

ÉCOLE PARKSIDE SCHOOL

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Welcome To Parkside

Summer is a blessing in my life. I enjoy the warm sunny days, the early morning walks across our field and starting my day as slow or busy as I like. Summer helps me pause and reflect on what matters in being a principal of grade 7 & 8 students.

At Parkside, we are surrounded with students who bring life, energy and excitement into the building. This energy marks a positive way to begin a school year as we get to know our new students and welcome back those who are familiar.

One of the reasons I love being the principal of students in junior high is the energy and vibrancy they have for life. The possibilities of learning and growing as a Parkside school community brings me energy and happiness.

Students this age, remind me every day of the passion for life, for fun, for friendships and learning.

Adolescence is a time of emotional growth, physical change and social involvement. It can be a challenging time in a person's life. Our students are exploring their individual identity and starting their journey to adulthood. They want to be known, unique and at the same time not seen as different from others. It is such an opposing tension in their lives.

So much time in an adolescent's life is spent sorting what is important, what is interesting and what is "boring." They try out different ways of interacting with others to solidify how they want to be known in their community. They explore all of this with incredible passion and high levels of emotion. These high levels of emotion are sometimes the contributing factor to challenges in their relationships with others.

Our partnerships between school and home, across our classrooms and within our school are essential to creating a fun, inclusive and learning centered community.

Ultimately, I want our students and our staff to be safe, healthy, learning and happy. This can happen if we work together from a place of care, openness and trust.

If we (staff and parents) are collectively consistent in our messages to our students, we will help our students see and know how to navigate relationships in respectful and responsible ways.

Every action and choice we make as adults in a teen's life teaches them about what we value and what we expect in our relationships with others.

I want our students at Parkside to know we value:

1. Seeking challenge. We accept and strive to meet high expectations in our learning, in our communication and in our relationships.
2. Learning from our mistakes. We will fail and make mistakes. These are the moments where we have something to learn.
3. Trusting the process and the people. Being open and coachable will help us support each other and ensure we grow in our academics, our social skills and our emotional well-being.

Please remember our actions and our words (as parents and as staff members) teach our students what it means to live by these values (seek challenge, learn from failure, and trust the process).

Please work with us to send a consistent message of working together. Let's ensure we listen with our hearts and show kindness and compassion for each other. Let's ensure we hold high expectations for our students and we remember that everything we do teaches our students something about what we value. Let's show them we value hard work, learning, and trust in each other.

Leanne Braun

Parent Advisory Council

If you are interested in being a member of our Parent Advisory Council, please contact the school. Our meetings are held monthly at noon hour. Our goal would be a parent representative for each classroom. Our first meeting is Sept 21 at 12:00noon.

2023-2024 École Parkside School Staff

On behalf of the École Parkside School, I would like to welcome our returning staff. Listed below are the staff you will meet at Parkside for this year:

Principal: Mrs. Leanne Braun

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Sandra Klassen

Room 1: Mr. Myron Dyck

Room 2/3: Mlle. Jacynthe Sabourin & Mlle. Julie LeBlanc

Room 4: Mrs. Amber Toews

Room 5: Mrs. Sarah Friesen-Maguet

Room 6: Mrs. Kathleen Liu-Asomua

Room 7: Mrs. Melissa Nicholson

Room 8: Mrs. Andrea Neufeld & Mrs.



Courtney Yeo-Thiessen

French Language & Culture: Mr. Bradley King

Physical Education: Mr. Jesse Heppner

Resource: Mrs. Pam Klassen-Dueck

Guidance: Mrs. Andrea Neufeld

Band: Mr. Derek Klassen

Choir: Ms. Jody Friesen

Library: Mrs. Angela Isaak

Educational Assistants:

Mrs. Tamara Bowman

Mrs. Angela Driedger

Mrs. Kristin Falk

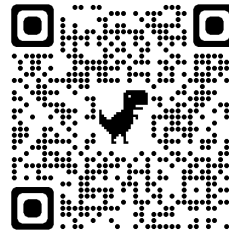
Mrs. Pam Friesen

Mrs. Tanya McNeil

Mrs. Carla Thiessen

Custodians: Mr. Tim Klippenstein

Mrs. Irina Klassen



Student and Parent Sign In

PowerSchool is the communication tool that our school division uses to share your child's attendance and academic information online.

