

GIVING THANKS



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.

OCTOBER: Women's History Month

Oct 2: Custodial Workers Recognition Day,
Yom Kippur

Oct 7: Regional Cross Country meet
(Raindate Oct 8)

Oct 10: PD Day

Oct 13: Thanksgiving

Oct 16: Term 1 IEPs in Parent Portal

Oct 21: School Photo Day!
ECE Appreciation Day, Diwali
TVDSB Cross Country Finals
(Raindate Oct 22)

Oct 22: Take Me Outside Day

Oct 31: Halloween!
Black & Orange Day (K & Gr. 7-8)
Costumes (Gr. 1-6)



NOVEMBER

Hindu Heritage Month

Nov 7: Progress Reports go home

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 14: P.A. Day, Parent Interviews

Nov School Spirit Day - TBD



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Principal: M. Curran

Vice-Principal: G. Garbacz



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We loved welcoming families into the school on September 25th for our *Meet the Family* event! It was wonderful to see so many of you visiting classrooms and getting to know this year's teaching staff. As you walked through the school, you may have noticed our **Parkview Community Display**. We kicked off the year with a school wide read-aloud of *We Are Neighbours*, which helped us focus on the importance of building a strong, caring community here at Parkview. Each division took part in activities inspired by the book, and as a finishing touch, every student created a figure to represent themselves on our wall. This project also connected perfectly with our Character Trait of the Month—**Empathy**—as we've been learning together how to recognize others' feelings and imagine different perspectives.



We are also excited to kick off our second annual Leadership Week for our Grade 7 and 8 students. We will be focusing on building their skills and relationships. Throughout the week, each day will be mixed with academics in their own classroom and activities with the entire division. The purpose of this week is to build leadership skills, collaboration skills, and teamwork amongst the grade seven and eight cohort. We are very excited as last year this week was very successful.

Please be sure to read the rest of our newsletter to learn more about our upcoming events at school and in the community.

Ms. Curran

Parkview Principal

WAYFINDING SIGNS



Let's start the school year strong by encouraging active travel! Our new blue wayfinding signs have been installed around your school to guide students and families on safe, easy-to-follow routes. These signs show how far you are from the school and help create a safer, more active school zone. Walking or cycling to school has never been easier! For more information, visit [The Active & Safe Routes to School website](#).

ABCs of ROAD SAFETY

TVDSB urges road safety for drivers, pedestrians. With students back in school, and increased vehicle traffic around all its schools, the Thames Valley District School Board would like to remind students, parents, and drivers about the ABCs.

Always **B**e **C**areful when it comes to driving, walking, or crossing near schools.

Here are some ways to keep yourself, and others, safe when near one of the many schools in our area.

For drivers and cyclists

- Slow down when you are in a school zone or any area where children can be seen walking.
- Avoid distractions, such as cellphones or loud music.
- Be extra careful if it's raining, snowing or if the road is wet or snow covered.
- Obey all road signs, including speed limits, stop signs and no parking areas.
- Follow directions from crossing guards.
- Provide enough space for cyclists.
- If you are driving children to school:
 - Do not park in no parking zones
 - Have children exit from the passenger side of the vehicle
- Pay attention to your surroundings and be prepared to stop for people looking to cross the road.
- You are legally required to stop for pedestrians at a pedestrian crosswalk.
- Stop for school buses and be aware of children running in front of or behind buses. There are serious consequences for not stopping for a school bus.



For families walking to school

- Use the sidewalk; avoid walking on the road if possible.
- Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk.
- Look both ways when crossing any street.
- Avoid distractions while crossing.
- Don't assume someone in a vehicle can see you, or that it will stop for you while crossing the road.
- When at a pedestrian cross walk, make sure you stand next to the designated crossing sign to show drivers you want to cross.
 - Cross only when traffic has come to a complete stop or the road is clear.
 - If there are flashing beacons, press the button to activate.



