

June News



**Grande Prairie
Public School
Division**

PARKSIDE MONTESSORI

Montessori News

We are entering the final month of our ninth successful year of learning and exploration at Parkside Montessori. We are proud of the achievements of our students and teachers throughout the 2024-2025 school year. The results from our Division and Provincial Assurance Surveys confirm that students, parents, and teachers are highly satisfied with our school community. We appreciate being part of a collaborative team of students, parents, and staff, all dedicated to providing the best possible learning experience for the children at Parkside.

As we look back on our experiences this year, it is important to acknowledge the numerous events we have to celebrate, particularly the diverse and engaging learning opportunities provided for our students. Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, we achieved many things and had tons of fun along the way! Key highlights include:

- Annual GPPSD Fun Run
- Leadership Academy (Social Emotional Learning "Camp" in September)
- Read-a-thon
- 4-6 Calgary Engineers Presentation
- STEM learning and challenges
- Montessori Parent sessions during Celebration of Learning
- School Council Family Dance
- Alberta Musical Theatre Performance
- Telus World of Science planetarium
- STEM coding robotics
- Talent Shows
- Full school pumpkin carving/decorating
- Halloween Costume Parades
- Christmas events, activities and concerts
- Brunch for Lunch
- Drummer Al Crawford
- Metis Fiddler
- School Spirit Days
- Tons of outdoor PE Fun!
- Not Yet Days in PE
- Remembrance Day Assembly and Family Honor Wall
- Various theme days. Examples include,
 - Color Days
 - Tie Dye Day
 - Duct Tape Day
 - Anything but a Backpack Day
- Visits with our Grand Buddies at the Care Centre
- 3D Charity Soccer and Ball Hockey Tournament
- Engaged School Council and Fundraising Guild supporting our school
- Pax's Den Marketplace
- Student projects, presentations, and individual milestones celebrated daily
- Literacy Week
- Community Kindness Week 2025
- Fourth Annual Egg Hunt
- Grade 5/6 Division Athletic opportunities (Triple Ball, Basketball, Track)
- M.A.L.T. days
- Celebration of Learning
- Orange Shirt Day
- Various cultural learning and celebrations
- Field Trips
- Student Advisory
- Various Student led clubs (Lego club, Cree Club, Soccer Club, etc.)
- Grade 6 Walk Through the Forest
- Grade 4-6 trip to Historic Dunvegan
- Grade 4-6 bowling statistics project
- Grade 1-3 visit to City Hall and the Library
- Casa trip to the Fire Station
- School Patrollers
- JAM PAX House Band!
- Student Leadership Opportunities (Office helpers, Library helpers, School Patrol, Peer mentorship, etc.)

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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Joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul.

-Dr. 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.



On behalf of the students and staff of Parkside Montessori, we would like to thank our School Council and Fundraising Guild for their work supporting our school community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller



Thank you to all who participated in and supported our PAX Spring Market on May 10th.

Our student entrepreneurs raised over \$4600 that will be donated to the Fundraising Guild to support the purchase of STEM learning carts that include tools, hardware, and thousands of building components. Every business made a profit!

We look forward to seeing how much more can be raised at our PAX Pop-Up Market that will be open during the Spring Family Dance on Friday, June 13th!



Casa dei Bambini, Preschool & Kindergarten

Happy June!

Thank you so much to all our Parkside village for your support, communication, engagement and positivity. It has been a truly wonderful year of learning, laughter, growing, and finding gratitude for so many things in our Casa dei Bambini classes. Our students have developed strong friendships, academic and practical life skills, as well as important social-emotional learning which has had a huge impact on our classroom communities. We have watched our students transform into readers and writers, scientists, and expert complementors just to name a few of their accomplishments. June is shaping up to be a month of outdoor exploration, scientific discovery and above all, celebration of our students and the important work they have done and continue to do in the Casa classes. Please keep an eye on your inbox for more information to come on end of year celebrations.

In June we are looking forward to watching our class caterpillars form their chrysalises and will be eagerly awaiting the metamorphosis into butterflies! The children have been documenting all the changes they observe and cannot wait to release the butterflies back into nature. Also, this month, we will be continuing our study of leaders in our community as well as exploring some wonderful local spaces as we finish up field trips to the Pete Eagar Fire Hall, the Grande Prairie Public Library and to the Grande Prairie Care Centre once more to visit with our Grand Buddies to name a few. There are bound to be lots of outdoor experiences included so please be sure to send your child to school in closed toe outdoor shoes so that they can run and take part in the fun! Sun hats, sunglasses, and water bottles are also good accessories to send along at this time of year. We hope everyone has a lovely June, and a safe and joyful summer vacation!

-Miss Laura & Miss Trisha



Lower Elementary, Gr. 1, 2, 3



Hello from the ELMO 1,2,3 Team!

May was a wonderful month of learning and fun! The Gr. 1,2,3 students have been enjoying getting to apply their writing skills using their imagination and individuality to create their own poetry. In Math, students have been working on measurement and further refining their number sense.

The ELMO 1,2,3 classes all got to go on a field trip to the library and City Hall where they met some of the council members. This was a great opportunity for the students to gain a better understanding of our municipal government and make some personal connections to the Social Studies unit we just completed. It was such a fun field trip!

