

June News



**Grande Prairie
Public School
Division**

PARKSIDE MONTESSORI

Montessori News

We are headed into the final stretch of our eighth successful year of learning and adventure at Parkside Montessori. We are proud of the work of our students and teachers during the 2023-2024 school year. As the results of our Division and Provincial Assurance Surveys 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 2023-2024 school year we were able to do many things! Highlights include:

- Annual GPPSD Fun Run
- PAX Kid of the Day in each classroom
- Celebration of the International Day of Peace
- Social Emotional Learning Play Day
- Fall Read-a-Thon
- Montessori Parent Night
- End of the Rainbow Family Dance
- Student performance of *Cinderella*
- Alberta Musical Theater *Cinderella*
- STEM coding robotics
- Full school pumpkin carving/decorating
- Halloween Costume Parade
- Christmas events and activities
- Brunch for Lunch
- Family Winter Fair
- School Spirit Days
- Tons of outdoor PE fun!
- Remembrance Day Assembly and Family Wall of Honour
- Spring Concerts
- Playground Opening
- Resumed visits with our Grand Buddies at the GP Care Center
- Creation of our Students Advisory
- Gr. 6 *Walk Through the Forest* field trip
- School Patrollers
- Various theme days
 - Colour Days
 - Wacky Hair Day
 - Beach Day
 - Star Wars Day
 - Pink Shirt Day
 - Sunglasses Day
 - Anything But a Backpack Day
- 3D Charity Ball Hockey & Soccer Tournament
- Engaged School Council & Fundraising Guild supporting our school
- Student projects, presentations, and individual milestones celebrated
- Literacy Week
- Community Kindness Week
- Third Annual Egg Hunt
- Gr. 5/6 Division Athletic opportunities (Triple Ball, Basketball, Track & Field)
- M.A.L.T. Days
- Celebrations of Learning
- Orange Shirt Day
- Various cultural learning and celebrations
- Lower Elementary Dino Museum field trip
- PAX's Den
- Student leadership opportunities

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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**Growth is not merely a
harmonious increase in
size, but a transformation.**

-Maria Montessori

On the Calendar...

June

June 3- School Council @ 6pm; Fundraising Guild @ 7:15pm in the school library.

June 4 & 5- Kindergarten & Grade 6 photos

June 5- Sunglasses Day

June 6- Hot Lunch (Flyin' Hawaiian pre-order)

June 7- No School for Students (Professional Learning Day)

June 11- Break the Rules Day

June 14- Kindergarten End of Year Assemblies @ 10:00 am (morning students) & 1:30pm (afternoon students)

June 21- National Indigenous Peoples' Day; Hot Lunch (Hot Dogs & Veggies)

June 24- PAX's Marketplace, 2-4pm

June 25- T/Th Preschool Reports sent home

June 26- School Spirit Day! Last Day of School for Students! Year-End Assembly & Grade 6 Recognition at 9am; Hot Lunch (State & Main pre-order); M/W Preschool Reports sent home; K-6 Report Cards in PowerSchool.

June 27- Last Day of School for Staff

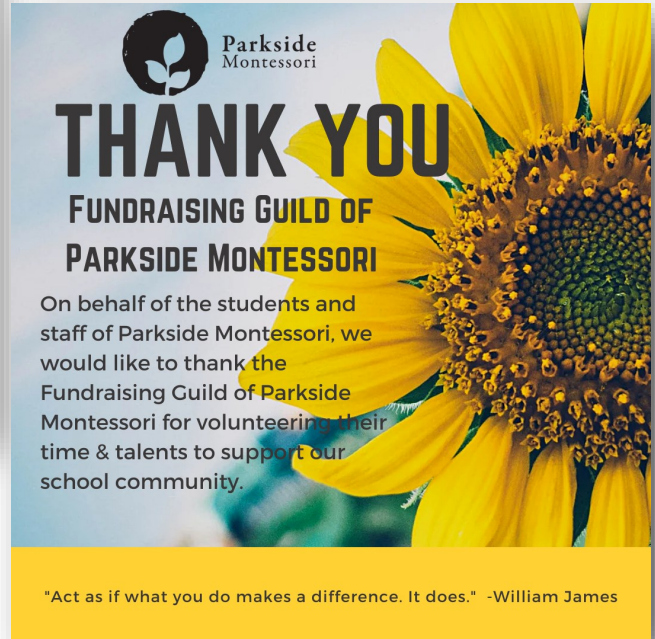
#ParksideYear8



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Montessori

Our Lost & Found is full of lonely mittens, gloves, hats, sweatshirts & more! Please come and see if any of these items belong to your child(ren). All remaining items will be donated at the end of June.

School Council & Fundraising Guild



JUNE 2024 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

JUNE 6 -	FLYIN' HAWAIIAN HOT LUNCH (ONLINE PRE-ORDER)
JUNE 21 -	PARENT LED HOT DOG LUNCH! (ONLINE PRE-ORDER) IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT PLEASE EMAIL US - THEGUILD.PM@GMAIL.COM
JUNE 26 -	STATE & MAIN HOT LUNCH (ONLINE PRE-ORDER)

DID YOU KNOW THE FUNDRAISING GUILD HAS AN ACCOUNT AT THE PLUS II BOTTLE DEPOT?
ACCOUNT: 2119 LOCATED AT 7601 RESOURCES RD.



