

May 9, 2022

Ama sah, Good afternoon Parkside students and families,

The fourth term is an important one for Parkside students as they focus on their school work and finish their courses. If poor attendance and unsatisfactory work habits are demonstrated throughout the fourth term, then a student's continued enrollment at Parkside for September 2022 is in jeopardy due to non-participation. If you have any questions or concerns about the information listed below, then hit "reply" to this email message and I will respond at my earliest convenience.



EXPECTATIONS: Each day the main entrance into Parkside is locked at 3:30PM. Students are not permitted to re-enter the building until the next day.



HEALTH: Before coming to class all students and staff **must complete a daily health check** (see **attached "Daily Health Check"**). If your teenager is unable to attend class, then please call the school (**250-635-5778**) and leave a message explaining the absence. **We have additional COVID-19 rapid test kits for students available in our main office upon request.**



SCENT FREE: Just a friendly reminder that Parkside is a **scent free school**. Students and staff are not permitted to use perfumes, after shaves, or scented lotions. We have students and staff that are very sensitive to these items. Your cooperation is appreciated.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Just a reminder that Parkside offers a self-paced learning program to support students with unique needs. When students are accepted into our school there is an expectation that regular attendance will happen, and two courses will be completed each term. Students must participate in our school's program to maintain their enrollment for September 2022.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Refer to the **attachment “Foundry Terrace May Calendar”** for a description of events happening at the Terrace Foundry site located on **3219 Eby Street**. Foundry offers youth aged 12-24 access to a variety of supports. Refer to the website [Foundry Terrace - \(foundrybc.ca\)](http://foundrybc.ca) for more information about this local organization in Terrace.



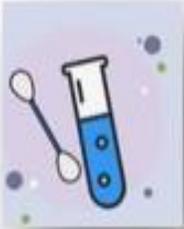
HORSEBACK RIDING: On **MONDAY afternoon and WEDNESDAY morning** Kirsty Evans will be taking students to Copperside Stables to learn how to groom and ride horses. This program is sponsored by the Jumpstart Foundation. The school van departs at 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM for the stables. Equipment will be provided. No previous experience necessary.



SWIMMING: On **TUESDAY at 1PM** the local swimming pool will be reserved for Parkside students. Transportation will be provided and all costs will be covered thanks to a “Healthy Lifestyles “ grant from the local Rotary Club. Any interested students just need to bring their swim suit and a towel to school and indicate their interest by talking to one of our PE teachers: Ted Ewald, Dave Griffin or Andy Ruygrok.



PARKSIDE SAFETY PLAN: Refer to the **attachment “Summary Disease Plan”** for a description of the safety measures in place at our school this spring. **Health checks** will still be required for all students and staff before they arrive at school. **Hand washing** will remain mandatory for everyone entering the building. Wearing a face mask will be a personal choice that will be respected by everyone at Parkside. If a student or staff member is sick, then they must remain at home until improvements have happened. Refer to **attached “daily health check”** for further details.



COVID TESTS FOR STUDENTS: Parkside students have been given a box of five Artron rapid antigen at-home tests to be stored at room temperature. Test instructions are included in the box and are **attached “Rapid Test Instructions”**. For information about when to use the test, instructions for administering the test, and directions on what to do in the case of a positive or negative result, check out this link: [Guidance for parents on how to use the tests](#). There is a website with additional information about the tests for your reference. [Rapid Testing At Home \(bccdc.ca\)](#)



TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID: If you or someone you know has tested positive for COVID-19, please refer to **the attachment “Tested Positive”**. If you are caring for someone who is sick at home please refer to the **attachment “Caring for Someone Sick”**. Parkside students and staff are not allowed to be at school if they have any COVID-19 symptom(s). Please call and leave a message if your teenager is sick so the absences can be explained.



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