heavy snowfall, staff may not be able to get to the Centre. In this case we may be required to cancel class. We will do our best to notify you.

Child care facilities inside schools or on school grounds are required to close during school closures caused by heavy snowfall. Please check the news for school closures. We will do our best to notify families.

ILLNESS

We are reminding families to be vigilant and keep their child/children home when they are sick. Bringing a sick child to school allows for the spread of germs and puts other children and staff at risk of getting sick. Please notify the teachers of any absences. We thank you for your cooperation.

Please continue to assess your child daily for symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose with yellow or greenish discharge, cough, fever, headache, difficulty breathing, vomiting or diarrhea. A child with a clear runny nose can attend preschool provided there are no other symptoms. We understand that coughs can linger. If there are no other symptoms present, such as tiredness, phlegm, watery eyes or fever, children can continue to attend.

ROAD CLOSURE

There is an expected road closure on Winch St. between Holdom and Fell Ave. on Wednesday, February 4th. Please follow all traffic signs. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FUN DAYS

Feb. 2-6 – Life Skills- This week the children will learn about taking care of the things around us. From sweeping to washing dishes, and from folding the laundry to setting the table. Everyday life skills will be practiced to encourage independence & responsibility, and to foster an appreciation of the adults that care for us.

Day of Service: On Feb. 5 & 6 the children will take lead and run the class while the teachers make the mess! Families are welcome to send their children with their own set of eating dishes and cutlery to use at lunch. Please label all items! They will be washed before sending them back home 😊

Feb. 9-13 – Meal Prep- This week the children will create menus, set up a diner, explore spices & herbs, deliver sacs of potatoes & rice, and apply some skills learned from the previous week. They will learn about good hand hygiene and how to safely chop, dice and slice a variety of fruits and vegetables.

The Kids Place Diner: On Feb. 12 & 13 we will turn the preschool into a diner! Together we will wash, peel and dice potatoes. We will cook them up and serve them for lunch with a fruit smoothie. Families are asked to bring strawberries, blueberries, pineapples and bananas for our shared snack on Monday and Tuesday. We will use some of these for snack and some to freeze for our smoothies!

Feb. 17-20 – Parkcrest's Got Talent: This week the classroom will be set up for different areas of interest. We will have a stage, a puppet theatre, a karaoke station and more! Children will pick one interest and practice a talent to share. Families are asked to let us know which talent their child chooses, and help them practice at home.

Parkcrest Preschool Talent Show: On Feb. 19 & 20 the children will take centre stage and share their talent. From singing to dancing, or sharing a special art, all children are encouraged to share. Children are welcome to dress up and bring in something to show their friends if they are still working on building confidence. No child will be left out!

Other talents to share can include stand up comedy/jokes, cheerleading, show and tell, gymnastics, puppet show or storytelling.

Feb. 23-26 – The Virtue of Kindness: This week the children will focus on the virtue of being kind. How can we build someone up? How do we feel when someone is kind to us? What games can we play that include everyone? The children will participate in games such as musical chairs, three-legged race, pass the ring and in pairs scavenger hunt.

Kindness Quilt: On Feb. 25 & 26 the children's artwork will be displayed outside for families to see and read. Please feel free to take photos.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2026/2027!!!

Starting Feb 2, re-registration for children that joined us in September 2025 will open. The checklist and pre authorized payment form will be available on our website over the weekend. Families can hand it to one of the teachers during regular drop off.

Starting February 9th, all siblings who are ready to join preschool will have access to registration forms on our website. Families can submit forms in person during this week. **Children must turn 3 years old by December 31, 2026 to enroll for September intake.**

Please email Miss. Farhana if you have any questions at info@parkcrestchildcaresociety.ca

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS NOW!!

If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 31 of this year, please register your child at the school in your catchment. Visit www.burnabyschools.ca for more information.

To complete an online preliminary the following documents will be required to register:

- A. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport)
- B. Proof of guardianship (parents' or guardians' as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order).
- C. Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, notice of decision, permanent resident card)
- D. Proof of residency. The parent or guardian and student must be ordinarily resident in British Columbia. Documentation must include two items, at least one being from Category A (proof of ownership of dwelling or long-term lease or rental of dwelling; legal documents indicating BC residence; parent or guardian filing income tax returns as a BC resident).

Category B items include; BC hydro bill, BC cable bill, Provincial driver's license, provincial registration of automobile, Canadian bank accounts or credit cards.

In some circumstances, schools may require additional documentation. Parents will be contacted if this is the case. Please visit <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration-information/> for more information.

PARKING

We urge all parents/guardians to follow the 'no stopping' and 'no parking' signs at ALL TIMES. We understand that you may sometimes be in a rush, but this leads to a lot of frustrated families. Please give yourself enough time to park on the correct side of the road and AVOID ALL U-TURNS!

SCHOLASTICS

Scholastic Canada offers a fantastic selection of books at affordable prices for home reading and gifts. We have been a part of this book club for many years. For every purchase, we receive a credit and use it towards the purchase of new books and art supplies for our Centre.

Families who wish to order books can view the Digi-flyer at <https://classroomessentials.scholastic.ca/s/cec-ca/en/digital-catalogues>

Please use our class code when placing your order RC174102.

There is absolutely no obligation to order books – just an opportunity if you wish.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

In person parent/teacher meetings and phone calls will be taking place on Friday, Feb 27. There will be no preschool on this day. Please keep your child at home as child minding will not be available during these meetings.

RECYLCE YOUR EMPTIES

We are still collecting empty beverage containers. Please consider dropping them off to the Centre or take them directly to Kensington Return It Depot. They have 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. All proceeds are used to purchase new program supplies and equipment.

MABEL'S LABELS

We have partnered up with Mabel's Labels to fundraise for Parkcrest Preschool. 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. Ideal for kindergarten!!

Go to www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com , search for Parkcrest Child Care Society and shop your personalized labels! We receive 20% in funds from your order!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 2-6 – Preschool Re-registration

Feb. 5 & 6 – Day of Service

Feb. 10 - Scholastic Orders Due

Feb. 12 & 13 – The Kids Place Diner

Feb. 16 – Family Day - Preschool Closed

Feb.19 & 20 –Talent Show

Feb. 27 - PRESCHOOL CLOSED FOR PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Mar. 23-27 - Preschool is closed one week for Spring Break