

Parkside Elementary School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 5

Interesting Feature

Character Education

At Parkside E.S. Character Education is an integral part of what we do. Every month one of the ten attributes are highlighted in each teacher's classroom and unit plan. The attributes help to build teamwork, create a positive school culture, an orderly and safe environment. Our students are recognized at monthly Parkside Stars Assemblies for displaying positive behaviours. Students are encouraged to solve problems using peaceful discussions.

"Our school motto is " **Together We Succeed.**"

Built in 1952, Parkside Public School is located on Cedarvale Avenue. Its name comes from its location on the edge of Taylor Creek Park which gives the school a quiet park-like setting in the middle of the city. Parkside offers classes from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 and includes a Home School Special Education program. A Metro Child Care is located on site offering programs to children 2 1/2 to 9 years of age. Our co-curricular activities enhance school programs and help to build stronger links with home, school and the community.

School Focus:

Parkside as a school has three priorities that include improvement in literacy and mathematics achievement along with the encouragement of more socially responsible behaviour. Through our involvement as an OFIP (Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership) school and a SIM school we have, with the assistance of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat and our Family of Schools Literacy and Numeracy Coaches implement measures to improve literacy and numeracy achievement for all our students. These measures involved job embedded intensive professional development workshops that use well researched and evidenced based literacy teaching strategies.





Nutrition Program

At Parkside E.S. we have a Nutrition Program in which all students have an opportunity to participate in our mid morning meal. Students are introduced to healthy foods from the Canadian Food Guide.



Special Education

We have three Special Education classes to meet the needs of our students with exceptionalities. At Parkside, we have two Intensive Support Programs and a Home School Program. We also offer a Reading Recovery Program which provides intensive reading support for our grade one students.



The Arts

Parkside E.S. values the arts throughout the curriculum. We have a music teacher that teaches our students vocal music as well as how to play the recorder. Our school has two choirs (primary and junior).



Athletics

Our students are involved in a variety of sports and clubs. Each year we participate in a Cross Country Meet, Jump Rope for Heart and the Terry Fox Run. Some of our students participate in Basketball Club, Soccer Club and tournaments as well as in the TDSB Track and Field meet.



Additional Features

- Student Council/ Leadership
- Boy's Reading Club
- Caring and Safe Environment
- Games Club
- Tutors in the Classroom
- Intergenerational Program
- Folkfest
- Family Literacy and Numeracy Nights



Student Life - Where You Belong

Our Student Council/Leaders organize many activities throughout the year that keeps our school very active such as spirit days. Students participate in a variety of sports and clubs such as choir, art, and math to name a few. Grandmothers from our intergenerational teaching and learning community teach crafts to our students. Our environmental club encourages everyone to walk to school, and exercise every day. Our junior students serve as leaders, as announcers and office helpers. Students in Grades 1-5 have an opportunity to participate in swimming at D.A. Morrison Middle School and skating at the local arena.



What Sets Us Apart

We focus on creating a culture in which all are welcome. At Parkside School, we continue to implement improvement strategies to foster critical thinking skills. We support critical thinking skills by emphasizing the importance of Literacy, Numeracy, the Arts and Physical Education to develop well-rounded healthy students. We continue to implement a wide range of teaching strategies and programs to support our students academically, emotionally, socially and physically. Our school plans programs that are based on the needs and assessment results of our students at the school, system and provincial levels. We continue to refine our development of a school-based site plan that reflects input from the staff, parents and the community.



Parent and Community Engagement

Parkside offers programs that serve the local community. Some of the programs which support the school are:

- Intergenerational Program (ITLC), School Council, parent volunteers who assist in classrooms, library, on field trips, and support our Nutrition Programs. Parents also organize monthly pizza lunches, Fall Parkside Shuffle (Dance-a-thon), Scientist in the school, and Basket Draws.
- Anti-bullying programs as well as emphasizing safety in our school.
- University volunteers and local collegiate co-op student involvement
- Collaboration with Metro Police Services and Toronto Public Health



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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