

# PARKCREST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

## **PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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## **JANUARY 2026**

Let's ring in the New Year with love, peace and prosperity Parkcrest families! We hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready to start the New Year with us.

Our 3rd annual Winter Market was a huge success. Thank you to all our donors, families and children for attending and supporting this event. With all the generous donations we received and the profits from our sales, we were able to raise just over \$1500.00. All proceeds go directly toward supporting and sustaining our high-quality preschool and school-age programs.

What's coming up...?

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, Punjabi and more. We often see and smell foods from other parts of the world at lunch. The children are curious, ask us questions and see who has a similar snack such as sushi, rice balls with seaweed strips, fried rice with different vegetables and stuffed triangle shaped pies.

This month we will be exploring some countries from around the world and we need your help. We sent out a sign up sheet before the break, 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 or recipe, or teach us a song. 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 month. Sign up is open until Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!!

Please continue reading for important information. We look forward to seeing everyone next week!

### **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.

### **Heading to Kindergarten?**

*(for families with children turning 5 this year)*

Below is some registration information directly from the website...

*Registration for the 2026/27 school year opens in February.*

*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.

### **Preschool Registration 2026/2027**

*(For children ages 3-5. Children must turn 3 by Dec.31, 2026 to register)*

We will be accepting children who are currently in our preschool to re-register first. Children are eligible to register for 5 days a week. Class times are 9:30am to 1:30pm. Siblings who turn 3 in 2026 may register during the alumni registration week, if spaces are available.

**The PDF checklist for re-registration will be available on our website starting the first day of your registration week. Please print, complete and submit by deadline. First come, first serve.**

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - returning children only
- February 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 - alumni families (families of children who attended in the past and now have younger siblings ready to join us)
- February 17<sup>th</sup> and ongoing - new families (children ages 3-5)

Detailed information about the process will be posted on our website later this month, with PDF forms being available during your registration week only. Please see Miss Farhana if you have any questions.

### **Snowfall Safety**

Please take every precaution when using the sidewalk, stairs and walkway. It may take some time for the school custodian to remove the snow and ice from these areas. We will do our best to de-ice the path frequently.

\*\*\*A friendly reminder to check the local news, CKNW, regarding school closures due to heavy snowfall. **If Parkcrest Elementary is closed, the Centre will be closed.** You may also give us a call and listen to the answering machine. We try our best to provide families with the most up to date information for closures.

### **Snack**

The Children have been enjoying our daily shared fruit snack. Please continue sending fruits and veggies with your child on Monday and Tuesday each week.

### **Lunch**

Parkcrest Children's Centre has a strict **nut & tree-nut free policy.** Please send snacks with the peanut free packaging and inform anyone who is packing snack that preschool is a nut and tree-nut free facility.

Chocolate covered nuts, almond biscotti and Nutella are popular snacks that should be consumed at home only.

### **Illness**

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

Persistent/deep cough, fever and a runny nose with yellow or green mucus are common symptoms of illness. Children who present these symptoms will be sent home and are required to remain home until symptoms have resolved. We appreciate your cooperation.

### **Arrival and Pick-up**

It is important that families drop off and pick up children on time. We share the facility with children from the elementary school and the staff have just a few minutes to set up and tidy up the class. Arriving at the scheduled time ensures that staff have had enough time to complete tasks. Please feel free to line up under the covered area on rainy days. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

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

How it works...

Create your account, search for Parkcrest Children's Centre or Parkcrest Child Care Society, select your items, pay for your items and wait for our shipping placement. Once we receive a total order of \$40 or more, we will place the order for processing and shipment to the preschool at no additional cost. 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 February we will be sharing information with you regarding your child's learning and development. Parents/guardians are welcome to book a 10 minute in person session or a brief telephone call. A signup sheet will be posted during the first week of preschool only. In person sessions and phone calls will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 3pm. There will be no classes on this day.

## **Important dates - Mark your Calendar**

January 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Pancake in Pajamas

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic orders due

Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Re-registration opens

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Family Day (Provincial Holiday) -- No Preschool

February 27<sup>th</sup> - Parent teacher conferences -- No Preschool