TERRY FOX RUN - THANK YOU



Our deepest gratitude to each and every family for your generosity and support during our fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thanks to your contributions, we raised a Parkview record of **\$6,478** to help in the fight against cancer! Every dollar donated brings us one step closer to a world without cancer, and your participation truly makes a difference. Thank you for upholding the spirit of Parkview's Terry Fox Run and keeping Terry's dream alive. ***Together, we are making an impact!***

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 up to 2 students who exemplify the character trait of the month with a certificate, a prize, and a photo op with Ms. Curran and/or Mr. Garbacz!

September's Character Trait was **Empathy** and here are our monthly winners!



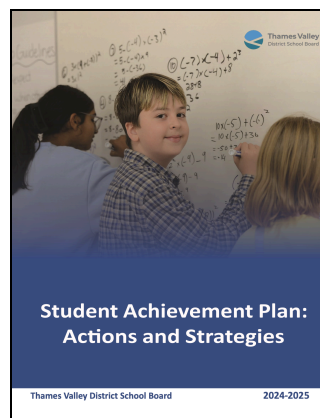
NEXT MONTH'S
CHARACTER TRAIT *Respect*

TVDSB STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN

The [TVDSB Student Achievement Plan](#) is now available on the TVDSB website! The Student Achievement Plan framework was developed by the Ontario Ministry of Education as part of the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023. The plan includes 5 goals and 11 indicators that all school boards in Ontario must use to track student achievement in core academic skills, preparation for future success, engagement, and well-being. School boards use the data to create action plans for improving outcomes for students.

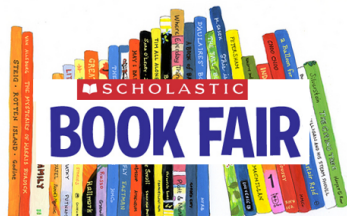
We are working to bring this plan to life with students at our school through the development and implementation of our *School Improvement and Equity Plan* and our *Safe and Inclusive School Plan*. We will continue to provide updates to the school community related to our ongoing efforts to support student achievement, future success, engagement, and well-being. If you have questions about these plans, please contact the school principal.

[Click here](#) to review the district plan and to learn more about the indicators and the work that TVDSB is doing in 2025-2026 to support student achievement and well-being. We are always interested in hearing from you.



BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU

Thank you so much for helping make the Book Fair such a great success! It was wonderful to see so many families come together to celebrate a love of reading. We appreciate your continued involvement and enthusiasm.



CHESS CLUB



Chess Club begins October 14th for Grades 3 to 8.

The School Chess tournament will take place the first week of December. Any questions can be directed to [Mrs. March](#)

GROWING RECONCILIATION



This month, Parkview students engaged in learning and reflection on the meaning of Truth and Reconciliation. Through a thoughtful and respectful display, students shared their voices on what every child deserves and explored the meaning of reconciliation.

INTRODUCING OUR 2025-26 PARKVIEW STUDENT COUNCIL

We would like to introduce you to the Parkview 2025/2026 Student Council!

Student Council is an organization conducted by students and supervised by teacher advisors. The purpose of the student council is to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council is the voice of the student body. Our goals are to promote a positive school culture, to help create a sense of community, to promote teamwork & collaboration, to be a role model for younger students & peers at Parkview, and to practice leadership skills. Some of the things we will be involved in this year are: intermediate leadership week, school dances, spirit days, Remembrance Day assembly, monthly newsletters, 4 Cs campaign to raise money for the Children's hospital, Women's Rural Resource Centre campaign collecting items to donate, and video announcements.

Here is the leadership group this year:

GRADE 8: Ryleigh B. (Co-President), Vanessa H. (Secretary), Ally B., Parker B., Oliver H., Sophie K-M., Dylan P., Miles D., Miles M., Kazia S., Malcolm T.

GRADE 7: Oliva N. (Co-President), Nicole V. (Secretary), Miles C., Declan C., Allie C., Kenley Y., Danielle F., Julia P., Hannah D., Kole M., Quinn V., Ayla O., Arya S., Charlie V.



TAKE ME OUTSIDE DAY - OCT 22

On **Wednesday, October 22, 2025**, Parkview students will be participating in Take Me Outside Day at school. This national movement was started by Colin Harris, who ran over 7,600 km across Canada to raise awareness about the importance of spending time outdoors.

