

PWS UPDATE

Park West School Newsletter

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From the mouths of our students: Recently we asked our students in grades pre-primary to nine what they like about Park West School. Here are some of their responses:

- My teacher works hard.
- Going outside to play and learn.
- Reading books.
- Learning lots of things.
- The physical education classes.
- Music class with Ms. Kerr.
- The teachers are the best part. They let us do anything.
- The playgrounds and field.
- Learning about art with Ms. Tasker.
- The principals, because they care about everyone in the school.
- Learning math.
- We get to use Chromebooks and iPads to learn and play.
- All the different languages spoken.
- Learning Social Studies and all the places in the world.
- There are things here I have always wanted to do.
- My teachers play with me.
- I like that my teachers read to me.
- My teachers make me happy.
- I like that we hand sanitize in/out of the classroom.
- I like my friends.
- I like gym because it's fun playing.
- Colouring.
- Library.
- Reading.
- Counting to 100.
- Writing stories.
- Teachers.
- Park West is very diverse and inclusive. Nobody who works here judges people for their gender, race or disabilities.
- We have days like "Pink Shirt Day" to represent no bullying.
- The teachers are good with being "up-to-date" in ways like respecting peoples' pronouns and making everyone feel welcome.
- One thing I like about Park West is the diversity. I know that not a lot of schools in Canada, or even Nova Scotia, are as diverse as us. I love hearing some of my friends talk about their home countries and backgrounds. I feel that it helps me grow, both as a friend, and as a person. Everyone is so cool!
- I like how Park West School makes sure everyone wears masks and does all the Covid protocols. At PWS I feel safe and happy to learn. Everyday I wake up and go to school feeling happy to see my friends. Everyday I learn something new.
- We are all unique and we have the best teachers.
- The best thing I like is everyone is different, such as cultures and languages spoken.
- Some schools don't have amazing EXCEL teachers like Park West School.
- My favourite thing about Park West is the teachers. Each time I move to a new grade I meet new teachers, and they are so kind to the students.

- My favourite thing about Park West is that the students are nice, and phys. ed has a lot of fun activities, and the field is big!
- My favourite thing about Park West is to play hockey in the gym. Also I love to play with my friends and my teacher is very nice!
- Active in a lot of worldwide holidays.
- The teachers! They're super nice and loyal, and the opportunity to join clubs and sports.
- The kids, because they are kind and nice.
- The teachers are so nice in this school and I get a good education from it.
- I like that there is no bullying that I can see in our school.
- The diversity is my favourite thing about PWS! In my opinion, celebrating and educating students about different countries is important and makes people feel included. Needless to say, the teachers are a delight!
- The teachers and the different and diverse cultures.
- I like how nice and helpful everyone is, especially the teachers.
- My favourite thing about Park West is the diversity and the kindness of all staff. I always feel welcomed here. The teachers are so supportive and give constructive criticism - not to make us feel bad, but to grow as a student.
- I like the relationships I've made in the school.
- I like Park West School because there are lots of different people who come from different backgrounds. So we can learn about them and what they did in their country.
- I like Park West School because we have very nice and helpful lunch monitors and very supportive teachers and principals.
- I like Park West because we have really good custodians that clean our school and have a big field to play on. Finally, Park West is the best because my friends are here and it has rules that keep us safe.
- Park West School is a great school. I feel really safe at the school. All teachers are nice and kind. I love the school also because of the diversity and equality. There are a lot of people coming from all over the world and no matter how we look, we treat everyone the same.
- I have been at Park West School for only three years, but they have been the best years. I like how everyone is from different places/countries. We can learn about them and their differences. I also like the staff. They are very kind and always keep all of us safe every day. I also like the events they do, like barbeque day, lollipop day, popcorn day, and lots more. I also like how we have a really big space to play outside. Our teachers always inspire us to do our best too.

EXCEL Registration for 2021-2022 **Early Registration:** In order to be eligible for early registration, families must have children enrolled in a 2020-21 EXCEL program as of April 23rd, 2021. Please note: Siblings of 2020-21 EXCEL participants who will be starting school in September 2021 are eligible to be enrolled during the Early Registration Period. Pre-primary siblings are eligible for registration at EXCEL schools where all Pre-primary classes are on site. For the 2021-2022 school year pre-primary classes at Park West School will be on site (i.e. located at our school facility on Langbrae Drive). **Early Registration for the EXCEL 2021-22 Program at Park West School is: April 28th (8 am) to April 29 (7:59 am), and April 29 (8 am) to April 30 (4 pm).** Using the most updated version of your web browser, please visit <https://ca.ezchildtrack.com/excel/parent> on a device larger than a cell phone. While larger devices are more user-friendly, the application can be completed on tablets and smartphones that can be switched to desktop version. Once you have reached the Parent Portal landing page, please enter your email address and password in the "Returning Parents Sign In" icon to access your account. If you do not remember your password or have not visited the parent portal, please click on the Sign Up button in the "Existing Parents Sign Up" icon and enter your Registered Email Address to receive a temporary password. Please do this prior to the Early Registration period to avoid a delay in the application process. If you cannot remember your Registered Email Address, please contact a registrar: Gail Hartling: 902-464-2000 ext. 2236; excel@hrce.ca OR Kimberly Lozon: 902-464-2000 ext. 2787; excelregistrar@hrce.ca

General Registration for the EXCEL 2021-22 Program at PWS is as follows: **May 5th at 8:00 am and May 6th at 8am.** Please note: Pre-primary students at PWS are eligible for registration at EXCEL for 2021-2022. Using the most updated version of your web browser, please visit <https://ca.ezchildtrack.com/excel/parent> on a device larger than a cell phone. While larger devices are more user-friendly, the application can be completed on tablets and smartphones that can be switched to desktop version. Once you have reached the Parent Portal landing page, click on the Register button in the "New Parents Open Account" icon to complete the online application.

As in previous years, families may only submit an EXCEL application for the school in which their child(ren) is registered for 2021-22. Applications are processed based on the date and time they are received. Detailed information on the registration process and online application instructions will be available on the EXCEL Registration page of the HRCE website (https://www.hrce.ca/excel_registration) in the coming weeks.

