# PARKVIEW NEWS

November 2026

# PARKVIEW REMEMBERS



**NOV 11: Parkview's Day of Remembrance & Celebration of Peace Assembly**
Due to the growing size of our school population and fire regulations, we are unable to accommodate parent and community members at this year's Remembrance Day assembly.

## Calendar of Events

Visit Parkview's Calendar>

**Parkview's Calendar of Events are changing often. Please check our Parkview Calendar Website for the most up to date calendar events.**

**NOVEMBER:** Monthly Observances

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 13: Progress Reports go home

Nov 26: Photo Retake Day

Nov 27: Sports & Jerseys Spirit Day



**DECEMBER:** Monthly Observances

Nov 30 -Dec 11: 4Cs for Kids Campaign

Dec 3: Holiday Shopping Spree

Dec 10: Parkview Holiday Concert

Dec 16: Gr. 3 Musical

Dec 14 -18: **Holiday Spirit Week!**

14: Grinchy Green
15: Bells, Bows, Bulbs, & Bling
16: Winter Wonderland
17: PJ Day
18: Festive Sweater/Hat Day

Dec 21 to Jan 1: Winter Holidays

Jan 4: Return to School




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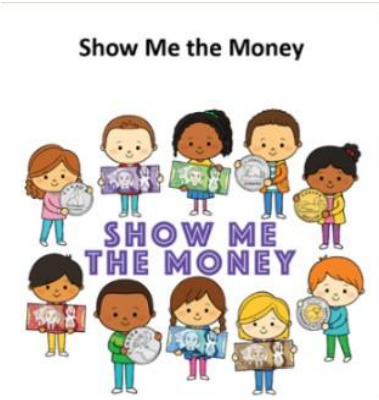
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ParkviewPanthersHSA

Superintendent: C. Gianncopoulos
Principal: M. Curran
Vice-Principal: G. Garbacz

Thames Valley District School Board

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we move further into the fall, our school community continues to be filled with opportunities for learning, connection, and celebration. We are grateful for the support and involvement of our families and are pleased to share a few highlights and important updates from Parkview.




Thank you to everyone who joined us for our JK-Grade 3 Family Math and Literacy Night, *Show Me the Money*, on October 21. We were thrilled to welcome **249 family members** to this exciting evening of learning and fun. We truly appreciate the strong support for events like these and look forward to hosting another Family Math and Literacy Night in the spring. We are also exploring a similar opportunity for our Junior and Intermediate families in the near future.

We were proud to have our Grade ½, 2, 2/3 students visit Country Terrace Nursing Home on October 30 for a costume walk. Opportunities like these provide valuable intergenerational experiences that bring joy to both our students and the residents.




For families who were unable to attend the recent meeting regarding our upcoming school addition, information and updates are available on the Parkview School Addition Project Website. The site also includes an opportunity to submit questions.

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 13. These reports provide a snapshot of your child's learning and growth to date. If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with your child's teacher.




Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are creating a positive, caring, and engaging learning environment where all students can thrive.

*Ms. Curran*

Parkview Principal

# PARKVIEW MONTHLY Character TRAITS

Each month, Parkview students will focus on building and improving specific character traits to help Parkview be an even better place to learn!

At the end of each month, each classroom will celebrate one student who exemplifies the character trait of the month with a certificate, a prize, and a photo with Ms. Curran/Mr. Garbacz!

October's Character Trait was **Respect** and here are our monthly winners!




## NEXT MONTH'S CHARACTER TRAIT Responsibility




## CHESS CLUB - GR. 3 TO 8

The **Parkview Chess Club** will be starting in November and is open to students in Grade 3 to 8.

Listen to morning announcements for more details!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - GR 1 READING PROGRAM

Parkview has partnered with the **Strong Start Reading Program** to help our youngest struggling readers with a literacy boost! The program involves working with children directly and providing resources for families to support the development of strong literacy skills. The program requires **community volunteers** to help implement activities and training is provided.

If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Mr. Emanuele at f.emanuele@tvdsb.ca. For more information, please visit the **Strong Start** website.




Strong Start to reading
"Making a difference in the life of a child"

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

In October, we started to plan our Intermediate Fall Ball, which will take place on Friday, November 20 from 2:10-3:15 p.m. There will be a games room for any grade 7 or 8 students not wishing to participate in the dance. The cost is $5 for admission to the dance and all proceeds go towards the Grade 8 year end trip. There will be snacks for sale in the dance as well.