We encourage our school community to join in from home by finding your own way to unplug and enjoy nature. Go for a walk, play outside, read under a tree, or simply spend time together in the fresh air.

How will you and your family celebrate Take Me Outside Day?



PARKVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL + HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

What a Great Start We've Had!

In September, we held our first School Council and Home & School meetings. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was wonderful to see so many fresh faces! We have an exciting school year ahead, with plans to bring back popular events, and some new faces at the head of them!

Wondering what the Parent School Council (PSC) and Home & School Association (HSA) are all about? Here's a quick rundown:

Parkview School Council (PSC)

The main purpose of the **PSC** is to be a communication conduit between parents and school administration. The PSC is your opportunity to have a voice in the direction of school initiatives to improve student achievement, make recommendations to school administration, and gain a better understanding of what's happening at Parkview. All Parkview parents are welcome, and you do not need to be a voting member of the PSC to have your voice heard. Please come out and join us at one of our upcoming meetings! We'd love to hear from you!



Parkview Home & School Association (HSA)

The **Home & School Association** is open to parents, teachers, community members and family members who want to be involved with **Parkview activities**. There is still time to join Parkview's Home & School Association this year if you are interested! Home & School Associations focus on **giving back to the school** community and **increasing parent engagement** through fundraising, guest speakers, appreciation/acknowledgements, etc. For more information on Ontario Home & School Associations, please visit the OFHSA website: <https://ofhsa.on.ca/why-join/>

2025/2026 Executive Members

At our HSA meeting in May and PSC meeting in September, we elected the Executive Members for the 2025/2026 school year. With thanks, we welcome:

President / Chair: Camille Pallin Cartwright

Vice President / Vice Chair: Ursula Goudsbloem

Treasurer: Erika Yandt

Secretary: Andrea Delaney

Fundraising Coordinators / H&S Reps: Becky Haydon-Batte & Tara Kennedy

Principal: Melinda Curran

Vice Principal: Gene Garbacz

Teacher Rep: Sarah Dubeau



As well as Shay Coughlin and Ann Van Gilst who spearhead our hot lunch program, Candace Smith who has volunteered to run our new instagram page, and all our committee members who put in hours of planning and volunteering on sub-committees, giving input in our meetings, and stepping up wherever needed - Brittany Strachan, Sara Morrison, Melissa Woytaz, Erica Vincent, Peony Cartwright, Allison Olmstead, Shannon Graham, Olga Liutsko, Amanda Atwal, Dee Revington, Heidi McColl, Fiyin Magbagbeola, Ayode Akande, and Jelena Lazic. THANK YOU!



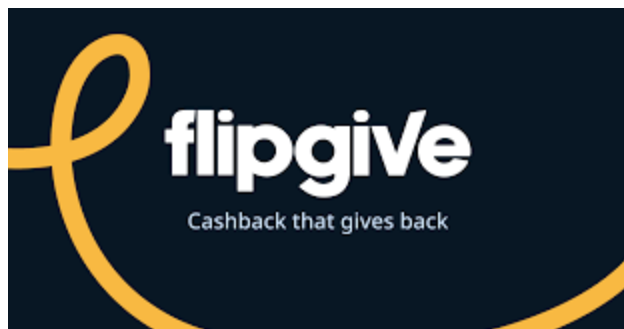
If PSC / HSA is something that may interest you, feel free to join us at our next meeting. All are welcome!

Upcoming PSC / HSC Meetings: All meetings start at 5:30 PM and are held in the school library

- November 3rd
- January 12th
- March 2nd
- May 4th

Ongoing Fundraisers

[Mables Labels](#) is a Canadian company (Hamilton, ON) that makes personalized labels designed to keep track of children's belongings. Their products are waterproof, dishwasher, and laundry- safe, and range from peel-and-stick, iron-on, stamps, and silicone water bottle bands that I have especially loved in my home. When placing an order, if you click [Support a Fundraiser](#) and search '**Parkview Home and School Association**', they give us back 20% of every order! Extremely generous! We've allocated these funds to go towards our kindergarten outdoor program, and are excited to continue this for the foreseeable future.



