



**Grande Prairie
Public School
Division**

PARKSIDE MONTESSORI

Montessori News

May News



May has arrived and the beautiful signs of Spring are popping up all around us! We continue to spend time exploring the outdoors and taking our learning outside when the weather permits. We have been fortunate to start the month off with such beautiful weather.

May is going to be another exciting month of learning for the children of Parkside. We will participate in Hats on for Mental Health, Duct Tape Day, School Spirit Day and Hot Lunches. Grade 4-6 students will have the opportunity to play in the 3D Children's Charity ball hockey and soccer tournament on May 9th.

This month our butterfly larvae will arrive, and our Casa-Grade 3 students will have an opportunity to watch their life cycle unfold. We are looking forward to bringing additional spring learning opportunities in our classroom as students gain hands-on, up-close experiences with life cycles of plants and living creatures. Thank you to International Paper for supplying these for our school!

Parkside is pleased to announce that Desiree Miguel has been recognized by the Alberta School Council Association with the Parent of Distinction Award. We are grateful for all that Desiree does to contribute to our school community through School Council, the Fundraising Guild and in the connections, she builds with others in our school community. The Award was announced online at the annual conference and AGM for ASCA and Desiree will be recognized with our

students and parent community at an upcoming assembly.

As part of our on-going school planning and assurance to stakeholders, we are in the process of updating our new 3-year Education Plan for Parkside Montessori. If you are interested in engaging in discussion about the priorities of our school, please let us know! We continue to share and discuss our existing priorities, strategies, and results with our School Council each month. At our June School Council meeting, we will share some of the strategies in-progress and completed this year and planning for the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you also to our parent community for completing the Division and Provincial Assurance surveys. The information we receive back from the surveys is used to assist in planning priorities, outcomes, and strategies for our school. We will share highlights from these surveys over the next few weeks.

Wishing you a May full of sunshine, laughter, and hope.

-Miss Corrine & Miss Terra



Casa 1 friends on Sunglasses & Beach Day!

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*When children come into
contact with nature, they
reveal their strength.*

-Maria Montessori

School Council & Fundraising Guild

Parkside Montessori School Council Mission Statement:

Parkside Montessori School Council seeks to support the social, emotional, and academic well-being of our students in partnership with parents and our school staff. As representative, we aim to engage our diverse school community and support initiatives that reflect their unique perspectives.

The School Council of Parkside Montessori meets regularly on the first Monday of every month at 6pm in the school library. All Parkside Montessori parents are welcome to attend meetings.

Regular meetings of the Board for the Fundraising Guild of Parkside Montessori are on the first Monday of every month at 7:15 pm in the school Library (& Zoom, email for link).

If you'd like to learn more about our operations or how to get involved please feel free to join us. If you're interested in short-term volunteer opportunities, have suggestions for fundraisers, or have any other feedback, we invite you to email us at:

theguild.pm@gmail.com



Spring Market
Saturday, May 10

Open from 10:00 am until 3.00 pm
Parkside Montessori Gym, 9617 91A Ave, Grande Prairie

Check out the WIDE variety of products offered in these student businesses!

PAX Spring Market is a fundraising collaboration between the school and the Fundraising Guild of Parkside Montessori. Any profits from these student-run businesses will be donated to the Fundraising Guild to support the purchase of STEM learning carts that include tools, hardware, and thousands of building components.

PAX Spring Market is being held in conjunction with the Highland Park Neighbourhood Associations Spring Celebration

[Celebrate Spring with Highland Park | City of Grande Prairie](#)

We hope you can come and check out the great businesses and products our young entrepreneurs have to offer!



Casa dei Bambini, Preschool & Kindergarten

April was a wonderful month of learning in our Casa de Bambini classes! We focused on learning about birds and castles.

In May, we will shift our focus to learning about communities. We will have the opportunity over the next couple of months to participate in field trips to support our learning. Please watch for dates of upcoming field trips in our weekly bulletin.

In Language, students will continue to practice their letter recognition and phonemic awareness. We will spend some time talking about sentences, and practice using proper capitalization and punctuation.

In Math, we will work on shape exploration and measurement. We will continue to practice working on number sense. Students who are ready will practice proper number formation.

We look forward to all the fun things coming in May!

-Miss Laura & Miss Trisha



Lower Elementary, Gr. 1, 2, 3

Hello from the ELMO 1,2,3 Team!

April was full of fun and exciting learning opportunities. Students were thrilled to complete our March Math Madness! Ask your child to share their flashcards with you and celebrate their fact fluency!

