



Spruce Home Public School

October 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Kindergarten X-Country Extravaganza Band am	4 Kindergarten Free Soup Lunch Walkathon	5 Band pm Boston Pizza orders due	6 PLC No Classes	7
8	9 	10 Band am	11 Kindergarten Picture Day	12 Band pm	13 Kindergarten Boston Pizza Lunch	14
15	16 Kindergarten	17 Band am	18 Kindergarten	19 Band pm	20 Walkathon Pledges Due	21
<h1>Education Week</h1>						
22	23 Kindergarten	24 Band am	25 Kindergarten Quesadilla Lunch \$5 SCC Meeting @ 6:30	26 Band pm	27 Kindergarten	28
29	30 Kindergarten Book Fair starts	31 Black/Orange/ Costume Day Band am				

Administrator's Message

September has been a wonderful month at Spruce Home Public School. We were able to gather for an amazing welcome back barbecue and connect staff and community members. It has been truly great to become a part of this engaged School community.

Students have been busy adjusting to new routines, class spaces, and aligning with classmates. We participated in a welcome back assembly where we discussed school expectations, safety, and the fun that we can have while learning. Students were truly happy to revisit with our school mascot, Hero! This final week of September has witnessed our participation in Canada's Calls to Action for Truth and Reconciliation. We've learned about treaties, about the character education offered in teepee teachings, had elder Henry Felix help us set up a teepee and talk about the 15 teachings, the significance of orange shirt day, and a pathway full of hope demonstrating mutual respect for all people in this great country.

The month of October looks to be just as exciting as September. Our cross country running Extravaganza will happen on October 3rd, our walkathon on October 4th, Picture Day on October 11, Education Week, book fair at the end of the month, there will be a couple of hot lunches, and some engagement assemblies to keep students focused and striving on our math goal. Last, but not least, we will issue a sign up to Student Progress Conferences (formerly Parent teacher interviews) near the end of October as conferences are on November 2nd.

If at any time you have any concerns or questions please feel free to reach out to the school or to myself in the office. We are always more than happy to address concerns and seek out that mutual understanding. Enjoy the month ahead.

K/1/2 News

Happy Harvest and Fall Spruce Home Families! In K/1/2 we have been busy practicing our classroom routines. It is so nice to see many of the grade 2 'big kids' helping our 2 little Kindergarteners feel welcome and adjust to school routines. Your child has the opportunity to talk and be respectfully heard each morning during our morning greeting. The class loves this time of connection. I am sure you have heard a lot about UFLI-our new division wide program for teaching reading skills. More to come soon! Grade 1/2 parents and guardians, your kiddo will be writing in his/her agenda every Thursday. This year, your child is going to be sharing his/her learning with you through pictures and text they will send you on Edsby. The kids love taking pictures and feel a sense of pride to independently use Edsby to share what's happening throughout the day with you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.
Mrs. Shillington

Hello Spruce Home families!

I am new to the staff this year and it has been wonderful getting to know the students, staff and families at Spruce Home School.

This year I have the pleasure of facilitating Experiential Play Based Learning (EPBL) for the Kindergartens, Grade 1's and Grade 2s. EPBL is an amazing way to help students meet curricular outcomes with hands on, engaging learning opportunities. Please feel welcome to stop by and check out the EPBL room when you are visiting the school!

I am also excited to be teaching Arts Ed to Grades 3-8! I taught Arts Ed for the past 10 years and I love it! We began the year with a school wide bulletin board project that can be seen by the student lounge. Now the Grade 3/4's are working on an oil pastel pumpkin project, the Grade 5/6's are studying artist Wayne Thiebaud and creating oil pastel doughnuts and the Grade 7/8's are studying The Secret Path – a multimedia project about young Chanie Wenjack. The Grade 7/8's are studying some of the lyrics of the songs from The Secret Path and then they will create their own artwork with watercolour and India Ink.

Keep an eye on the bulletin boards to see the students amazing work!
Mrs. Hoey-Seto



Grade 3/4 News

September has flown by and the 3/4 class has been very busy learning, the students are now excited to be moving into October. The 3/4 's have been working through the new UFLI Reading program every morning and are now familiar with many consonant digraphs (ask them what they are!). Home practice sheets have been going home about twice a week with the concepts we are learning, please practice at home as you are able. In Science, the students have been learning about structures and we have been able to use our new EPBL (Experiential Play Based Learning) period to create

different structures. In Social Studies the students are looking at what a community is and how they are different depending on location. They have made maps of our school and a map of the world! Everyday while they eat snacks, they listen to the book "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown. Please take the opportunity to discuss with them why the Robot is "wild". This week the students have enjoyed learning about the important topic of Truth and Reconciliation, and next week we will discuss why we are thankful! With many grade 4's participating in cross country, 4/5 volleyball and SLC it has been a busy start to the year and with Cross Country Extravaganza and Walk-a-thon the first week in October it is not going to be slowing down! Please feel free to contact me (Lynnae Wagner) through Edsby or a call to the school anytime.