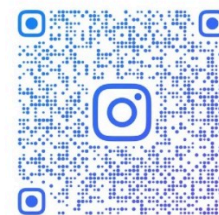
FlipGive is a fundraising / cash back platform that lets teams and communities raise money through everyday shopping. Supporters can earn 'cash back' when they shop at participating brands, buy gift cards, gas, dine out and do other regular expenses.

It's easy to use, just download the app, and enter in our team code **7ZDXG4**.

All money raised from FlipGive is allocated for our Music Program- to fix and purchase instruments.

Instagram

We have a new instagram page Candace Smith has been running for us. If you'd appreciate the reminders of hot lunches/ Spirit days etc – give us a follow and we'll continue to do our best to keep you informed. The new handle is [@ParkviewPanthersHSA](#).



@PARKVIEWPANTHERSHSA

Second Hand Book Sale:

We're excited to bring back our Used Book Sale during the Investing in Children event on October 23rd. With all books being sold for \$1 - Last year was a huge success, and we're excited to once again recycle loved stories, while supporting our Parkview library. Books can be **donated between October 6th and 23rd**, being dropped off in the front hallway. Thank you for sending them our way to be loved again and again!

Thank you for the incredible support you show with our initiatives - they truly wouldn't be possible without you! We look forward to seeing many of you in our upcoming meetings and events as we work together to support our students and school community. Wishing you a safe and happy October!

Camille Pallin Cartwright

Chair, Parent School Council 2025-2026
President, Parkview Home and School Association
2025-2026

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PARKVIEW LUNCH PROGRAM

We are off to a great start this year! Thank you everyone for your support. Not only does the lunch program make lunch prep a bit easier, but it also raises important funds for our school's initiatives.

In addition to our regular Monday offerings with Domino's and WokBox, we have a couple of important notes for October:

Thanksgiving includes a holiday Monday, so **Subway** will be offered on Tuesday, October 14th. Be sure to look at the October calendar through Lunch Box for ordering options.



Look for **Booster Juice** on [School Cash Online](#) at the beginning of each month, so you don't miss out. The order deadline (always the week before) can sneak up on you, so place your orders early. This month's order deadline is Oct 16th for the Oct 24th Booster Juice.



We are excited to offer our first Special Lunch of the year with **Barnes Family Restaurant**, coming up fast on Thursday October 9th. That means orders must be placed by midnight on Thursday, October 2nd through [School Cash Online](#).

Barnes' Lunch Options

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| ● Chilli and Bun | \$7.75 |
| ● Penne Pasta - Tomato Sauce | \$6.75 |
| ● Penne Pasta - Butter and parmesan | \$6.75 |
| ● Penne Pasta - Alfredo Sauce | \$6.75 |
| ● Gluten Free Pasta | \$7.25 |



PARKVIEW

PANTHERS

PARKVIEW PUBLIC
SCHOOL
SPIRITWEAR



STORE CLOSES
Oct 12, 2025

https://titaninkapparel.com/parkview_public_school/shop/home

Investing in Children Presents
Family Literacy & Math Event
for JK to Grade 3 students and their families

**Lots and Lots
of Spots and Dots**

Parkview Public School
Thursday, October 23rd
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us for activity stations,
healthy snacks and door prizes!



Thames Valley
District School Board

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Healthy Fundraising
for Ontario Schools

A fresh take on school fundraising

Since 2013 *Fresh from the Farm* school fundraising has connected over 3,000 schools with Ontario farmers and enabled them to raise over \$2.2 million for school initiatives by selling over 5 million pounds of Ontario grown fruits and vegetables

14lb Vegetable Bundle

\$22.00

LESS THAN
\$1.60/lb

Includes

- 5 lb bag White Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Sweet Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Yellow Onions
- 3 lb bag Orange Carrots

8lb Apple Bundle

\$24.00

ONLY
\$3.00/lb

8 lb bag Ambrosia apples

Ambrosia apples are a beautiful bright pinkish red and light yellow coloured apple. They are crisp and juicy with a distinct sweet aroma and sweet low acid flavour. Excellent for eating fresh.



