

Parkinson Centennial School Council Newsletter

January 2020



Welcome to the New Year Parkinson Families! We hope you all had a restful and happy Holiday Season.

We are pleased to be able to share with you what is taking place within our school community as we step into 2020!

UPCOMING FOOD DAYS and Events

Pizza Days:

- **Current Round Remaining Days:** January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and February 4th and February 11th
- **Round 5 Closes on January 26th.** The days will be: February 18th and 25th, March 3rd, 10th

Hot Lunch Days

Round 2: January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Pita Days:

January 22nd and 29th, February 5th and 12th

Smoothie Days:

Round 3 Closes on January 27th. The days will be: February 7th and 21st, March 6th and 27th

Please remember that if there is NO BUS there is NO FOOD! If there are no busses, the food days will be postponed. Please ensure to send your child with a lunch on days that the food days are postponed.

The Pizza Days that are required to be cancelled due to the weather will be added to the end of the round.

The Hot Lunch Days that are postponed for the same reasoning will be provided on the Friday or Monday.

School Council does its best to post these cancellations on our Facebook Page and information regarding bus cancellations can be located here: <https://www.stwdsts.ca/>

Committee and Council News:

Parkinson Centennial's School Council will be hosting a **Dufferin County Joint School Council Meeting** on **February 10th**. This is a meeting that gathers representatives from all the school councils in the area to discuss what has been taking place and what works best for their school community goals.

CURRENT NEWS:

Since October the **Raw Materials Company: Battery Recycling Challenge** kicked off with a fantastic assembly about how this will help our environment.

Parkinson Centennial is currently in 2nd place in the challenge! The children need to collect 126kg of batteries to reach their school goal.

Please check your homes for any batteries you might have used over the holidays that could be put towards their campaign. By reaching out to your friends, family and co-workers we are certain that they can achieve their goal.

The collection for this year will end January 24th.

Types of batteries that are being accepted:

AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V and button cell

Types of batteries NOT accepted:

Primary Lithium, rechargeable batteries and car batteries

The goal for this challenge is to have each child bring in 1.36kg of batteries each. There are prizes available for participating schools.

More information on this initiative can be located here:

<https://www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/>

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

The **GrandPals Program** is looking for Grandparents!

- Do you know someone who is retired or a senior who would like to connect with the younger generation?
- There is a meet and greet on January 22nd for anyone interested in the program which kicks off on February 5th.
- Meetings will run on Wednesdays for 8 weeks from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Please contact Tim Buchan or Sean Boston for more details or questions.

Tim.buchan@ugdsb.on.ca / Sean.boston@ugdsb.on.ca

Field Trips:

- Please note that all field trips have been cancelled due to labour action.

- Refunds for any payments submitted through **CashOnline** have been processed as of January 13th.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

We are so pleased to be able to announce that due to the hard work of our school community we have raised enough money to start the next phase of the **Playground Revitalisation Project!**

We hope to be able to share with the school community via our FB Page and School Council Bulletin Board the exciting next steps very soon!

The Breakfast with Santa event was a complete success and we have received some great feedback for next year to make it even more engaging. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the many activities for the children!

School Council is planning a few more initiatives for the remainder of the year so please stay tuned for more information!

Without the help and support of the school community we would not be able to do the wonderful things we do for the students! **A huge THANK YOU to you all!**

Immunization Information

Did you know that schools do not collect or submit immunization records? In fact many doctors do not send it off to the Public Health Offices either.

In order to ensure that your child's immunizations are recorded with Public Health please ensure to submit them through the required channels.

More information on immunizations for the Upper Grand District School Board can be found here: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/parents/student-immunization/>

Students who fail to provide a proof of immunization or an exemption form will be suspended from school by Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Office as indicated under the School Immunization Act.

Upcoming Council Meetings will be held on the following Tuesdays

- March 10th
- April 14th
- May 12th
- June 9th

All are welcome so we hope to see some new faces throughout the year!

Please find us on **Facebook: Parkinson School Council Information Page** or email us at **pcpscouncil@gmail.com** with any questions.