As we approach the end of the school year, we find ourselves in June— a month packed with exciting learning experiences! We have several field trips planned specifically for our Lower ELMO students, and we would love to have parent volunteers join us on these adventures. Please keep an eye on your email and your child's backpack for important information and field trip forms. Your involvement makes these experiences even more enriching for our students.

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our school families. Your support and collaboration have played a vital role in making this year a memorable one for our students. As we wrap up the school year, we wish you all a fantastic summer filled with joy and relaxation. Thank you!

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

Upper Elementary, Gr. 4, 5, 6

Hello from Upper ELMO!

Summer is almost here - but first, we have lots of fun activities and more learning to finish off our year. Miss Stefanie has begun her maternity leave. We wish her the best as she prepares for the birth of her baby. We welcome Miss Asia to our Upper ELMO team. We are so excited to have her join us to finish out the school year.

A highlight from May was our trip to Historic Dunvegan Provincial Park where students enjoyed exploring historical buildings and learning all about the Fur Trade. Students spent the whole day outside and enjoyed beautiful weather in a lovely setting. Students also represented Parkside at the 3D Children's Charity Ball-Hockey and Soccer tournament. We had three soccer teams and two ball-hockey teams. Students showed excellent sportsmanship and were great ambassadors for our school.

This month in Language, students are continuing narrative and functional writing. In Math we continue to work on measurement as well as reviewing numeracy concepts from the beginning of the year such as multiplication and division. Students will focus on abstract thinking towards multi-step and collaborative open-ended problems. In Science all grades are learning about living systems and how the different parts of the earth work together. In Social Studies, students continue to learn about democracy and citizenship.

In Art, students have been enjoying sculpture and textile arts. In Music, students have really enjoyed working with the Boom Whackers.

As mentioned, we are really looking forward to a strong finish to this amazing school year. There will be notes, forms and messages coming home about the field trips and learning projects that we will fit in before summer hits, keep your eye out!

Wishing you a wonderful June!

-Miss Desiree, Miss Jackie, Miss Kristen, & Miss Asia



On the Calendar...



June

June 2- Hot Lunch (Edo Japan online pre-order)
School Council @ 6pm followed by Fundraising Guild @ 7:15pm

June 3- Gr. 5/6 Division Track & Field

June 6- No School for Students (Professional Learning Day for staff)

June 11- Tie-Dye Day
Hot Lunch (Major's online pre-order)

June 13- Kindergarten Year End Celebrations
Family Dance & Pop-Up PAX Market

June 18- Silly Business Day (formerly "Break the Rules Day")


June 20- Hot Lunch (Hot Dog Day, online pre-order)

June 23- School Spirit Day

June 24- T/Th Preschool Reports go home

June 25- Last Day for Students
Year End Assembly & Gr. 6 Recognition
Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza online pre-order)
M/W Preschool Reports go home
K-6 Report Cards on PowerSchool


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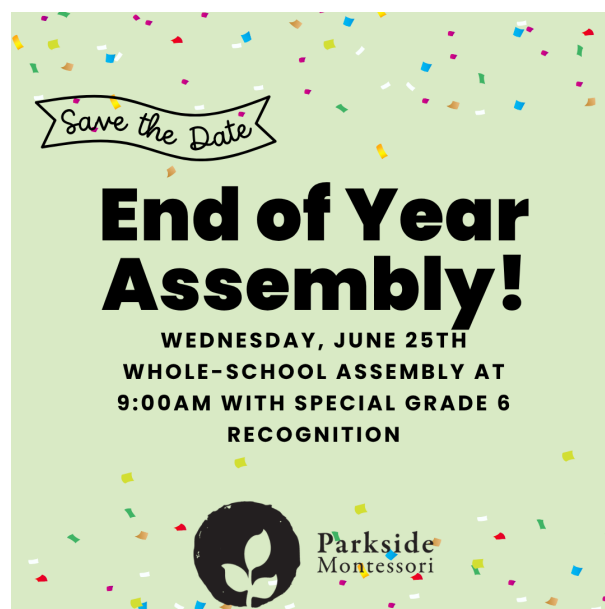


Save the Date

**End of Year
Kindergarten
Celebration!**

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2025
MORNING STUDENTS, 10:00AM
AFTERNOON STUDENTS, 1:30PM


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Save the Date

**End of Year
Assembly!**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH
WHOLE-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AT
9:00AM WITH SPECIAL GRADE 6
RECOGNITION

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National Indigenous History **Month**

#NIHM2025

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada! To learn more about National Indigenous History Month click [HERE](#).

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day



FIRST RIDE

PROGRAM

This program introduces young children and their parents to the school bus and school bus safety.



AUGUST 21, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM



GYMNASIUM AT ECOLE
CATHOLIQUE LOUIS RIEL
6201 TAMARACK DRIVE,
GRANDE PRAIRIE

Why You Should Join Us

- ✓ Ease First-Day Jitters
- ✓ Learn Essential Safety Skills
- ✓ No Registration Required
- ✓ There's No Cost to Attend



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