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Principal's Message...

Welcome Back to School – A Message from the Principal

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable winter break. As we kick off 2025, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the opportunities and growth that await us in the second half of the school year.

This year promises to be an exciting one, full of learning, personal growth, and meaningful connections. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work planning engaging lessons, activities, and events that will inspire and challenge our students to reach new heights. We are off to a wonderful start in 2025 with lots going on! We have already kicked off the basketball season, archery starts next week, and craft club is in full swing. Our Jasper Ski Trip will take place on March 7th (details will be sent home to those that signed up next week) and our Rabbit Hill Ski Day will be on March 10th (more details to be sent home soon).

Before the break we introduced the students to Tomahawk Teams, a new initiative where students get the opportunity to earn points and rewards for their Teams throughout the year. Students will periodically spend Team Days with their team groups which consist of students from every grade. During these days, students will plan and participate in quintessential childhood experiences that support them in their physical literacy, collaboration skills, time outdoors, exploring interests, and developing relationships with staff and students from across the school.

Our first Tomahawk Teams Day is planned for January 28th which will double up with our Family Literacy Day. You are invited to join us in the afternoon when we will have multiple literacy based activities for students to explore with their teammates and any family members that are able to join us. More details to come as they are finalized!

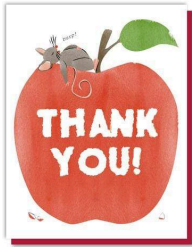
As we move forward, let's continue to embrace the values of respect, curiosity, and perseverance that make our school community so special. Together, we will make 2025 a year of success, collaboration, and accomplishment.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We are excited for what's to come and can't wait to see all the incredible things our students will achieve in the months ahead!

Here's to a fantastic start to the new year!

Warm regards, Miss Gilmour

Santas Anonymous - Thank You



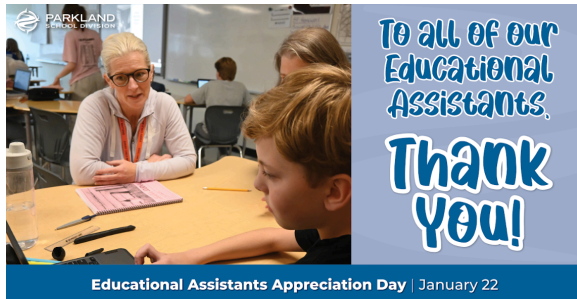
We are so pleased to announce that our school and community donated numerous toys and gifts, and monetary donations, totalling over **\$800** to Santas Anonymous in Drayton Valley. Thank

you to all who were able to take part.

A big thank you goes out to Friends of Tomahawk School for their generous donation.

Educational Assistants Appreciation Day

Wednesday, January 22nd is Educational Assistants Appreciation Day. If you see one of our EAs around, be sure to take a moment to thank them for the impactful work they do! Our students, classrooms, and school benefit so much from the support they give .



School Council/Friends of Tomahawk

The next School Council meeting will be held on **January 21st, 2025** @ 7:30 pm. If your schedule allows, please consider attending, as this is a great way to stay connected with your school and community! The meeting can be accessed using the following link:
meet.google.com/npx-bepk-pxa

January Hot Lunch



Hot Lunch for **January** will be the following:

January 9th - Lasagna Soup

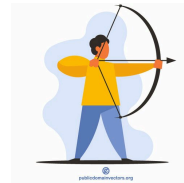
January 16th - Pancakes & Sausages

January 23rd - Cheesy Taco Pockets

January 30th - Domino's Pizza

Student Archery - Grades 4-9

Archery season is upon us! Archery will run every Tuesday from 3:15 - 4:45, beginning January 14th. With our newly renovated gym space, students will now be able to practice at the school! Students will have the opportunity to take part in tournaments in February and March.



Reporting Student Absences

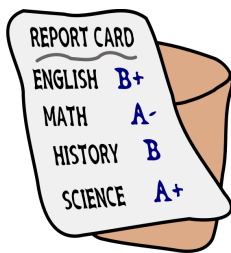
If your child is going to be absent from school, please remember to contact the school office, and their teacher. You can call 780.339.3935 or email tomahawk@psd.ca. Even on days when our buses are cancelled, please report that your child is safe at home, so that our records are accurate, and we don't worry for the safety of our students.

Family Literacy Day - January 28th

Tuesday, January 28th is Family Literacy Day, and we have many literacy based activities planned for students to take part in during the afternoon. Family members are welcome should you like to join your child for this special day. More information to follow!



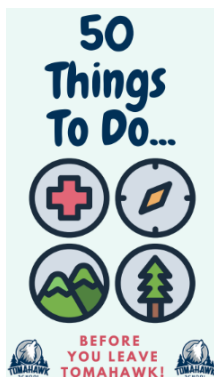
Report Cards



Semester 1 report cards will go live, and be available for viewing on your PowerSchool Parent Portal account on Thursday, January 30th. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the office and

one will be printed for you.

New - Tomahawk Teams!!



Before the holiday break, students were introduced to Tomahawk Team Days! Every student is part of a team, and there will be special team days throughout the year for students to explore different activities and interests, all while building

relationships with students in the school, outside of their grade level. Our first team day will be held on January 28th.

Dressing For The Weather



When the outside temperature drops below -23 with wind chill, students stay indoors for recess. However, please be sure that your child comes to school with proper winter

clothing and footwear, and is prepared for all types of weather while at school and on the bus.

Attendance Matters

Every minute counts
Good time keeping benefits your child's healthy morning routine and prevents loss in their learning.

Time Missed	Impact
5-10 MINS. EARLY	Your child has arrived in good time.
BELL RINGS	Morning routine begins.
5 MINS. LATE	Your child has missed their time to settle and get ready to learn. Anxiety may be setting in.
10 MINS. LATE	Your child will enter the classroom and students will have already gone over today's schedule and discussions will have begun.
15 MINS. LATE	The day's lessons are in full swing. Your child is now starting the day in a deficit. Anxiety can develop, leading to low participation or heightened emotions.

Better late than never, but never late is better! | PARKLAND ISD |

A 90% attendance rate means you're **chronically absent**. It's equivalent to missing one month of learning in a year. Absences reduce your chances of academic success and can be a source of anxiety for students, and negatively impact their mental well-being. It is never too late to improve attendance.

No School - PD Day

Mark your calendars! There will be no school for students on Friday, January 31st as it is a PD day for staff. Have a wonderful three day weekend everyone!! We will welcome students back on Monday, February 3rd.



January

- 6 - Classes Resume
- 7 - School Counselor In
- 8 - Basketball Game @ Copperhaven School - 5:10pm
- 9 - Hot Lunch - Lasagna Soup
- 14 - School Counselor In
- 14 - Archery Begins - 3:15 - 4:45pm
- 15 - Basketball Game vs Blueberry School - 4:00pm
- 16 - Hot Lunch - Pancakes & Sausages
- 21 - School Counselor In
- 21 - Archery - 3:15 - 4:45pm
- 22 - Basketball Game vs Muir Lake School - 4:00pm
- 23 - Hot Lunch - Cheesy Taco Pockets
- 27 - Basketball Game @ Duffield School - 3:45pm
- 28 - School Counselor In
- 28 - Tomahawk Teams Day!
- 28 - Family Literacy Day - Afternoon Only
- 28 - Archery - 3:15 - 4:45pm
- 29 - Gr 6 & 9 Immunizations Round 2
- 29 - Basketball Game @ High Park School - 4:45pm
- 30 - Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza
- 30 - Semester 1 Report Cards
- 31 - No School - PD Day