

PWS UPDATE

Park West School Newsletter

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Receive the PWS Update electronically! You can receive the PWS Update electronically via e-mail. If you wish to be among the first to receive the latest editions of our school newsletters by having it sent to your e-mail address simply e-mail your request to Mr. Carter at dcarter@hrce.ca. The PWS Update is published approximately every two weeks.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Notice of ELECTION of PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Our SAC has vacant positions for two (2) PARENT REPRESENTATIVES. Those individuals must have children presently attending Park West School. The term is for three years. The expectations include attending six meetings per year on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Nominations have closed for this election. **There are four (4) candidates.** More information about the election (including brief bios for each candidate) will be sent home later this week.

The election will take place over five (5) school days: **Monday, June 3 to Friday, June 7.** Any Park West parent/guardian may drop by the school office to vote on those dates during office hours (8:00 am to 3:30 pm). Or, you may vote at the school between 3:30 and 6:00 PM by making contact with our after-school EXCEL leader (Ms. Waseema Nizam). She will provide you with assistance for voting. The names of the four candidates will appear on the ballot. You will be asked to vote for TWO (2). Each parent/guardian may vote only once. Your name will be recorded once you vote. Voting closes on June 7 at 6:00 PM. The two candidates who receive the most votes will be the new SAC parent representatives for three year terms. The successful candidates will be announced in the next PWS Update and on our school website. For more information contact the school office at 902-457-7800.

Farewell Mr. Nelson: We are sad to say our last farewells to Mr. Nelson (grade 6 teacher), who has been teaching for thirty-three years. Mr. Nelson has been with PWS for four years, and in that time, he has shared his witty personality with students, and has enjoyed the richness of Park West School's diversity. "There's so much to learn from others," he says. Mr. Nelson is excited to retire at the end of this year, and is looking forward to his new, bright future. He is looking forward to spending time hiking the untamed outdoors, taking on the frosted peaks on skis, and enjoying his family. He leaves us with the words of wisdom, "You should be the best you can be, and look after one another." On behalf of students and staff, we congratulate and wish the best of the bright future awaiting Mr. Nelson! (by Daniel Emmanuel, grade 9)

Are You in the Right School? Only children who reside within the Park West School boundaries with parents or legal guardians are eligible to attend this school. Addresses provided to the school may be investigated if there is suspicion the information is not accurate. If a child registered at and/or attending Park West School is found to be **not** residing in our area his/her parents will be directed to register at the appropriate neighbourhood school. This includes students who **were** living in our area and moved out of bounds **during** this school year, but remained at Park West to finish the year.

Are You Moving? If your children presently attend Park West and you will be moving away over the summer, please inform us as soon as possible. We need to know if they won't be here in September. Please call our office (457-7800).

Farewell Grade 9's: The Halifax Regional Centre for Education strongly discourages graduation ceremonies and proms at the junior high level. Most junior high schools do not conduct graduation ceremonies or formal proms. Those events are reserved for high schools. At the end of this school year our grade nine students will be leaving us for high school. At Park West we will be marking this milestone in a meaningful and celebratory way. A "**Grade 9 Closing Ceremony**" will be held on **June 26 at 1:00 pm**, in the gym. This is an **informal** event; **not a graduation.** Students and their families are invited to attend. A reception will follow. A "**Grade 9 Farewell Celebration**" is being planned by Mr. Beattie (*thanks Mr. Beattie!*) for our departing students for the evening of **June 18**. Students will meet at the school and be transported downtown for dinner and a harbour cruise (with dancing). Tickets go on sale soon. This event is only open to grade nine students attending Park West School. These events are supported with funds raised by our PTA.

Bring On The Summer: The last day of school will be **Friday, June 28**. On that day all students will be dismissed at **10:00 am**. The school office will remain open until 1:30 pm. The school office is not open during the summer.

Assessment and Evaluation Day: **Thursday, June 27** is Assessment and Evaluation Day. There will be **no school for students** on that date.

Elementary Field Day: On **Tuesday, June 11**, Park West School is hosting a **Field Day** for our elementary students in the morning (*rain date: June 13*). Students will participate in a variety of fun outdoor activity stations; such as bubble making, chalk drawing, bouncy castle, basketball shoot, noodle tag, tug-of-war, soccer shoot, obstacle course, parachute, and many more. To ensure your child enjoys the day there are a few things they may need: **hat...sunscreen...healthy snack...water bottle (labelled with child's name)...running**

shoes are best (no flip flops or Crocks)...shorts, jogging pants, track pants, etc....sweatshirt. This event is supported with funds raised by our PTA.

Proud to be Canadian!: Friday, June 21 is “Canadiana Day” at Park West. We’re celebrating Canada Day early....and showing our pride in being Canadians. On that day please wear the colours (red & white), the maple leaf, and other symbols of Canada to school. Let’s show pride in our country.