THE FUNDRAISING GUILD IS WORKING TOWARDS TWO FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES THIS YEAR. NEW SCHOOL GYM MATS AND A SCHOOL GARAGE WHICH COULD HOUSE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND SCHOOL SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

Casa dei Bambini, Preschool & Kindergarten

Hooray for an excellent 2023-2024 school year in the Casa dei Bambini classrooms! It has been a wonderful journey filled with exploration, discovery, incredible growth for our students, and lots of fun.

We welcome June with gratitude and joy as we plan many exciting and celebratory events. We have so much to be proud of and grateful for. In May, our Casa students presented their beautiful songs at the Spring Concert and showed great bravery and dedication in their performances. We also had the opportunity to sing our songs to our Grand Buddies of the Grande Prairie Care Centre, spreading joy and community connection all the while. We welcomed Painted Lady caterpillars to our classes in May. Our students have been very engaged as we've learned all about butterfly life cycles, the needs of living things, how caterpillars and butterflies move in our world, how to be stewards of the natural world, and how to closely observe and document the changes in our insect guests. We cannot wait to witness the caterpillars' transformation into butterflies, and to release them back into nature! At the end of May, Casa students had the chance to visit another community organization – The Centre for Creative Arts. It was so fun to get to work in a studio to create our mixed media masterpieces.

Coming up in June, we are looking forward to visiting the Lion's Park Splash Park, and spending lots of time outdoors all around! We hope to visit our community orchard down the road and use our observation skills in nature to see what we can discover. As there are bound to be lots of outdoor experiences this month, please be sure to send your child to school in closed toe outdoor shoes so that they can run take part in the fun! Sun hats, sunglasses, and water bottles are also good accessories to send along this time of year.

We hope everyone has a lovely June, and a safe and joyful summer!

-Miss Amber and Miss Laura



Lower Elementary, Gr. 1, 2, 3

Hello from the ELMO123 Team!

This year has flown by. It is hard to believe that it is already June. It has been amazing to watch all the students grow over the past year. We are looking forward to spending the last few weeks with the students. We have many exciting learning opportunities coming up!

As part of our Science unit on how plants and animals grow, each ELMO 1,2,3 class has received an army of caterpillars. This will provide students with the opportunity to witness a life cycle firsthand as the caterpillars grow, create their chrysalises, and become butterflies. We will then release them back into our school environment so that they can continue the lifecycle.

As part of our Social Studies curriculum, we made a visit to the Stompede. This introduced students to local traditions and activities. During this field trip, students participated in "Classroom in the Dirt". This program included activities such as roping, wagon rides, mini pony demonstration, trick riding demonstration, Animal Care program and the famous Ricky Ticky also joined us for some entertainment and knowledge.

We have also been very fortunate to continue our Grand Buddies program. Some of our ELMO 1,2,3 classes visited the Care Center in May, and the remaining classes have their visits scheduled for June. This program provides the students with the chance to visit with our Grand Buddies while completing crafts and singing songs. Please check communication from your child's teacher with information about future visits.

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 to change into for gym.

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



Upper Elementary, Gr. 4, 5, 6

Greetings from the Upper ELMO team! It's so hard to believe that May is already over, and we are into our final month of the school year.

The track meet at the end of May was a huge highlight with fantastic participation from our Grade 5 and 6 students. They showed great sportsmanship and positive Parkside pride!

In Math, students continued to expand their geometry understanding as they explored measurement concepts. Determining both perimeter and area are main skills for Grade 4 and 5; with Grade 6 determining volume as well. While the older students attended the track meet, Grade 4 was inspired by our recent Playground Opening Ceremony to design and label the perimeter and area of their own playground design.

In Language, students continue to deepen accuracy and comprehension skills in reading as we fit in a few more reading groups and book studies to finish the school year. With a connection to cultural storytelling, many students created their own 'pourquoi tale' - a piece of writing that can creatively explain the reason why something is the way it is. Going through the writing process takes time and requires stamina to plan, draft, edit, revise and publish one piece.

In Music, students performed three ukulele pieces at the Spring concert and have moved onto percussion. We were so fortunate to borrow authentic Indigenous drums from Elder Theresa and learn a welcome song that our school's Cree Club performed at the Playground Opening Ceremony. We will continue to try other percussion activities including bucket drumming and Orff instruments.

In Art, students learned about using perspective to add depth to their drawings. They also enjoyed learn-

ing about how math concepts such as tessellation and symmetry are used to create beautiful art.

In Grade 4 Science, students have begun a Space flip book, which is a fun way to deepen their understanding of several aspects of space, including how we view space, the vastness of the universe, constellations, and the how stars are used in navigation. In Grade 4 Social Studies, students have completed their "Stories and Histories" mini-book and will be beginning our final unit which is "Alberta: Celebrations and Challenges".

