

SPRUCE HOME PUBLIC SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Labour Day No Classes	5	6 Kindergarten	7	8	9
10	11 Kindergarten	12	13 <i>Kindergarten</i> <i>Meet the Staff 5:00-6:30</i> <i>SCC Meeting 6:30</i>	14	15 Kindergarten	16
17	18 Kindergarten	19	20 Kindergarten	21	22	23
24	25 Kindergarten	26	27 Kindergarten PLEASE	28	29 Kindergarten Orange Shirt Day	30

Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**. To ensure the safety of any children with severe food allergies, please do not send food items containing nuts to school.



Admin Message

Welcome back to another year at Spruce Home Public School. My name is Roy Feschuk and I am really excited to be Principal at Spruce Home Public School. My recent school admin experiences have been at John Diefenbaker Public School and at Christopher Lake Public School. I grew up in PA in the '80s and returned to this region in 2011 with a young family after having been in Alberta for the previous 20 years. With the beginning of every school year, I am excited, anticipatory, and nervous all at the same time, just as a child walking into a new school. I am excited to renew relationships and help the community bring a focus back on education of youth in our community. Our staff is ready and anticipating another great year with all of our students! Our staff has a few new additions to make mention and welcome: Spruce Home Public School will have a half time mentor for its first time! Mrs. Lafaver will be our Jordan's Principle mentor. The primary role will be to assist students and families navigate any concerns or issues that would be a roadblock to school, attendance, or the necessities of a productive year. We also welcome the return of our EAs, Mrs. Stolle in a full time role and Mrs. Johnson returns in a half time role. Mrs. Gareau returns to Spruce Home Public School as our IEC (Inclusive Education Coach) Dreamcatcher Coach, and Phys Ed teacher in some of our classes. Grade K/1/2 will continue to be Mrs. Shillington on a full time basis, but we get to add Mrs. Hoey-Seto on Kindergarten days to enhance play based learning opportunities and to allow intervention work inside the school. Mrs. Wagner will be our Grade 3/4 teacher, Mr. Fiddler will teach Grade 5/6, and Mrs. Stasiw will teach Grade 7/8. Mrs. Reinbrecht is our School Based Social Worker, Mrs. Acorn continues to be that friendly voice/face that greets you at the main desk or on the phone as secretary, and Mr. Chester continues to keep our building safe and tidy through the day as our caretaker. We would also like to extend a welcome to our new families that are now a part of Spruce Home Public School. As a school, we are committed to yearly goals that we set for our students. For the 2023-2024 school year, we will work to improve our grade level work in mathematics. As a family, we ask for your support during the year to encourage math (along with reading and writing) at home and have students look for real world math situations to discuss with you. Attendance is very important. Please ensure this continues to be a priority.

Parent engagement in school is crucial to your child's success. We always appreciate your input, so please feel free to call or email us to share your thoughts and questions. Two important things you should sign up for:

1. EDSBY – this is the platform for all teachers to do daily attendance, enter grades, share posts about learning that is occurring in the classroom, and a communication tool between parents and teachers. You will even use this to book your parent-teacher conferences and view report cards. An invitation to sign up will be sent to your email.

2. School KEV – the online method for paying all things school related – sign up with the link provided to pay school activity fees, hot lunches, field trips, etc. It only takes minutes to set up, and I promise you will never forget another hot lunch or payment deadline! <u>https://srsd119.schoolcashonline.com</u>

Spruce Home Public School has a working School Community Council (SCC). We are looking forward to having more individuals take part in being part of our SCC. Please feel free to come to our meetings. The first meeting and AGM is on Wednesday, September 13, right after the Meet the Staff event. The school has implemented a Program Enhancement fee for this year: \$30 for k to Gr. 8 students. These costs go towards extra activities the school and teachers provide for our students (field trips, presenters, seasonal activities, other extra-curricular items outside of school,...). Please have these fees paid at the office at your earliest convenience. My door is always open. Feel free at any time to drop in and visit. I (we) look forward to having a great year at Spruce Home Public School!

Mr. R. Feschuk Principal

