



December 2010

Parkland Village School



Christmas Concert

“Santa’s Christmas Hoedown”

Thursday, December 2nd, 2010

At 6:30 p.m.

Horizon Stage, 1001 Calahoo Road, Spruce Grove



Our staff, children and parents have been working extremely hard this last month on our Christmas concert, and the songs, dances and sets are really starting to come together. We are very excited about our upcoming concert. Tickets have been distributed to families, and we still have a few extra tickets available for families that need another seat. SEE YA'LL THERE!

A BIG Parkland Village School THANK YOU to Mrs. Debbie Malone for all of her hard work behind the scenes.

Kindergarten and SEEDS Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 16th, 2010

Students should arrive at the school no later than 6:10 p.m.

At Parkland Village School at 6:30 p.m. in the gym

Look forward to seeing you there.

School Council Fundraiser



We would like to extend a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our Parkland Village parents and students for a very successful fundraiser. We raised \$8,130.55, our biggest fundraiser ever. Profits from this fundraiser will be going towards the purchase of Apple iPads for our children, Boom Whackers (a musical instrument), as well as library resources.

We still have lots of chocolate bars at the school, \$2.00 each or buy a case of 30 for \$60.00 and sell to families and co-workers. Just stop by the school to pick up your chocolate bars.

Thursday,
Dec. 16th
Popcorn Day



Tuesday,
Dec. 14th
Hot Lunch Day
Gr. 1 to Gr.4



BAKE/CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Our Parkland Village School Council will be hosting a bake/ Christmas card sale after the Christmas Concert, all goods will be in the lounge area of Horizon Stage, prices range from .50¢ - \$4.00. The Christmas cards have been artfully decorated by our students and will be available for sale as well.

A special “THANK YOU” to all the parents who donated baked goods for our bake sale.

Empathy Awards

Were Awarded to:

Grade 1

**Matthew Smith
Aurora Milne**

Grade 2A

**Malachi Carnegie
Sarah Fisher
Skyler Weigel**

Grade 2B

**Hannah Kozak
April Morrison**

Grade 3A

**Breanna Currie
Kaitlyn Cumby
Cassie Stephens**

Grade 3B

**Cole Doak
Faith Erickson
Darren Mulcahey
Lucas Pysar**

Grade 4

**Crystal Gagne
Kaity Milne
Ethan Sidor**

Congratulations!

**December's theme
is:**

Compassion



COLD WEATHER REMINDER

During cold weather, please be certain that your child comes dressed with hat, scarf, mitts or gloves, well enough to spend time playing outside during recess and lunch hour. On cold weather days, it is best if students plan on arriving at school close to bell time in the morning and afternoon. When it is extremely cold, students stay in their classrooms during recess. Students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. and asked to go directly home or to the babysitters.

In the event of inclement weather or other emergencies, which may threaten the health and safety of students, the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the Coordinator of Transportation is authorized by the Board of Education to close Parkland School Division schools. Official announcements will be made on CFCW 790 local radio station. When school is cancelled, someone will be at the school in case a child arrives. Parents will be contacted before sending the child back home. **Even though busses are running and school is open, the final decision to send your child to school rests with you the parent. If you, as a parent, think the weather conditions make it unsafe for your children to attend school, please keep them at home.**

Please make sure your child knows what to do should the need arise for early school closure during the day. We will make every effort to ensure each child knows where to go before being dismissed.

Congratulations Grade 4

on meeting your reading targets,
they were rewarded by being
chosen to attend an
Oil King's game on
November 24th,
a good time was had by all.

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th, 2010

At 6:30 p.m.

All parents are invited to attend the
meeting.

Parents/Guardians,

Please write to your teacher either in your child's agenda or in a note (this is such an important tool to keep the communication, and information flowing back and forth between home and school) especially when you know the dates your child is going to be away. Also, use it to update phone #'s. The teachers will ensure the information will be passed along to the office. Information changes so much, and we all are trying to keep it as current as possible.

In our agenda you will find Parkland Village School's Handbook. Here you will find very important information regarding our school and our school's policies.

Don't Forget

School Fees were Due Sept. 30th

Instructional

Material Fees

\$57.00 (all grades)

Agenda

\$8.00

(Kindergarten to Gr. 4)

Swimming Fee

\$35.00 (Gr. 1 - Gr. 4)


Due January 3rd., 2011

Cheques payable to: Parkland Village School

Due to financial hardship IMF fees can be waived, please contact the school and request a waiver of fees.

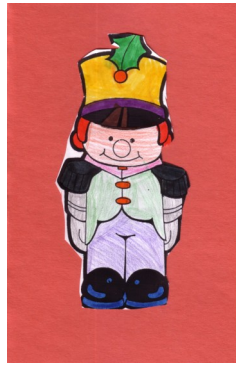


December 2010 Monthly Theme is Compassion

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Christmas Rehearsal Horizon Stage 10:00 a.m.	2 Christmas Concert Horizon Stage 6:30 p.m. Children need to be at Horizon Stage by 6:10 p.m.	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Cultural Performance "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Horizon Stage - 9:30 a.m.	10	11
12	13	14 Hot Lunch Day Gr. 1-4 only	15 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	16 Popcorn Day Spirit Assembly * 9:00 am * Please note time Change Theme: Compassion Pajama Day Kindergarten and SEEDS Christmas Concert at PVS @ 6:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21	22 Christmas Break	23	24	25 Christmas Day 
26	27	28 Christmas Break	29	30	31	1 Happy New Year



Christmas Cards
Created by
Grade 2A



LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grade 3 Sport's Club change in dates.

Club will meet - Wednesday, Dec. 1
Wednesday, Dec. 15

Retakes were recently sent home—please process your picture order as soon as you can, and we will try to get them back before Christmas break.

Just a little heartwarming story to share with you:

WHEN ANGELS ARE REALLY BUSY

I was driving home from a meeting, stuck in traffic about 5 PM and the car started to choke and splutter and die. I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station. I tried to start the car and it wouldn't even turn over. Before I could call a tow truck, I saw a woman walking out of the quickie mart, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay.

When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen. She was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give to her -- it was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat) and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying, "I don't want my kids to see me crying." Abandoned by her husband and their father she was headed to California to live with her parents until she could get on her feet.

So I asked, "And you were praying? Well, He heard you and He sent me."

I took out my card, swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the McDonald's next door, bought food enough for all, plus some gift certificates, and gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?" This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

As you might guess, when I went to my car, it started right away.



**Parkland Village School staff would like to wish our families
a magical, wonderful and safe holiday season.**

See you January 3rd, 2011!