

June News



**Grande Prairie
Public School
Division**

PARKSIDE MONTESSORI

Montessori News

We are headed into the final stretch of our seventh successful year of learning and adventure at Parkside Montessori. We are proud of the work of our students and teachers during the 2022-2023 school year. As the results of our Division Assurance Survey affirm, the students, parents, and teachers of Parkside are very satisfied with our school community. We are grateful to be part of a supportive team of students, parents, and staff working together with the common focus of creating the best learning experience that we can for the children of Parkside Montessori.

As we reflect on our time together this year it is important that we remember we have many things to celebrate including a wide variety of engaging learning for our students. Together in the 2022-2023 school year we were able to do many things! Highlights include:

- PATHs Kid of the Day in each classroom
- Celebration of the International Day of Peace
- Social Emotional Learning Play Day
- Fall Read-a-Thon
- Chemistry Around You presentation
- RCMP readers
- Montessori Math Parent Night
- Family Dances
- Identify Fair
- Alberta Music Theatre "Jack and the Beanstalk"
- Science in Motion
- Lego Robotics
- APEGA Science Olympics
- Full school pumpkin carving & decorating
- Halloween costume parades
- Christmas events & activities
- School Spirit Days
- LOTS of outdoor PE fun
- Remembrance Day Assembly & family Honour Wall
- Christmas Concert
- Various theme days
 - ⇒ Colour Days
 - ⇒ Wacky Hair Day
 - ⇒ Bow & Tie Day
 - ⇒ Flannel Day
 - ⇒ Beach Day
 - ⇒ Star Wars Day
 - ⇒ Pink Shirt Day
- Resumed visit with our Grand Buddies at the GP Care Center
- 3D Charity Hockey & Soccer Tournament
- Engaged School Council and Fundraising Guild in our school
- Student projects, presentations, and individual milestones celebrated
- Literacy Week
- Community Kindness Week 2023
- Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Grade 5/6 Division Athletic opportunities (Triple Ball, Basketball, Track & Field)
- MALT Days
- Orange Shirt Day
- Various cultural learning & celebrations
- Receipt of grand funding to support our playground installation!

As our year winds down, we will continue with fun and engaging learning opportunities for our students. We are looking forward to a strong finish to our school year! Wishing your family a wonderful June and relaxing summer season!

-Miss Corrine & Miss Terra

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**Play is the work
of the child.**

-Dr. Maria Montessori

On the Calendar...



June 1- Evacuation Drill

June 5- School Council @ 6pm; Fundraising Guild @ 7:15pm in the school library

June 6- Indigenous Dance presentation (AM)

June 8- Science in Motion; Hot Lunch (State & Main pre-order); **Year-End Family Dance**

June 9- NO SCHOOL for students (*Professional Learning Day for staff*); **3D Charity Hockey & Soccer Tournament**

June 13- Anything but a Back Pack Day

June 14- MALT afternoon

June 16- Kindergarten Year-End Celebrations

June 21- Indigenous People's Day

June 23- Talent Show; Hot Lunch (Subway pre-order)

June 26- Gr. 6 Social PAT

June 27- Last day of school for students; Year-End Assembly @ 10am; Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza pre-order)

June 28- Last day for staff



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Save the Date

End of Year Kindergarten Celebration!

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2023
MORNING STUDENTS, 10:30AM
AFTERNOON STUDENTS, 2:15PM



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Save the Date

End of Year Assembly!

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH
WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AT
10:00AM WITH SPECIAL GRADE 6
RECOGNITION



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Join us for these
Year-End Events!

Please note that both the End of Year Kindergarten Celebration and the End of Year Assembly are considered public events. Photos may be taken &/or shared.

Fundraising Guild News

Thank you to our school families and supporters for an amazing fundraising year! The construction of our playground (scheduled for installation in August) would not be possible without you. We are currently in consultation with school administration and school council to develop our next fundraising initiative and we can't wait to see what the 2023/2024 year will bring.

PLEASE – if you think you may have time to assist with fundraising, plan to attend our AGM in September where there will be board member elections. The enrichment we can provide to the students and school community is not possible without the hard work of our volunteers.



June 2023 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

June 5	- Guild Regular Board Meeting 7:15pm School Library
June 8	- Hot Lunch (State & Main pre-order)
June 23	- Hot Lunch (Subway pre-order)
June 27	- Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza pre-order)

Don't forget about our ongoing fundraisers:

Oliver's labels: www.oliverslabels.com/parkside

TruEarth laundry & cleaning supplies: tru-earth.sjv.io/QyydPz

Bottle Depot: 7601 Resources Rd. - Account #2119

We are grateful to all of those who have supported The Fundraising Guild of Parkside Montessori in our efforts! Anyone interested in more details of our operations or joining the Guild is welcome to join us at any of our monthly meetings or email us at theguild.pm@gmail.com

Casa dei Bambini, Preschool & Kindergarten

It's hard to believe we are already in our last month of school! We are so proud of how far the children have come this year. It has been a pleasure getting to know each student.

