



Spruce Home Public School

Fall is Here!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Kindergarten	<u>4</u> X-Country Extravaganza Band am	<u>5</u> Kindergarten Picture Day Walkathon	<u>6</u> Band pm	<u>7</u> PLC No Classes	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>  Thanksgiving	<u>11</u> Band am	<u>12</u> Kindergarten	<u>13</u> Band pm	<u>14</u> Kindergarten	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Kindergarten	<u>18</u> Band am	<u>19</u> Kindergarten	<u>20</u> Band pm	<u>21</u> Kindergarten Walkathon Pledges Due	<u>22</u>
<h1>Education Week</h1>						
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Kindergarten	<u>25</u> Band am	<u>26</u> Kindergarten	<u>27</u> Band pm	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Kindergarten Black/Orange/ Costume Day					

Administrator's Message

September flew by at Spruce Home Public School! The teachers and students have been working hard and have settled into their classrooms and routines. Cross-country running and volleyball are on and the students are as enthusiastic as ever. The Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Cross-Country Extravaganza will take place at our school on October 4th, and will be followed by our annual Walkathon on October 5th! We are excited that the weather has been so great and should continue for a while. Our Meet the Staff BBQ was very well-attended, as was our first SCC meeting that followed. Thanks to all who attended.

The SCC is hoping to strike a committee to find out what will be needed to start to fundraise for some new equipment for our playground. This idea was well-received and will hopefully become their next fundraising goal. We hope to see maNny of you involved with that as well as with our regular SCC meetings. Your support is necessary and awesome!

Parental involvement is a wonderful thing in a child's life and a school community. Call or stop in at any time!

Have a great 2022-2023 School Year!

Carol Ann Short

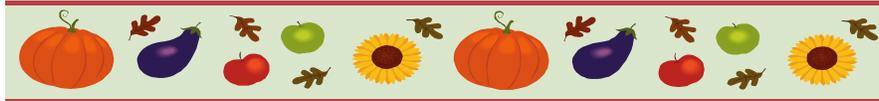
Principal

Kindergarten News

Welcome to School Kindergartens,

I hope your first weeks at school were as fun for you as they were for me. We are going to build math, literacy, science and social skills through play this year and it will be a blast. I am also excited for the Grade 1/2s to join us in the afternoon and bring their expertise. Do not forget to sign up for Edsby as this is our main communication piece as well as the Kindergarten Report Card.

I did not get to meet everyone at meet the teacher night so I would also like to introduce myself, my name is Meagan Cook and this is my 11th year of teaching and 6th year of Kindergarten. I am also part time at Christopher Lake School. I live in Christopher Lake and have 5 wonderful children, Shaylynne 16, Olivia 14, James 11, Kendall 10, Jesse 8 and my husband Joe. Please feel free to stop me and introduce yourself. I may not teach your child but every child at this school is my student!!!



Grade 1/2 News

Welcome back everyone! September in the Grade 1/2 classroom has been busy with learning classroom and school routines and practicing school safety procedures. In Science, we have been exploring motion and different movements through experiments and exploration. In Art, we have been learning about different lines and Fall colours. The Grade 1/2 class have enjoyed learning about camping in the play and exploration room. In Grade 1 math, we have been learning to properly form our numbers. Thank you for supporting Toonies for Terry Fox! October is always a fun month with Thanksgiving and Halloween.



We would like to remind parents, guardians and students about the importance of dressing properly for the weather. Dressing properly allows students to enjoy their recesses. **Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.** This time of year we experience cooler mornings and some beautiful sunny afternoons. Dressing in layers helps to make each recess enjoyable.