We also participated in the school wide Costume/Orange & Black Spirit Day - what a blast! We celebrated the character trait winners for Respect. **Great job, Panthers!**
In November, the new character trait is “Responsibility” and we are looking forward to showing how responsible we can be throughout the school. We will be involved with the Remembrance Day assembly on November 11.




## POPCORN SALES ARE BACK!

Popcorn sales are back! All purchases must be made through School Cash online by 9AM on Wednesdays and will be delivered to students during nutrition breaks. We have 5 delicious flavours available at **$2** a bag: Dill Pickle, Butter Salt, Salt & Vinegar, Sweet & Salty, and White Cheddar.  All sales help support our grade 8 year end trip.



No time outs,
no half times,
no substitutions.
Cross country,
the one true sport

# Cross Country

## ALL it takes is ALL you've got

PANTHER PRIDE

Parkview's cross country team wrapped up an incredible season, with 25 of our 180+ runners earning a spot at the TVDSB Finals at Fanshawe Conservation Area on October 20th. To qualify, runners needed to finish among the top 10 individuals in their division or be part of a qualifying team at the Longwoods Regional Meet. Parkview athletes rose to the challenge in a big way, with 2 teams and 17 individual runners advancing to compete against the best of the best in Thames Valley. Our Panthers showed tremendous grit, perseverance and determination, conquering a gruelling course and that challenging final hill!

Honourable mention is extended to the following runners, who finished among the top 25 across TVDSB at the Board Finals::

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| Grade 3 (Novice Division): | Austin M. 20th, Jordy J. 15th |
| Grade 4 (Bantam Division): | Nathan C. 20th<br>4th Place Team (Nathan C., Hudson V., Bryce H., Emmett G.) |
| Grade 5 (Junior Division): | Jamie G. 4th |
| Grade 7 (Senior Division): | Talon N. 6th<br>4th Place Team (Talon N., Torin S., Dian B., Aleks S.) |
| Grade 8 (Open Division): | Arie V. 11th., Max G. 18th, Kenley D. 14th |

Congratulations to all of our runners on a fantastic season. We are proud of you! Way to go, Panthers!




Novice Boys (Grade 3)




Novice Girls (Grade 3)




Bantam Boys (Grade 4)



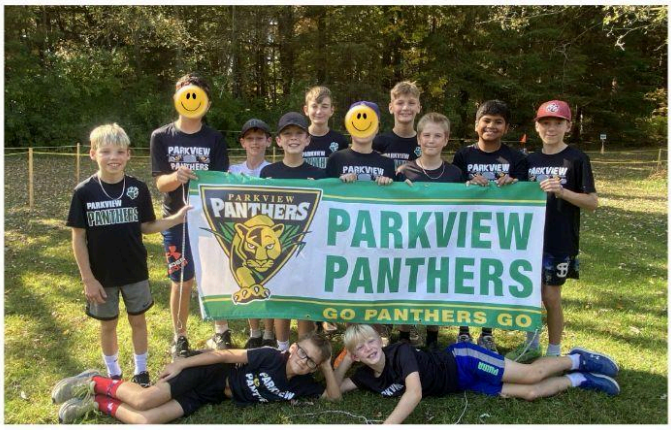

Bantam Girls (Grade 4)




Junior Boys (Grade 5)



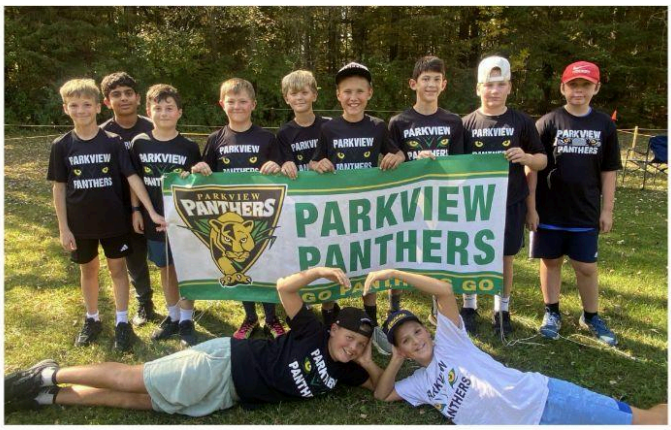

Junior Girls (Grade 5)




Intermediate Boys (Grade 6)




Intermediate Girls (Grade 6)




Senior Boys (Grade 7)




Senior Girls (Grade 7)




Open Boys (Grade 8)




Open Girls (Grade 8)

## PANTHERS IN ACTION

Last week students from Ms. Kim's, Mrs. MacKay's, Mrs. Nadeau, and Ms. Klein's classes partnered with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and Friends of Medway Creek to plant **over 250 trees** at Komoka Park! These trees will help provide shade and create important habitats for birds and other wildlife. The project also received funding from the Government of Ontario's Ontario Community Environment Fund.

