June 2015

Dear Parents / Guardians:

As you are aware, your child has been participating in the Reading Counts program during the past school year. This program is a tool used to support independent reading in our schools and has significantly impacted the amount of books our students are reading. The amount of independent reading a child does is directly correlated to vocabulary growth, reading comprehension, fluency and higher levels of achievement.

We realize the benefit of the Reading Counts program and are pleased to inform you that it will be available during the summer months. Students will have the opportunity to visit elementary school libraries within the District to check out books and take quizzes on books they have read. Reading progress will be tracked throughout the summer and reported to teachers in September. Recognition for summer reading will take place when the students return to school, and the books read will count toward individual and building reading totals for the 2015/2016 school year.

To participate in the Reading Counts summer program, students must attend the library at their assigned elementary school and be accompanied by an adult. This summer the library at Parkside Elementary School will be open every Wednesday. Please see the schedule below.

- Starting on Wednesday, July 8 – Ending on Wednesday, August 26
- Daytime hours - Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Evening hours – Wednesday 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Again, this is a great opportunity for your child to participate in summer reading. Please make every effort to visit the school library throughout the summer and promote reading with your child. If you have any questions regarding the Reading Counts program, please contact your school office.

Sincerely,

Elementary Principals
Teresa Ford – Parkside
Eric Kuminka – Coebourn
Eileen Martin – Pennell
Susan Phillips – Aston