Grade 3/4 News



Greetings from grade 3 and 4 where students have been busy with a variety of activities and assignments. These creative students are working on writing and illustrating ABC books, be sure to ask your child what the topic for their ABC book is. In Social Studies they have been learning about all things Saskatchewan, starting with where it is located on a map. In Science we have been looking at soil and all its properties including comparing what they found in 3 different kinds of topsoil. During snack every day the students have been enjoying hearing the book “The Hoboken Chicken Emergency” by Daniel Pinkwater, please

ask your child what the emergency is. The class is looking forward to moving into all things October such as Thanksgiving and Halloween. We love fall!

Grade 5/6 News

During the month of September it was exciting to reconnect with former students, getting to know grade five students, and meeting some new families during Meet the Staff.

In ELA, students are working on reflecting on self and setting goals using the Factors Affecting Student Achievement rubric to enhance their learning as a lifelong learner, sense of self, engaged citizen and work habits. Our class is enjoying the daily read aloud, *Fish In A Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. We are improving listening comprehension with various strategies by making connections, visualizing, vocabulary and chapter summaries. To navigate the digital world safely, we completed lessons online about digital emotional intelligence, digital dependency, online privacy, and evaluating content for accuracy and perspective. A huge thank you to all families for supporting our classroom home reading program. Reading at home improves reading engagement, oral reading fluency and comprehension strategies. Grade six completed a Math outcome in the number strand by demonstrating understanding of place value greater than one million. Currently, we are exploring factors and multiples. In Career Ed, grade 6 are exploring what is self-image and how do we improve it?

The 5/6 classroom honored Orange Shirt Day by learning our rights and responsibilities as a Canadian citizen, valuing the perspectives of others and listening to stories from Residential School Survivors. MADD SmartWheels, a 42-foot RV mobile classroom, visited our school to educate us about the risks of drinking alcohol and taking drugs, the tragic consequences of impaired driving, and the dangers of being a passenger in a car driven by an impaired driver. We were engaged with a fully interactive experience with a projection screen, individual tablets and virtual reality goggles. Also, students participated online in The Compassion Project. They learned skills about forgiveness after mistakes, managing emotions, and how to care for themselves and the people around them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with me by giving me a phone call, message by email or Edsby.

Mrs. S. Hill



Grade 7/8 News

It feels like just yesterday that the bells were ringing and we were out on summer break. Now, we are into October already and the grade 7/8 class has been busy learning new information and getting back into the school schedule. To start the year in Arts Ed, we are completing some directed drawings from an amazing YouTuber named Rob. We highly recommend you visit <https://www.artforkidshub.com/>. Our theme is farm and fall but some other drawings intrigued us. We are focusing on staying positive and complimenting ourselves as we go through the drawing process instead of negative self-talk. We are also trying to dust off the cobwebs on our paragraph writing and learning the steps to make our writing phenomenal also known as the writing process. The reading strategy we are currently focusing on is making connections (self, text and world) and predictions. In Science, we have been learning about Cells, Tissues, Organs and Systems. Did you know that adults have 37 trillion cells in total and that we have over 200 different types of cells. Our new motto in science is “no cells, no life”. Math has definitely been a fun one so far. Both the grade 7’s and 8’s have been learning about Divisibility Rules together. Now the 7’s are estimating and adding decimals while the 8’s are learning to solve squares and square roots. This year our first unit in PE is volleyball and we have 14 students in our class who have joined the Spruce Home Coed Volleyball team. Our volleyball team this year is stacked and we are ready to defend our title from last year. Gooooooo Huskies!! Our school year has gotten off to a FABULOUS start and we can't wait to see what this year brings to the 7/8 class.

