

April 24, 2023

Ama sah, Good afternoon Parkside parents and students,

This is the second week of the final term in the 2022-23 school year, time has flown by. If your teenager is unable to attend school, please phone and leave a message **(250-635-5778)** explaining the absence so our staff know why a student is not in class. Below is listed information for your reference. If you have any questions or concerns, then please reply to this email and I will respond at my earliest convenience. Take care,



**AWARDS:** For your information ... the Ministry of Education and Child Care has recently announced the **2023 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education Nominations**. These awards were created to recognize the enormous contributions of BC's exceptional teachers, administrators and support staff that are vital to the cultural, economic and social well-being of the province. **Nominations are now open and are welcome from all BC citizens, including students, parents, teachers, administrators, trustees and community organizations. The deadline to submit nominations is May 5,**

**2023.** To nominate an educational professional for the 2023 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education, please access the following link: [www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation)



**SCHOOL STORIES:** For your interest ... the school district is pleased to introduce the **CMSD82 Stories of Impact**, a newly created publication to illustrate the importance of sharing stories about student learning and engagement that happens in schools throughout the district. To view the first issue of this publication that shares stories about Nechako Elementary School, New Hazelton Elementary School, and Uplands Elementary School please click on the following link: [CMSD82 Stories of Impact – April 17, 2023](#)



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:** Parkside students are expected to attend school every day unless a parent/guardian have contacted the school to excuse an absence. Attendance and satisfactory work habits must be demonstrated on an ongoing basis by students to ensure their enrolment continues at Parkside. Refer to the **attached "Parkside Attendance Policy"** which parents and students sign prior to the commencement of classes at Parkside.



**TERM 3 REPORT CARDS:** On **WEDNESDAY at 3PM** students will be given their third term report cards to take home to their parents / guardians.



**HEALTH CHECK:** Students, staff and visitors entering Parkside must complete a daily health check (**see attachment “Health Check”**). If anyone is sick or experiencing any of the following symptoms then they must stay home: **Fever, chills, cough, loss of sense of smell / taste, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, extreme fatigue or tiredness, headaches, body aches, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.** Your cooperation is appreciated as we strive to focus on health and safety for everyone at Parkside.



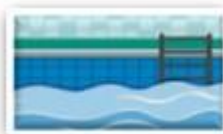
**MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS:** During the month of April Parkside staff and students will be focusing on mental health. Refer to the **attachment “Improve Mental Health”** for suggestions to enhance your mental health.



**RENTALS WANTED:** In preparation for the upcoming school year, Coast Mountains School District 82 wishes to secure rental properties for new employees in the communities of Kitimat, Terrace and the Hazeltons. *If you have a rental property and you would like to explore the opportunity to rent your property to teaching professionals, School District 82 invites you to contact us at [rentals@cmsd.bc.ca](mailto:rentals@cmsd.bc.ca).*



**CULTURE:** On **MONDAY afternoon** a group of Parkside students will be learning from George Peal at Suwilaawks Community School how to make their own cultural items.



**SWIMMING:** On **TUESDAY at 1:00PM** Parkside students will have the opportunity to go swimming at the local aquatic centre for one hour. Transportation will be provided. All costs will be covered thanks to the generous financial support provided by the local Terrace Rotary Clubs.



**HORSEBACK RIDING:** On **WEDNESDAY at 12:30PM** Parkside students will have the opportunity to ride horses at Copperside Stables. Any students wanting to participate need to express their interest to our riding teacher, Kirsty Evans. This program is possible thanks to financial support from the JumpStart Foundation.



**CULTURAL DANCING:** On **WEDNESDAY at 1PM** Parkside students will have the opportunity to participate in cultural dancing with students from Kitsumkalum's school, Na Aksa Gyilak'yoo.



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