In Grade 5 Science, students shared their amazingly creative and informational body system projects and explore Coding concepts. In Grade 5 Social Studies, students have begun to explore the major events from the time of Canadian Confederation until present day. In Grade 6, students enjoyed a special Science field trip, *Walk Through the Forest*, to a local forestry area where they learned all about local forests and eco systems. Students are especially enjoying learning how drones assist in forestry and fire fighting efforts. For Social Studies, Grade 6 students learned about local government and worked on reviewing for the upcoming Provincial Achievement Test.

We have a lot on the go to end the year, so please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about classroom activities & assignments. It's going to be a wonderful June!

-Miss Desiree, Miss Jackie, & Miss Stefanie



TOOLS 4 SCHOOL

UNITED WAY ALBERTA NORTHWEST



READY TO SUCCEED

SHOW
YOUR
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LOVE

United Way is reaching out in the community for support in organizing school supply drives. Our goal this year is to assemble **1,500** backpacks and we need your help! Please consider making a donation to help support this program:

<https://www.unitedwayabnw.org/tools-for-school>

SCAN ME!



Many students live below the poverty line and cannot afford the necessary tools for starting a successful school year.

We aim to reduce one of the know barriers preventing children and youth from successfully learning and participating in school.

Our goal is to make sure no student is in need throughout our region by providing the children with school supplies.

LAST YEAR WE HELPED...



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More info: director@unitedwayabnw.org
or 780.532.1105



Canada Dental Benefit

Smile!
It is here.

For kids **under 12 years old**

For families with an adjusted net income **under \$90,000 per year**

For those who **don't have access to private dental care insurance**

Find out more at Canada.ca/dental or 1-800-715-8836



As you may already know, the CDGP is a federally delivered plan that is being rolled out across all provinces and territories. Applications are being accepted in phases, starting with seniors. **Persons with a valid Disability Tax Credit certificate and children under 18 will be able to apply online beginning June 1, 2024.** All remaining eligible Canadian residents can apply in 2025.

FREE AFTERSCHOOL CARE

The Cool Aid Society offers afterschool programming to children ages 5 to 14 at no cost to families

Visit us at www.coolaidsociety.ca for more information

SUMMER SALE 50% OFF

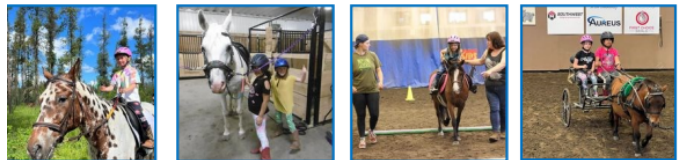
50% off any summer camp booking with the code **SUMMERSALE50**

Inclusive Youth Summer Day Camps

Come join us at summer camp! Our youth day camp is full of fun and friendship. It is also full of all kinds of learning and personal-discovery hidden within the games, activities and adventures. Almost all of PARDS' programs are incorporated into the day camps. It's a fantastic way to learn the basics of horse care, riding, horsemanship, cart driving and much more.

Youth day camp is open to children between the ages of 6 (as of January 1 of camp year) and 14, of all abilities. Campers spend each day practicing and learning the basics of horse care and horsemanship through activities, lessons and hands-on learning. Youth Leadership activities are also incorporated into the daily camp schedule along with games, group activities and crafts.

For more information and to register, visit our website www.pards.ca



- Dates**
- Week 1 July 8 - July 12
 - Week 2 July 15 - July 19
 - Week 3 July 29 - August 2
 - Week 4 August 10 - August 23
 - Week 5 August 26 - August 30





Building Buddies Summer Camp

Does your child struggle in social situations? This free 5-day program is designed to support youth, ages 8-10, with social skills development in a fun and playful environment. Skills include: turn-taking, problem solving, verbal and nonverbal communication, and many more. Snacks, lunch, and a swag bag will be provided.

Summer Program Details

Dates: July 8th – 12th (9 spots available)
August 26th – 30th (9 spots available)

Time: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. (Lunch & pick-up from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

Location: 6th Floor Nordic Court
(10014 – 99 Street Grande Prairie)

For more information, or to register, please contact (780)-538-5162.



Building Buddies Summer Camp

Does your child struggle in social situations? This free 5-day program is designed to support youth, ages 11-13, with social skills development in a fun and playful environment. Skills include: relationship building, problem solving, verbal and nonverbal communication, and many more. Snacks, lunch, and a swag bag will be provided.

Summer Program Details

Dates: July 8th – 12th (9 spots available)
August 26th – 30th (9 spots available)

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Lunch & drop-off from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

Location: 6th Floor Nordic Court
(10014 – 99 Street Grande Prairie)

For more information, or to register, please contact (780)-538-5162.



Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

May/June 2024



Alberta Health Services is proud to offer FREE online programming to caregivers of school-age children and youth as well as adults in the community who want to learn more about addiction and mental health topics.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

Click [HERE](#) to view the full edition of the Caregiver Education Team Newsletter.

Save the Date

End of Year Assembly!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH
WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AT
9:00AM WITH SPECIAL GRADE 6
RECOGNITION

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