This month we will explore our outside world. We have already started to learn about plant and animal life cycles. We will watch as caterpillars change into butterflies. We will also learn about some other life cycles such as frogs and bean plants. We hope to be outside as often as possible this month, so please dress your child for the weather.

In Language we are focusing on journal writing and elements of a story. In Math we will be concentrating on measurement.

For our kindergarten students who will be transitioning to the Lower Elementary Montessori (ELMO) classrooms, we have two visits planned for them in June. On June 15th & 20th, kindergarten students will get to head to a Lower ELMO classroom, participate in a lesson &/or activity and get a general feel for what grade one will bring. Although class lists have not been finalized, these visits will give students a chance to see & experience our Lower ELMO environments, alleviating some of the anxiety they may have about making the move to grade one. We are also looking forward to the Year-End Kindergarten Celebrations on June 16th. We hope to see you there!

It should be a fun last month in Casa!

-Miss Trisha & Miss Emma



Lower Elementary, Gr. 1, 2, 3

Hello from the ELMO123 Team!

We cannot believe that it is already June! The year has flown by. We are looking forward to spending our last month together and celebrating everything that the students have accomplished this year. May and June are full of wonderful hands-on opportunities, inside and outside of the classroom, that have allowed students to learn in a variety of ways.

In Science, we have been learning about animal life cycles. This unit has provided the students with a lot of fun, and engaging activities. We had the opportunity to witness life cycles firsthand by raising butterflies from eggs to caterpillars to chrysalis and finally to butterflies. This has given students a deeper understanding of the complexity of animal life cycles and the role humans play in the conservation of their environment. Students also participated in the Furs, Feathers, and Northern Habitats presentation at the Muskoseepi Pavilion. Throughout this presentation the students learned about the habitats, adaptations, and life cycles of four animals found in Northern Alberta. After learning about butterflies, frogs, owls and beavers of Northern Alberta, students completed a guided drawing of each creature. Students explored bones, feathers, claws, and models of the animals that were studied. On June 8th, Science in Motion will be visiting our 1-3 classes and doing a demonstration on cold adaptors. This will help them develop their knowledge of animals and how they have adapted to survive in colder climates through this engaging presentation.

ELMO123 classes attended a performance of "How to Eat Fried Worms" by the Grande Prairie Boys Choir. This silly story centered around a young boy's dare to eat worms every day. The students were thoroughly entertained, and many have been asking to read the novel for themselves.

As part of the exploration of our own community, ELMO123 classes visited the Grande Prairie Public Library. During this field trip the students went on a tour of the library, were introduced to the materials available to them and were even able to get their own library card!

The weather is getting warmer, and we are trying to spend more time outside. Please ensure that your students are wearing sunglasses and hats to protect them from the sun. They can also bring sunscreen to put on before gym and recess. If they are wearing sandals or Crocs, please make sure that they pack an extra pair of running shoes & socks to change into for gym.

Have a Wonderful June!

*-Miss Jen, Miss Melissa, Miss Jennifer,
Miss Julianne, & Mr. Josh*



Upper Elementary, Gr. 4, 5, 6

Greetings from the Upper ELMO team! It's so hard to believe that we are in our last month of school.

We were so lucky to welcome Elder and author Denise Miller who shared her drumming and storytelling gifts with us. Students loved singing with her and listening to her stories. Students also participated in a virtual presentation about Indigenous knowledge of astronomy with Wilfred Buck.

The track meet at the end of May was a huge highlight with fantastic participation. Grade 5 and 6 students were great Parkside ambassadors and showed great sportsmanship. The grade 4 students enjoyed being leaders and helpers in the younger classes as they visited Lower ELMO and Casa for the day.

Students have enjoyed connecting the math learning to our new Health and Wellness topic of Financial Literacy with our whole school token economy project. Grade 4, 5 and 6 students enjoyed being the leaders of the Bank of Parkside as they helped students process deposits into personal, class and school accounts. We have continued our work with geometry and have expanded our learning into the area of measurement.

In Language students continue to highlight their progress in reading accuracy and comprehension. They also continue to experiment with many different forms of writing as they build their quantity and quality of written work towards end of year standards. Students have used both reading and writing to explore the ideas of the audience and the author's purpose.

In Science grade 5 and 6 students have been learning about wetlands and ecosystems. The grade 4 students have been learning about simple machines and creating their own vehicles that move, ask your child about their car races.