Grade 5/6 News

Hello parents and guardians and happy October! It's me, Mr. Fiddler, the grade 5/6 teacher. We have been a busy group of students the first month of school. It has been during my first month with this group that I have a full pack of smart cookies to work with! In ELA we have started working on our first unit which focuses on what is fair. This includes reading stories across the world about people doing what is right about creating a fair world. In grade six math the boys and girls have been working really hard on understanding patterns within numbers. This includes understanding input and output patterns, along with using pattern machines. The kids have also been very busy with what contains a healthy meal in health class. Lastly, we have been very fortunate to have a knowledge keeper named Henry Felix come in to put together a teepee for the boys and girls to see. We have been able to have some discussions within the teepee and speak of traditions and culture within the First Nations lifestyles. We've hit the ground running with this group and I am excited about the school year going forward!
Mr. Fiddler



Grade 7/8 News

So far this school year has been great and we hope the months to come will be even better!

On September 25th, the 5-8 students took part in a Teepee raising to acknowledge Reconciliation. During the process, we learned about the different Teepee teachings.

The grade 7/8 class is participating in a challenge called "Take Me Outside"! Being outside for 100 hours is our goal and so far we are on week 4 and we've already accomplished 10.25 hours.

On Truth and Reconciliation day the grade 7/8 class set station presentations to teach all of the little about the 7 grandfather teachings. This is also our class expectation for us to learn and we're hoping to pass on all this important information through the generations to come!

As usual, Spruce Home is hosting Cross Country Extravaganza and the 7/8 class will be organizing the event! The 7/8 students are going to be working hard to make sure everything runs smoothly.

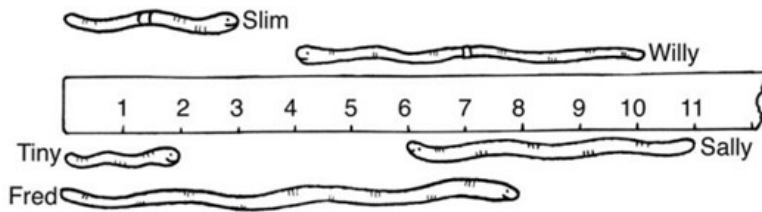
Family Math Challenge

1.

The Wonder Worm Team had a contest to see who was the wiggliest. The judges wanted to surprise the audience, so they announced the winner with a series of clues. The winner is

- longer than 3 centimeters.
- less than 8 centimeters long.
- not 6 centimeters long.

Which worm is the wiggly winner?



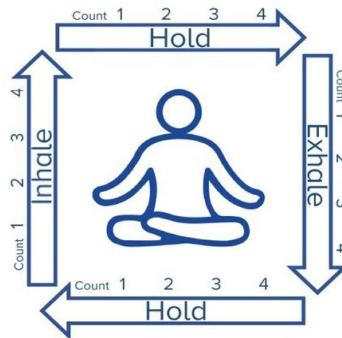
2.

“You’re kidding,” said Caleb to his friend Donna. “You want to be THAT when you grow up?” Alice, Bogdan, Caleb, and Donna are talking about what they want to do when they grow up. Together they want to be a doctor, a pilot, a forest ranger, and a teacher. Caleb enjoys helping his younger brother learn his math facts. Donna gets motion sickness. Both Donna and Bogdan hate to go camping or hiking. Can you match each person with each occupation?

Ed Support

Spruce Home students have been practicing different breathing techniques to help learn how to self-regulate. Self-regulation is a skill that is learned through time. One technique students know and that is built right into our Recharge room is square breathing. Please see the image below on how to do square breathing. Ask your child if they remember how to do this technique and get them to teach you. This is a great technique to help when you are feeling stressed, upset, frustrated etc. It makes your mind focus on the breathing and not the situation that is bothering you.

Square Breathing



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 * 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.
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FOOTBALL SASK PASS, PUNT AND KICK

REGIONAL COMPETITION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 @ 5:00PM

CRESCENT HEIGHTS FIELD

THIS COMPETITION IS FOR WINNERS AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL AND AS AN OPEN COMPETITION FOR ALL OTHERS

REGISTER BY SEPT. 27TH
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AGES 6-14
BOYS AND GIRLS
AGE
COMPETITIONS