BLSO has started adding services to this platform, branding it the Parent Portal.

Many of our school start up forms will be completed online through the Portal. For more information on all of its features, please check out the BLSO Par-

ent Portal under the Quick Links on our website homepage or use the above QR code to get to the link.

The Parent Portal will be the way that you will see your child's attendance, report cards, book your Parent Teacher appointments, complete the school permission and start up forms and also, when needed, be able to pay for school related fees.

If you have used the portal in the past, please log in again to check out the new features.

If you have not set up an account, please contact the school for your student specific information to start your account.

If you have questions or need help with these steps, please contact the school at 204-324-8206

School Speed Zones

Please Take Note: Speed Zones along 5th St NW

Please be advised that the Town of Altona has posted speed zones in front of all schools in Altona. Speed limits are set at 30km/hr all along 5th St NW. This speed limit is in effect Monday through Friday from 8am to 8pm. Please ensure all of our students stay safe in this school designated area. Thank you.

Fall School Culture Celebration Day

On Friday, September 22, 2023, all of our students and staff will participate in a Fall School Culture Celebration Day. This event will happen at our school. Students will participate in different stations as classroom groups to build community and get to know each other. Rain date: Thursday, Sept 28, 2023

The day will start with our annual Terry Fox Run. Students have been encouraged to bring change throughout this week. Friday is bring a Toonie to support cancer research.

They also need to bring a bag lunch that can be eaten outdoors. We look forward to celebrating the start of the school year and building a strong learning community together.

Fall Interviews with Parents and Students

At the start of the year, we want to be sure to establish a positive relationship with our parents. As well, we feel it is important to take some time with each individual student and their parents/guardians to get to know them, to set goals for the school year and to establish a way to communicate between home and school.

Your child's homeroom teacher sent a letter to your child before school started. Included with this letter was an interview time for you and your child to meet with your homeroom teacher. It is important that you and your child attend these interviews together to set a positive start to the school year.

Interviews are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18 2023. Your child is ONLY required at school on their interview day for their slated interview time. The remainder of the day, your child can remain at home. Please be sure to contact your child's teacher if you need to adjust your scheduled interview time.

Allergy Alerts

Our school is designated an ALLERGY aware environment.

We are a **NUT aware, SHELL FISH and SCENT** aware school.

We ask students ensure they wash their hands and desks when bringing food that may cause others to have an allergic response. Being respectful by NOT sharing food or touching others' belongings while eating will reduce the risk of allergic reactions for those who have food sensitivity.

We also ask students do NOT bring or use perfumed items (ie. AXE, body sprays, perfume, etc). Thank you.

Picture Day—Wednesday, September 20

On Wednesday, September 20th, Life-touch Canada will be in our school for picture day. All students will have their photo taken for yearbook purposes. Proofs can viewed online after 48 hours. They will also be sent home along with an order form after picture day is complete. Follow the directions in the information coming home for placing your order. Class photos will also be taken this year.

Interschool Sabres Soccer

Interschool soccer tryouts begin today. Here is the schedule:

**Thurs. Sept 7—3:40—5:00pm
(Boys & Girls)**

Fri. Sept 8—3:40-5:00pm (Boys only)

**Mon. Sept 11—3:40-5:00pm
(Boys only)**

**Tues. Sept 12—3:40—5:00pm
(Boys & Girls)**

**Wed. Sept 13—3:40—5:00pm
(Boys & Girls)**

After teams are made, a practice and game schedule will be sent home.

Go Sabres!

The Orange Bench will be at Parkside during the week of September 25-29th

We invite students, staff and community members to come and sit on the Orange Bench and read the storyboards, which are attached to the bench.



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The website

My Child in the Middle Years: A Parent Resource

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/midyears/index.html>

offers parents and educators:

1. information about the changes young adolescents experience
2. suggestions and resources to assist parents in helping their children be successful in the Middle Years
3. a list of community supports to assist families (social agencies, 24-hour phone lines)
4. insightful comments from Middle Years students and their parents (direct quotes)
5. A FAQ section that provides responses to a variety of questions commonly asked by parents of young adolescents

September 2023

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3	4 Labour Day–No Classes	5 Admin Day–No Classes	6 First day of school	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Interviews– Scheduled time in letter	19	20 Picture Day	21 PAC Meeting– Noon	22 Fall Celebration Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Truth & Reconciliation Day