In grade 4 and 5 Social Studies students have explored histories, celebrations and stories of Alberta and Canada, respectively. Grade 6 stu-

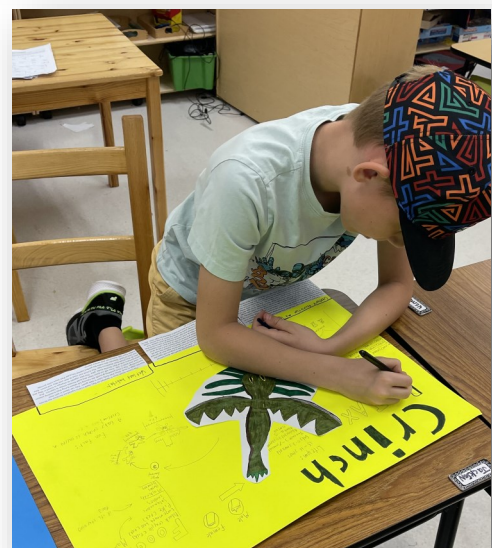
dents hosted a student election which allowed students to practice voting.

Our grade six students will write their Social Studies PAT on Monday, June 26th. We look forward to celebrating them at our year-end whole-school assembly on Tuesday, June 27th.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about any of our June events. We are so appreciative of the support we receive during the school year.

Have a wonderful summer!

-Miss Becky, Miss Desiree & Miss Stefanie





PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

▶▶▶ 2022-23

Are you curious about what goes on during our PL Days?

Parkside Montessori staff are actively engaged in school improvement and learning to support our students.

On our May 19th Professional Learning Day, the Parkside team spent time working in small groups reviewing data, making observations about student learning, student engagement and revisiting our school Education Plan. Staff reflected on how our priorities, outcomes, and strategies reflect the story that our data is telling us. Staff also engaged in the professional inquiry cycle – sharing and reviewing their inquiry question progress using generative dialogue.



Brain Injury Awareness Month!

June is brain injury awareness month!

What is a brain injury?

A brain injury is an injury to the brain. Some brain injuries are mild, like a bump on the head, or can be more serious and need medical care right away.

What Causes Brain Injuries?

Head injuries can happen from: falls, bike accidents, car crashes, and sports injuries.

What Can Help Prevent Brain Injuries?

Make sure that all sport teams you play on have rules to reduce the risk of head injuries and concussions, such as limits on tackling, or heading the ball.

Use the proper car seat, booster seat, and/or seatbelts every time you are in a car.

Wear a helmet when skiing, snowboarding, biking, riding a scooter, skateboarding, or rollerblading.



Even falling and slipping on ice can cause a brain injury. Wearing non-slip shoes can help prevent falls on ice and help prevent a brain injury.

Information from <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/head-injury.html>.

Photo courtesy of <https://www.aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/info-2017/how-to-fall-safely.html>

Pediatric Rehabilitation Caregiver Connection

 Free advice line and webinar series



You may have questions about your child as they grow, develop skills, and connect with others. Our team of AHS health professionals is here to support you.

- ▶ **The Pediatric Rehabilitation Advice Line** can help you navigate concerns about your child's development and well-being. Call Health Link at 811 between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday.
- ▶ **AHS' free webinar series** covers a range of developmental topics, from toilet training and tummy time to emotional regulation and speech development, as well as many others. Caregivers will build skills and gain confidence by learning practical ways to help children improve their skills while supporting development.



Learn more

Celebrating Success



Congratulations Danielle Pellerin, our Parkside Montessori 2023 recipient of the Swan City Rotary Excellence in Education: Service Above Self award!

Danielle is the Chair of our School Council. She exemplifies the characteristics of the Rotary 4 Way Test in all that she does. Danielle stepped into the role of School Council Chair as a brand-new parent to our school during the COVID-19 pandemic; a time when building connections was very challenging yet more important than ever. It was quickly evident that she understood the importance of School Councils in supporting and building a strong school community and the importance of parents having a voice to advise school administration. Danielle demonstrates an openness to multiple perspectives, collaborative planning, a desire to foster a strong sense of community, and represents our school at both the Division and Provincial School meetings. She is honest, kind, dependable, consistent, flexible, and gives 100% in everything that she does. Danielle has embraced the vision of our school and gives generously of her time for the children of Parkside. Danielle perfectly represents the sense of community our school values and we are grateful to be given the chance to honour her.

PARKSIDE SCHOOL COUNCIL
PRESENTS

END OF YEAR DANCE PARTY NIGHT

ABSOLUTE ENTERTAINMENT
DJ AND PHOTOBOOTH
JUNE 8TH 2023 6:30-8:00PM

The dance is being held at the
GP COMP gym

Thank you to Mr. Vobeyda & the COMP for
sharing their space with us so we can host
our entire school community for the dance.

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