Students worked hard, enjoyed their time outdoors, and left with a wonderful sense of pride knowing they had made a positive impact on their local environment. Way to go, Panthers!















## HOLIDAY PLANTER AND POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

Grade 8 Planter and Poinsettia Fundraising will run from Nov 1st to Nov 18th. **Delivery Date is Dec 1st.** Thank you for your support of our Gr. 8 students as they begin to fundraise for their year end trip.




## E-SCOOTERS NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students should not bring e-scooters to school. Ontario Ministry of Transportation regulations require riders to be at least **16 years old**, and helmets are mandatory for anyone under 18.

Elementary-aged students are not legally allowed to operate e-scooters and bringing them to school creates safety risks for all students. We appreciate your support in keeping our school community safe. For more information about e-scooters, visit the Ontario Ministry of Transportation website.



# PARKVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION




We have to start with a big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Used Book and Spirit Wear Sale we had last month. From the many volunteers, families that donated, and families that came to buy - we were able to have another successful year recycling old stories into new little hands while supporting our Parkview Library. Thank you for showing up, and we hope the many stories sold will be loved again and again.

## Holiday Shopping Spree will be on Thursday, December 3rd!




One of Parkview's favourite traditions is back! The Shopping Spree gives students the opportunity to choose gifts for their immediate family members and bring home a special, wrapped surprise for the holidays.

Students in JK to Grade 8 will have the opportunity to donate, and shop from the wonderful selection of donated gifts for just $2 each. Parent volunteers (yes, we need you!) will help students make their selections and wrap their gifts so they're ready to bring home for the holidays.

**We'd Love Your Help!**
We're looking for parent volunteers to help students shop and wrap their gifts. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Brittany Strachan at brittany.r.barber@gmail.com.
*Please note:* All volunteers must have a valid 2026 Vulnerable Sector Check to participate.
A letter can be obtained in the office, and the forms can be filled out at the OPP Website.

**How Does the Shopping Spree Make a Difference?**
The Shopping Spree is not only a fun and meaningful tradition for our students, but also a fundraiser that supports their learning and school experiences. In previous years, proceeds have helped fund our outdoor classroom, transportation for student activities, enhanced technology, and other educational needs.

**Gift Donations Welcome!**
Donated gifts can be dropped off at the school beginning **Monday, November 23, through Wednesday, December 2**. Our Home and School volunteers will also be reaching out to local businesses for community support. If you're a business owner and are able to contribute your time, make a financial donation, or donate small gifts, we would be incredibly grateful! These contributions help ensure that every student can participate, including those whose families may not be able to donate. More details will be shared in an upcoming email, so stay tuned!

Thank you to all the families and community members who help make this special tradition possible. Your generosity and support create a fun, memorable, and meaningful holiday experience for our Parkview students!




## Ongoing Fundraisers

We've noticed many new members on our FlipGive team! Thank you for joining! FlipGive makes everyday purchases a simple way to support our music program at Parkview. Shop through participating retailers, and a portion of your purchase goes toward supporting our school — at no extra cost to you! Not on our team yet? Join our team! **Our team code is 7ZDXG4.**
Mabel's Labels is one of our year-round fundraisers! Label coats, sweaters, shoes, water bottles, and more to help keep track of your belongings while supporting Parkview's Outdoor Education Program! Simply click *"Support a Fundraiser"* and search *'Parkview Home and School Association'* before you shop.



**Upcoming Meetings**

Our next meeting will be held on November 2nd in the Parkview Library. All are welcome to meet for Parent Council starting at 5:30, with Home and School directly after at approximately 6:30. If you need child care, let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate. Future meeting dates are:

- November 2nd
- January 11th
- March 1st
- May 3rd




**Stay Connected!**

Want to stay in the loop? The HSA has 2 social media pages to help you keep up with everything at Parkview!

