

September 9, 2019

Ama gan laak, Good morning Parkside families and students,

Our staff is looking forward to supporting students this year at Parkside. If you have any questions or concerns about the contents of this message then please reply to my email and I will contact you as soon as possible. I have listed below some information for your reference. ***If your teenager is not planning on returning to Parkside please call (250-635-5778) and leave a message so we can withdraw the student and update our enrollment records.***

**Painting at Parkside:** A painter will be working at Parkside during the first two weeks of September to enhance the appearance of our building. A few classrooms and washrooms are being refreshed.

**New Staff at Parkside:** This school year there are a few changes to our staff. Cory Redl is replacing Terri Finlayson as a teacher in the Teen Learning Centre. Phillip Blundon is replacing Eric Metzmeier as a teacher in Lakelse. Pam Lawson is replacing Venus Bell as a youth support worker in the Junior classrooms and Teale Hertgers is replacing Darla Pritchard on a temporary basis as a youth support worker in the Senior classrooms.

**Spoken Word Performer Ivan Coyote:** On Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> Parkside students and families are invited to attend a performance by Ivan Coyote, a Canadian spoken word performer, writer and LGBTQ advocate. Ivan has many awards for collections of short stories, novels and films. The performance will be held at the REM Lee Theatre from 1-2PM. Refer to poster attachment

**Cultural Training:** Kermode Friendship Society welcomes David and Sherryl Blacksmith to share their cultural teachings and ceremonies at Kermode Friendship Society on 4714 Park Avenue from Sept. 13-15. Call 250-635-4906 to register. Refer to "Cultural Sessions" attachment for more details.

**Family Meetings:** Parkside Staff will be contacting families to schedule an **orientation meeting from Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Sept.13<sup>th</sup>**. At this meeting courses will be determined for the student and supports will be discussed. Contracts have been

discarded this year, instead expectations will be shared as our staff implement a new support system for students.

**Bus Transportation:** Any students living along a bus route must have a new registration form completed and submitted to our main office before the bus company will permit the student to ride the bus. Refer to the attached bus route information and bus registration form.

**First Day of Classes:** All Parkside students are expected to be in class on **Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM**. I have attached a Parkside Bell Schedule and district calendar indicating holidays.

**School Supplies:** All students in grades 8-10 or any student needing to complete PE 10 must have a pair of indoor shoes for PE class and a change of clothes (sweatpants/shorts and a t-shirt). Basic school supplies include the following: pens, pencils, binder, loose leaf, calculator and eraser.

**Parkside Policies for Students:** Refer to attachments about expectations for Parkside students regarding their cell phones, behaviour expectations, locker and computer agreements.



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**Principal of Parkside Secondary School**

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