The Lower ELMO classes are exploring different areas of the Math curriculum including four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division), fractions, measurement, time, and money. In Language Arts we are focusing on writing including increasing stamina and creating more complex sentences. In Science students are investigating Living Systems, Computer Science, and Scientific Methods. Each class will be conducting research projects. In Social Studies we are continuing to examine the units on Systems and Citizenship.

We are in the process of planning some fantastic field trips for the students to explore in these last months of school. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to volunteer on these exciting field trips! We will want to spend more time outdoors and since the weather can change quickly during this time of year, please ensure that your child has the appropriate outerwear/footwear and a set of spare clothes at school.

We are looking forward to what May has in store for us!

*-Miss Karissa, Miss Julianne, Miss Jen,
Miss Lora Rae, Miss Melissa, and Mr. Josh*



Upper Elementary, Gr. 4, 5, 6

Hello from Upper ELMO!

Greetings from the Upper ELMO team! Everyone returned from Spring Break well rested and ready to learn. The annual Egg hunt was a hit. Students were excited to participate in a student election and participate in the last MALT of the year.

In April, our focus in Math was all things geometry, algebra, and measurement. Students have been learning all about symmetry and tessellations. As we move into May, we will be reviewing the main concepts from earlier in the year and preparing our grade 6 students to write the Provincial Achievement Tests.

In Language, students continue to build their reading and writing skills. Students are really focusing on building paragraphs and short stories. They are diving into digital resources and creating podcasts, news broadcasts and digital magazines. Students enjoy learning about non-fiction text features.

In Social Studies, students have been learning about government systems. The federal election has been an interesting current event that has sparked many discussions. Miss Kristen's students organized a polling station and led everyone in a mock election to learn about how to vote.

In Science students have completed their sky science. Miss Jackie's class made models of the solar system and Miss Desiree's used Scratch coding to create digital models of celestial objects. Miss Stefanie's students made alien passports for either the Sun, our moon or a planet depending on grade level. Moving forward, students will be learning all about Earth systems and the geosphere.

Art students are continuing with symmetry, tessellation, and digital art. The grade 5 students have been working on sculpture and enjoyed being in the kitchen to build edible sculptures.

We have many field trips coming up and the students are excited to get out and investigate the world. Please check out our weekly emails for dates and deadlines for these trips. We hope you have a wonderful May!

-Miss Desiree, Miss Jackie, Miss Kristen, & Miss Stefanie



Our "house" band —JAM PAX made their debut at the March Math Madness Wrap-Up Assembly on April 15th.



PAX Ball Hockey and Soccer teams are preparing for the 3D Charity tournament coming up on May 9th!

On the Calendar...



May

- May 5- School Council meeting @ 6pm**
- Fundraising Guild meeting @ 7:15pm**
- May 6 & 8- Fire/Evacuation Drills**
- May 7- Hats on for Mental Health**
- May 9- Hot Lunch** (Major's online pre-order)
- 3D Charity Ball Hockey & Soccer Tournament**
- May 10- PAX Spring Market, 10am-3pm**
- May 15- Duct Tape Day**
- May 16- No School for Students** (Professional Learning Day for staff)
- May 19- No School for Students & Staff** (Victoria Day)
- May 20- School Spirit Day**
- May 23- Hot Lunch** (State & Main online pre-order)
- May 30- Western Day**
- Hot Lunch** (Harvey's online pre-order)



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The Spring Session of MunchaLunch is open for orders! We are happy to announce that after requests, we have added more lunch dates!



**Spring
Session
Open!**

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Menus Available:
(Scroll down and click Next)

04/11 (Fri) - Subway
04/25 (Fri) - Brooklyn Dumpling
04/30 (Wed) - Booster Juice
05/09 (Fri) - Major's
05/23 (Fri) - State and Main
05/30 (Fri) - Harvey's
06/02 (Mon) - Edo Japan
06/11 (Wed) - Major's
06/20 (Fri) - Hot Dog Day-Parent Volunteer Made
06/25 (Wed) - Boston Pizza

We have a couple new vendors to try! A sign-up genius for Hot Dog Day volunteers will be created closer to the date - you can also express interest with the "volunteer" tab after you place your order & we'll make sure to email you the sign up directly when it's set up. Place your orders [HERE](#). If you have any questions send us a message or email us at: theguild.pm@gmail.com

April's Marvelous M.A.L.T. (multi-activity learning time)



Thank you leaders and helpers for making learning so much fun for everyone!

We had planting, building & Lego challenges, STEM Challenges, puzzles, hammer art, Scratch coding, cheerleading, dance, slime, beading, BeeBots, soccer, parachute games, Spring water colours, tie dye, paper bag kites, baking, name art, and more!



Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

May/June 2025



Recovery Alberta 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.

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