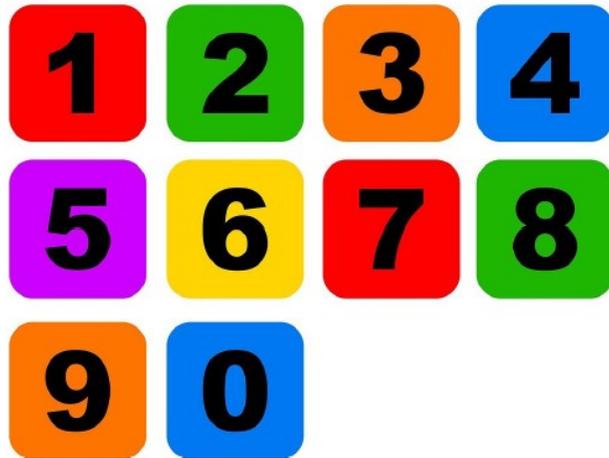
~written by the 7/8 class~

Family Math Challenge

Question 1

Problem:

If you write out the numbers from 1 to 100, how many times would you write the number 7?



Question 2

The United Planetary Peace Council is meeting. Winx I was the host planet last month, so Winx II is host planet this month. Can you seat the ambassadors at the table and tell which planet each one represents?

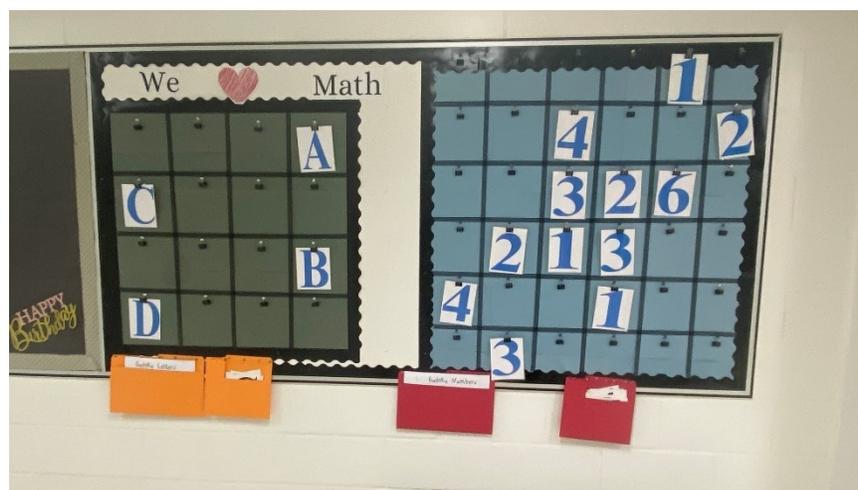
- No one sits across from the host.
- Mr. Proink and Grandorf are from twin planets.
- Mr. Grandorf, who did not host the last meeting, sits to the right of Ms. Riarmo.
- Mr. Nambo sits between Proink and Riarmo.
- Yinx's ambassador sits to Mr. Grandorf's right.
- Mr. Grink sits between two ladies and is not from Nebulosa.
- Lalo's ambassador is not next to the host.
- The ambassador from Lunk sits across from Krinko's ambassador and next to Proink.
- Ms. Protorp is from Yinx.
- Ms. Olinx sits across from General Proink.



Winx II



This year we have added 2 new life size Sudoku boards in the hallway where students can either solve a 4x4 letter or 6x6 number puzzle!



Ed Support

The beginning of the school year can be a stressful time for students. With moving on to a new grade, having a new teacher, learning new routines and curriculum, students may find themselves feeling stressed and overwhelmed. Here at Spruce Home we have been working hard to create an environment for our students where they feel safe, comfortable and know there are places and strategies they can use when feeling overwhelmed. Students have been practicing meditation and mindful breathing exercises in their Phys. Ed classes that they can take with them to their home rooms, out on the playground and home. We have our sensory hallways in both the K-4 and 5-8 ends that allow students to take a moment if they need. We have also created a new room called the Recharge Room where students can go when they need time to reflect, relax and recharge. In this room there is space for yoga, exercise, mindful breathing, coloring, soft music and white noise, reflection on how they are feeling and what strategies they can use to get back to a place where they are able to learn. We also have a website that has been put together that has some of the breathing and meditations your child has done at school that you can access at home. If you are interested, please go to the following link. <https://sites.google.com/srsd119.ca/huskiemeditations/home>

Recharge



Room