



December Newsletter

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**Parkland Composite
High School**

Principal's Message

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Special points of interest:

- * Christmas Break!
- * Sports
- * Humanitarian Efforts
- * Scholarships

It seems as if the 2010 – 2011 school year started last month but we are already into the last few days before the Christmas Break. Our 1st Term has been very busy, filled with action-packed events and valuable presentations. The Absolute Leadership Group visited our school, encouraging our students to live with purpose and positively change their world. Our Remembrance Day ceremony was well received by students and dignitaries, ending with a powerful music video of Canadian soldiers killed in action overseas. A celebration was held for our “Impossible to Possible” Youth Ambassador, Jessie Lilly, as she participated in a grueling yet incredible Amazon expedition with the main purpose being to raise money for a permanent school building in the Tapajos. Our Senior Boys volleyball team participated in a tournament in Hawaii this fall with a very impressive second place finish. Mr. Dwayne Peace from the “Dare to Care” organization presented on the important topic of life’s challenges in secondary school to all of our students throughout the morning of November 2nd and worked with a small group of students in the afternoon. Our students enjoyed FNMI speaker and comedian, Mr. Don Burnstick, as he outlined the importance of making healthy choices in life. “Take Our Kids to Work Day” proved to be successful once again as our Grade 9 students gained real-life experience in the “World of Work” with local businesses and organizations. Our annual Career Fair had representatives from numerous institutions providing valuable information for students regarding post-secondary studies and possible careers. Our 3rd Annual Pink Pancake Breakfast had tremendous volunteer support from parents and staff members. This important anti-bullying initiative raised community awareness as participants wore pink anti-bullying shirts. During the Pink Pancake Breakfast, Eagle Radio deejays, Patti Shea and John Walker, broadcast their morning show out of our gymnasium. Our students continue to be actively involved in humanitarian initiatives such as the Edson Food Bank drive and Students Against Drunk Driving.



Being an important member of the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division team, we embrace and put into practice GYPSD’s main areas of focus: Improving student learning, building leadership capacity and succession planning and improving external and internal communications. We truly appreciate strong parental support of Early Dismissal Fridays every week, allowing school personnel to meet and plan creative ways to enhance student programming.

On behalf of PCHS, have a wonderful holiday season!

Mr. D. Amiot

Christmas and New Year

Christmas is just around the corner! Parkland's last day of school for students and staff is December 17, 2010 and classes will resume on January 3, 2011. During Christmas break if anyone is looking to go skiing at Marmot Basin, the Town of Edson is offering a ski/snowboarding trip on Dec.21/10 from 7:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m. The bus will leave from the Leisure Centre. You can call 780-723-4403 for more information. There will also be an Annual Tree of Sharing at the Town of Edson . With a \$1.00 donation , a



Christmas Ornament with your name on it will be put on the tree. Let's show the people of Edson what Parkland students /staff are all about. Donate today! Proceeds from the tree will be given to the Kinettes Club Christmas Hamper Campaign, which in turn helps people in our community over the Christmas season. Just a reminder for all, Drinking and Driving do not mix, Please be safe and careful. May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. See you in January 2011!

Food Drive & Shoe Boxes

With Christmas fast approaching the staff and students at Parkland once again participate in the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. The spirit of Christmas seems to bring out the kindness and generosity of people. The filling of a shoe box gives all the opportunity to give to those children who are less fortunate. The chance to bring a smile to a child's face when they open their shoe box is

just part of it. Knowing that for one moment you have made the slightest difference in another person's life makes us all feel worthy. As well as putting a smile on someone's face Parkland helps put a warm meal on

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their table. The Parkland Food Drive has started once again this year. Please bring in healthy family friendly foods. Christmas is a time of sharing. Your donation could change how people spend Christmas. Each classroom has a donation box. The deadline is the 17th and there will be a food sculpture building activity.

Basketball

On November 22, 24 & 26th, tryouts were held for the Senior Girls, Senior Boys, JV Girls & JV Boys Basketball Teams. Although there was a smaller turnout than anticipated, Senior Girls Head Coach Ms. Willcott & JV Head Coach Miss Denvir were able to fill their respective rosters. Head Coaches for the Senior Boys Mr. & Mrs. Rowand & JV Boys Head Coach Mr. Preston Langdon would face the same circumstance. Teams picked, the

practices started immediately as the Senior Girls & Boys are off to Grande Prairie on December 3/10 for their first tournament. Following that they head to Rocky Mountain House with more to come. JV Coaches have four tournaments booked for their teams with their first tournament in January 2011. The grade nine Parkland/Pine Grove Panthers Basketball team is being coached by a familiar coach Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose has coached

through the years at Pine Grove and now has moved over to coach the grade nine/eight girls at Parkland. The Parkland/Pine Grove Panthers boys grade nine team is coached by Mr. Keith Little. Their tryouts were held November 23, 25 & 30th. Teams have been picked and tournaments booked with dates and places to follow. Good luck to all the teams.

