



École Centennial Park Elementary School

Reminders for the week of: March 11 – March 15

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	2 nd Learning Update comes home!
Friday	Last day of school before Spring Break!
	Click on the link to our school website NewsHub for detailed information about our school: https://centennialpark.abbyschools.ca/hub
Upcoming Dates to Note	April 2nd – school opens after Spring Break April 11th – school-wide field trip to see Aladdin at Abby Arts April 26th – Professional Development Day (no school for students) May 8th – Class photos May 17th – Professional Development Day (no school for students) May 20th – Victoria Day (no school)

Our Week!

We had another fun and busy week! It's hard to believe we only have one more week until Spring Break! On Thursday our 2nd Learning Updates (used to be called report cards) will be coming home. Teachers put so much work into giving you lots of valuable information about your children in their Learning Updates, and I always enjoy reading them to see the amazing progress your kidlets are making! It is such a joy and privilege to be part of the team working with you to help your kids grow and learn.

Host an International Student! See below for details.



**Expand Your World
Host an International Student**



"Our family loves hosting because it keeps us active!"

Are you a family that lives near a secondary school within a 3km walk?
Would you like to experience the benefits that other families have enjoyed by being international student hosts? Contact us today!

- An enriching and cultural experience for host families
- Provide a teen a home away from home.
- Make lifelong friendships.
- Receive financial compensation.
- Follow provincial Covid guidelines.

Contact our International Program Homestay Coordinator:
rose.marr@abbyschools.ca



Lost and Found

Have a look! I'm hoping that all the items can find their homes! 😊



Parking Reminder!

Update: I can tell that so many of you are trying hard to help us out by keeping our parking spaces clear and our parking lot safe for all of us. THANK YOU! We really appreciate your help with this!! 😊

Parking at most schools is an ongoing issue! 😊 As you may have noticed, we have been working hard lately to remind families that the parking lot of the school is only for staff. We have grown by over 20% since last year, and we need all the parking spots for our staff! Even if they appear to be empty when you drop off, please know that most of our support staff arrives right at the bell, as that is when their shift starts. That's why we ask that you please not park in any spaces in the school parking lot.

We are fortunate that we have the church parking lot next door that we can use, as it's just a quick walk from there to our school grounds. We also now have access (usually!) to the mall parking across the street, and a wonderful crosswalk you can use.

Thank you for keeping our parking lot safe and available for staff! 😊



Grade 5 Legacy fundraising

Every year our grade 5 students raise money to leave a legacy gift for the school. This year, our grade 5s have decided to raise money for a new Buddy Bench for our playground! We are so excited about this, and hope you can help them fundraise.



Grade 5 Legacy
Support Centennial Park Elementary's Grade 5 Legacy project and year end activities.

1. Collect returnable drink containers and place them in a clear plastic bag (no sorting needed).
2. Bring them to the Regional Recycling Depot at 750 Riverside Road.
3. Drop off the bags for "Centennial Park Elementary School"
4. **ASK** for a **RECEIPT** at Drop-off

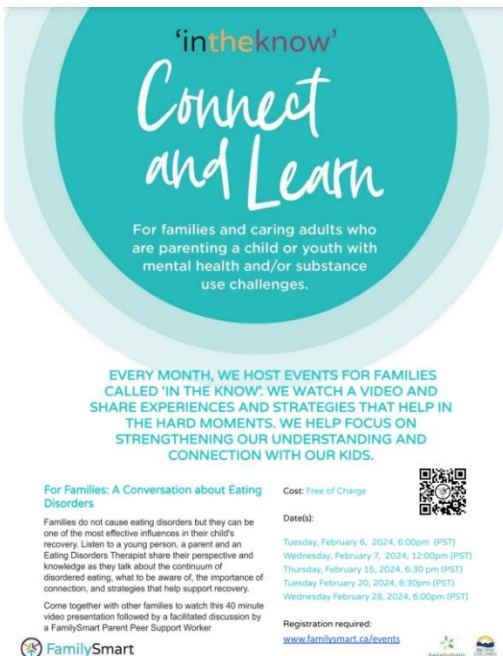
If you have bottles and would like assistance to drop them off, please contact Erica Reagh, ereaghh@hotmail.ca

THANK YOU!

Family Supports and Workshops

Being a parent or caregiver is the toughest job out there! Sometimes we need extra supports so that we can better help our struggling little ones (or not so little ones!). Whenever I get information about parent groups that are offered in our community, I'll be sure to pass them along to you. 😊

Current FamilySmart information:



'intheknow'
Connect and Learn

For families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health and/or substance use challenges.

EVERY MONTH, WE HOST EVENTS FOR FAMILIES CALLED 'IN THE KNOW'. WE WATCH A VIDEO AND SHARE EXPERIENCES AND STRATEGIES THAT HELP IN THE HARD MOMENTS. WE HELP FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING OUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONNECTION WITH OUR KIDS.

For Families: A Conversation about Eating Disorders
Families do not cause eating disorders but they can be one of the most effective influences in their child's recovery. Listen to a young person, a parent and an Eating Disorders Therapist share their perspective and knowledge as they talk about the continuum of disordered eating, what to be aware of, the importance of connection, and strategies that help support recovery. Come together with other families to watch this 40 minute video presentation followed by a facilitated discussion by a FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Worker

Cost: Free of Charge

Date(s):
Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 6:00pm (PST)
Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 12:00pm (PST)
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 6:30 pm (PST)
Tuesday February 20, 2024, 6:30pm (PST)
Wednesday February 28, 2024, 6:00pm (PST)

Registration required:
www.familysmart.ca/events



FamilySmart
Help for the Hard Times
WORKSHOP

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Supporting Your Family After a Mental Health Crisis

"Really filled the gap where it was most needed by way of information and moral support. I feel this workshop nailed the exact questions and concerns I as a parent was having."

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to support a safety plan at home
- How to take care of yourself and family after a crisis
- How to find the resources you need

THE WORKSHOP IS OFFERED THREE TIMES EACH MONTH FOR B.C. FAMILIES:

- Wednesdays: 5:30pm - 7pm (2 weeks)
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm (2 weeks)
- Thursdays 6pm - 8pm (2 weeks)

The workshop is free and offered online. Registration required.



Old News, But Still Relevant!

Outside Playtime

The rain and cold have come! Please remember to send your child with a warm coat, rain footwear (boots, shoes that can get wet, etc), and warm enough clothing.

We will be going outside every recess unless the weather is *really* bad...we know that it is so important for our students – and ourselves! – to get fresh air and exercise, even if it is wet and cold outside. **It would also be really helpful for you to send an extra change of clothes in their backpacks, in case they get wet!** That might save you a trip to the school to come to the rescue if they fall in a puddle.



Garbage on the Playground

Please have a look around you after using the playground or field before/after school and on the weekends, to pick up any juice boxes, wrappers, or other items that may have fallen to the ground while your kidlets are playing. 😊 Before school started we had an amazing group of kids and families who helped clean up our school grounds, and we want to keep it clean and tidy! We work on that as well with our students – together we can keep our CPark school grounds looking amazing!