Thank you for supporting school based initiatives and Ontario farmers

TO ORDER, VISIT [THE PARKVIEW](#)
[FRESH FROM THE FARM FUNDRAISING PAGE](#)

Creative Connection

A welcoming craft group where imagination has no limits. In this inclusive space, creators can explore a variety of fun, hands-on projects, try new techniques, and express themselves freely.

2nd Thursday each month at 6:30pm

Sept 11 | Oct 9 | Nov 13 | Dec 11

Registration required for each date.



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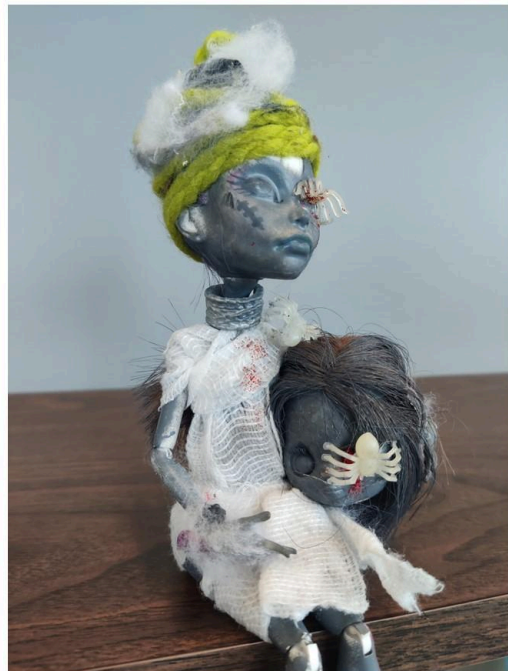
ZOMBIE BARBIES

Tweens! Come and get creepy and creative as we turn Barbie's into Zombies.

**Wed, Oct 8
at 6:30pm**

Registration required. Register online or contact the Komoka Library.

This is a FREE Super Fun Happy Hour event for youth grades 5-8; sponsored by the Optimist Club of Komoka-Kilworth



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CREATIVE CARDBOARD DAY

Cardboard! It's a joyous thing. Drop in for all cardboard related things, including making creations with our Chompsaw.

Fri, Oct 10
10am- 4pm



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To get to know what your child is watching and playing, ask and participate!

- Enjoy media like music, movies, and video games together
- Ask your child questions about the messages they see and hear

Why do we see ads?

Where do we see ads?

How is this ad trying to make money?

- Encourage your child to talk to someone if they come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable online
- Make time to be active and social without screens

Be a role-model by paying attention to your own media use

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www.healthunit.com

Information sources can be found on our website at: <https://www.healthunit.com/school-health-newsletter-inserts>

READING SUCCESS WITH



Join a small group of students to practice the English skills needed to become a successful reader.

Taught by experienced educators.

Directions for the program are provided in the students' first language (Spanish, Arabic, French, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese, or Vietnamese) to help facilitate learning.



Scan here to join now or visit coretutoring.ca

ACCESSIBLE HALLOWEEN



An unforgettable event for
kids, teens, and the young at
heart who face challenges with
traditional trick-or-treating

Saturday, October 25, 2025
1:00 - 3:00PM

Parking Lot
51 Front St E
Strathroy ON


THE SHOPS ON
SYDENHAM

What is an Accessible Halloween Village?

An Accessible Halloween Village is a curb-side trick-or-treating experience that allows a child with a disability (physical or otherwise) to enjoy a traditional Halloween.

**Our Accessible Halloween Village is
designed with YOU in mind!**

Here's what you can expect:

Barrier-Free Trick-or-Treating Stations – easily accessible for all, regardless of physical needs.

Sensory-Friendly Environment – festive fun in a calm and welcoming atmosphere.

Costume Parade – show off your amazing costumes in a space that celebrates everyone!



Accessible Hallowe'en 2025
on EventBrite