PTA Community Barbeque: Everyone is invited to come out to our community barbeque on **Thursday, June 20, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.** There will be a minimal charge for hot dogs (chicken), hamburgers, veggie burgers, drinks, popcorn, ice cream novelties and other treats. There will be lots of fun games and activities too, including a photo booth! Bring your families, friends and neighbours to this favourite community event to kick off the summer. This year our community barbeque is being generously supported by **RBC.** RBC employees will be volunteering and RBC will also be making a generous donation to this fundraising event.

Final Report Cards: June report cards will be issued to students on **June 28th** (the last day of school this year). Report cards will not be issued early to any student. If students are absent on the last day of school parents have several options:

1. Provide the teacher with a **self-addressed stamped envelope** for the student. The report card will be mailed to you.
2. Teachers will forward all unclaimed report cards to the office on June 28 following student dismissal. They will be available that day **ONLY for parents to pick up in person** from the office until 1:30 pm. After that date and time report cards will not be available to be picked up in person at the school until the last week of August. School personnel are not available to provide report cards during the summer months.
3. Parents may provide a teacher with a **signed letter of consent** authorizing an individual (egs. a sibling, family member, friend) to claim a report card for an absent student on June 28 before 1:30 pm. Without this letter report cards will NOT be issued to any person other than the student or parent.

Staying for Lunch Next Year? In accordance with the Education Act of the Province of Nova Scotia all students may remain at school for lunch without fees. However, **all students who wish to remain at school over the lunch period must be registered for the lunch supervision program.** Registration forms for 2019-2020 were recently sent home with all students (grades P – 8). Completed forms are due back to the school by **Friday, May 31.**

We Need OUR STUFF Back: Students and parents...please make sure **‘our stuff’** gets returned before the end of the year. We’re looking for **textbooks** (Especially from Junior High students. They’re expensive! The average textbook costs the school \$85 each. Many of our textbooks are missing. We cannot afford to replace them all.), **team uniforms** (our athletes need to look good!); and **overdue library books** (many are missing from our shelves!). Please return them to us before you leave for the summer.

Is Something Missing From Your Life?: Please check out our extensive “lost & found” collection. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity **after June 26.** Lost & Found items are located near the cafeteria kitchen (in the main lobby area).

Gardening Anyone? We still have a few garden boxes left for community use on our grounds at the front of our school. This year we aren’t using them all. We’d like to offer these for use by our friends and neighbours, and community members for the season. Families could have some fun planting, growing, and enjoying flowers, herbs, and vegetables. If you’d like to use a box this season to do some gardening please contact Mr. Carter (principal) at dcarter@hrce.ca

Last Chance to Order A Yearbook: You asked for it. It’s back! Only one book helps you capture this year’s incredible events and experiences at Park West School...and that is your 2018-2019 Yearbook. Remember all the friends, trends, fashion, fun, favourite teachers and classes, music, art, teams, clubs, events, and everything in between. Our professionally produced full-colour Yearbook includes **all students and all grade levels** (primary to nine). Preserve your child’s memories for the 2018-2019 school year at Park West by purchasing a Yearbook for **only \$30.** Order forms have been sent home with students, and are also available in the school office. You can place your order by dropping by our school office (Monday to Friday - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm) or send your completed order form and payment to school with your child. Make cheques payable to *Park West School.* You may also order online at: <https://ybstore.friesens.com/stores/774507> **There are only a few left to purchase.**

Dates to Remember:

| June | | |
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| 4 | Ramadan ends > <i>Eid-al-Fitr</i> | |
| 6 | Grade 6 trip to Bayside Camp | |
| 11 | Elementary Field Day (rain date: June 13) | Morning |
| 11 | Park West School Band concert <i>*you're invited!</i> (band students should arrive at 6:00 PM) | 6:30 PM |
| 14 | PTA Popcorn Day (\$1 a bag) | morning |
| 18 | Grade 9 Farewell Celebration: dinner and harbour cruise <i>*tickets on sale soon</i> | evening |
| 19 | SAC and PTA Closing Dinner Meeting | Evening |
| 20 | PTA Community Barbeque | 5:30-7:30 PM |
| 21 | Elementary Year-End Assembly (grades P- 6) | 10:30 AM |
| 21 | “Canadiana Day” - celebrate Canada Day early by wearing the maple leaf and the colours of Canada to school | |
| 26 | Grade 9 Closing Ceremony - <i>you are invited to this INFORMAL event</i> | 12:45 pm |
| 27 | Assessment & Evaluation Day - no school for students | |
| 28 | Last Day of school (students dismissed at 10 am) | |