**@ParkviewPanthersHSA** Follow along for day-to-day reminders, school events, deadlines, hot lunch, spirit days, announcements, snow days, and more!

**Parkview Parents** Parkview Parents Join our community to connect with other Parkview families, discover family-friendly events, and get reminders about what's happening at school.

As always, we appreciate all the support and hope to see some new faces at our next meeting.
Have a great November, Parkview!

**Camille Pallin Cartwright**
Chair, Parent School Council 2026-2027
President, Parkview Home and School Association 2026-2027
cartwright.camille@outlook.com

# STS SLP Virtual Drop-In Sessions

**Questions about your child's speech? Not sure how to practice at home? Curious about common speech sound errors?**

Join us for a virtual STS SLP Drop-In Session! Led by an experienced STS speech-language pathologist, these one-hour virtual sessions provide a welcoming space to ask questions, gain information, and learn practical tips to support your child's speech development and communication success.

**Topics:**
- October 28, 2026 (3:30-4:30) – Ask an SLP
- November 25, 2026 (3:30-4:30) – Practicing Speech at Home
- December 16, 2026 (12:00-1:00) – Ask an SLP (ENG & FR)
- January 27, 2027 (3:30-4:30) – Motor Speech
- February 24, 2027 (3:30-4:30) – Ask an SLP
- March 31, 2027 (3:30-4:30) – Common Speech Errors
- April 28, 2027 (12:00-1:00) – Ask an SLP (ENG & FR)
- May 26, 2027 (3:30-4:30) – Stuttering Support

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Please scan the QR code to register!

London Training Centre

Canadian Red Cross Training Partner

# Great Winter Break Activities for Kids!

Build Confidence • Learn New Skills • Have Fun!

## CANADIAN RED CROSS Stay Safe!® Program

**Ages 9 – 11**

**$60**

Children are often required to respond to challenges in real-life scenarios. Stay Safe! is designed to teach applicable and age-appropriate skills while improving and reinforcing a youth's ability to improve his or her own safety.

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to be safe at home and in the community
- Safety with friends
- How to get help in an emergency (calling 9-1-1)
- Problem solving and making safe choices

**DATE:**
Wednesday, December 23, 2026
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## CANADIAN RED CROSS Babysitting Course

**Ages 11 – 14**

**$70**

There is now a more substantial emphasis on First Aid skills in the Babysitting Course. There is a wide range of topics covered in the Canadian Red Cross Babysitting Course, ranging from managing difficult behaviors to essential content on leadership and professional conduct.

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How to provide safe and responsible care for children
- Essential first aid skills
- How to manage difficult behaviors
- Healthy snacks and meal ideas
- Leadership and professional conduct

**PIZZA LUNCH INCLUDED!**

**DATES:**
Monday, October 26, 2026 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday, December 21, 2026 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 29, 2026 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



**London Training Centre**
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519-685-4331

View course details and register online at:
londontraining.on.ca/youth-leadership.htm

# SUPER FUN TIKTOK TRENDS

Come try-out popular TikTok trends— some silly, some tricky, but all super fun!

## Wed, Nov. 18 at 6:30pm

*Registration required: register online or contact the Komoka Library.*

*This is a FREE Super Fun Happy Hour event for youth in grades 5-8.*




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**Komoka Library**
1 Tunks Ln
519-657-1461

# TUFF TRAY PLAY

Come play! Enjoy themed 'Tuff Tray' play stations on select Saturday mornings.

## Drop-in from 10:30am-12pm

**Sept. 5: Vehicles**
**Oct. 3: Habitats**
**Nov. 14: Feelings**
**Dec. 5: Winter**

*Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.*



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# HOLIDAY WRAP PARTY

Drop-in to wrap your gifts while watching a family-friendly holiday film!



## Sat, Dec 12 from 10:30am-1:30pm

*Please bring some of your own wrapping materials to supplement our supplies. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted.*

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Middlesex-London SCHOOL HEALTH



## Stay home when you are sick

When children are sick, it is difficult for them to learn and participate in school and activities.

Home is the best place for your child if they have any new symptoms of illness.

They can return to school and activities when they feel better for at least 24 hours (48 hours for nausea, vomiting or diarrhea) and they do not have a fever.

Thank you for taking care of your community!

@mlhealthunit

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