December Scholarships

Deadline	SCHOLARSHIP /BURSARY/GRANT	AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Dec 1	EL Publishers Scholarship	Up to \$10 000	Grade 11 or 12 student; 500 word essay required
Dec 1	OIKOS Global Award	\$200-\$500	Individual or group project that has helped your peers
Dec 14	Canada Millennium Excellence Awards	\$4000-\$20 000	Any program, leadership, community service, academic achievement
Dec 15	U of A Academic Excellence (based on grade 11 marks)		80% avg from grade 11 required and planning to attend U of A in the fall.
Dec 15	Burger King Scholarships	\$1000	2.5 on 4.0 scale; part-time work, community service, extra-curricular
Dec 15	The Culinary Trust Scholarship	Varies	A variety of scholarships related to Post-secondary in culinary school
Dec 31	Brian Hutchinson Genealogical Scholarship	\$500	For studies in field of genealogy and family history, short essay required
Dec 31	ScotiaLine® Personal Line of Credit for Students Bursaries Program	\$1000 x24	Enter online and to see if you qualify
Dec 31	MBNA Canada® "Scholarship" Award Contest	\$2500	Enter online and to see if you qualify

January Scholarships

Deadline	SCHOLARSHIP /BURSARY/GRANT	AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
Jan 18	Métis Education Foundation Métis Scholar Awards	\$1500 - \$4000	Enrolled in program at Grant MacEwan, Metis Heritage, Financial need
Jan 18	CEMP Undergraduate Scholarships	\$5000 x5	For women entering in field of engineering
Jan 22	Top 20 Under 20 Youth Award	Up to \$2000 X20	Demonstrate a significant level of innovation, achievement, and leadership
Jan 28	The DuPont Science Essay Challenge	\$100-\$3000	Science essay contest grades 7-12
Jan 30	Robin Rousseau Mem Mountain Achiev't Schol'p	Tuition	AB student enrolling in Mountain Leadership, Safety course
Jan 31	Caribou Research Award	\$1500	Canadian citizens, FT studies planned, preference to resident in one of caribou-using communities and students conducting research in this field
Jan 31	Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Schol'p	\$1000 x3	Students who are hard of hearing, deafened, or oral deaf, registered FT, academic, determination to cope & community involvement
Jan 31	Young Women of Vision Bursary	\$1500	Young women entering 1 st year studies at Grant MacEwan College

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Jan 31	Agnes Jacks/Cara Brown Scholarship	\$750-\$1000	Actively involved in ringette and enrolling in post-secondary education
Jan 31	Mensa Canada Scholarship	\$750-\$1000	Any program, essay requirement (on career goals),
Jan 31	Royal Bank Native Student Award	Up to \$4000 for 4 yrs	FNMI student in full-time studies, financial need, maintain good academic standing
Jan 31	Toyota Earth Day Scholarship	\$5000 x15	Entering first year of PS studies, haven shown environmental community service, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and academic excellence.

APPROXIMATE TIMELINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES/GRANTS AND CONTESTS (please check online or with the LINKS staff for updates and actual deadlines for the current or upcoming school year)

Exam Schedule

	TUESDAY, JAN. 25	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26	THURSDAY, JAN. 27	FRIDAY, JAN. 28	MONDAY, JAN. 31			
8:45 to 10:45	MATH 30P MATH 30A 9:00 TO 11:00 COM-PUTER LABS	SCIENCE 9 PAT SCIENCE 9 K&E PAT FRENCH SCIENCE 9 9:00 TO 10:15 COMPUTER LABS	CHEMISTRY 30 9:00 TO 11:00 COMPUTER LABS	ENGLISH 9 ENGLISH 9 K&E PHYSICS 30 9:00 TO 11:00 COM-PUTER LABS	MATH 9 FRENCH MATH 9 MATH 9 K&E	SCIENCE 30 9:00 TO 11:00 OFFICE	Science 20 Math 10-3 Math 24	CHEMISTRY 20 25
11:00 to 1:00		FLA 20-1, 20-2 English 20-2 40	Science 10 Science 14 70	ENGLISH 10-2 ENGLISH 10-1 79	Social 10-1 Math 20 Applied 79	PHYSICS 20 19		
1:15 to 3:15		English 20-1 Math 10 C 74	Social 10-2 Biology 20 62	Social 20-1 Social 20-2 55	Math 20 Pure 45			