



*Spruce Home Public School  
Newsletter*



November 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Kindergarten	2 Student Progress Conferences 3:15-8:15	3 Kindergarten Last Day for Book Fair	4
5	6 Kindergarten	7	8 Kindergarten Soup Lunch - free SCC Meeting at 6:30 in the library	9 Remembrance Day Service at 10:55 - all community members are welcome to join us for this student-led service	10 No Classes	11 
12	13 Remembrance Day Observed No Classes	14	15 Kindergarten Lasagna Lunch \$5	16	17	18
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26	27 Kindergarten	28	29 Kindergarten	30		

### **Principal's Message**

November is here! The school year seems to be going quickly. The change of seasons is upon us too and we just want to remind all families to ensure that their littles are properly dressed for the bus and for the outside at recess and lunch. The Spruce Home Huskies Co-Ed Volleyball Team is having another great season. The enthusiasm and spirit of the team is a delight to see. Spruce Home has completed another successful Walkathon! We want to extend a thank you to all of the students who participated, and to the parents, friends and neighbors who have generously supported the students of Spruce Home Public School. We have a fabulous community! We will put those funds to work enhancing our school programming and supplies to further improve our students' experiences! Our Halloween Huskie Howl Dance was a huge success. We had over 100 guests show up and have a raving good time.

As we head into November, we are looking forward to our next SCC Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Student Progress Conferences (formerly parent/teacher interviews) on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:10 to 8:00 pm We are happy to say we will have an in-person Scholastic Book Fair during the week of October 30 to November 3. Please stop in and have a look. We hope to see you all then.

Mr. R. Feschuk  
Principal

### **K/1/2 News**

Hi Spruce Home Families! In ELA we have been learning our ULFI lessons. Most recently we have learned the consonant diagraphs (ck, sh, "th"-voice on, and "th"-voice off). The FLSZ rule- when we hear f, l, s, or z at the end of a short vowel sound we double the letters when spelling ex: Jeff. We are also learning about the 'heart words' the tricky words to spell that don't follow the rules so we just have to remember them by 'heart'- ex: said, the, from. We have been doing story workshop for writing where students build and tell a story with various items, then draw their story, then label their picture, then write their story into sentences. We also were learning about the problem characters face in a story and how the characters solve the problem. In Kindergarten Math, we have been counting many different objects from 0-10 and demonstrating one to one correspondence for numbers 0-10. In Grade 1 Math, we have been counting forward to 20 by 1s, identifying and writing numbers to 20, as well as identifying the number that is 1 more/2 more or 1 less/2 less than a given number.

Mrs. Shillington

### **EPBL and Art News**

What a beautiful fall we've had! The warm weather was the perfect opportunity for us in the K/1/2 class to study our science theme – the changing of seasons and how animals prepare for winter. We have been talking a lot about the signs of the season changing as well as migration, hibernation and adaptation. The students have been using all sorts of resources in the EPBL room to deepen their understanding of the topic. It's been very cool to see all of the connections being made.

I'd like to invite K/1/2 parents to visit the EPBL room as a helper during EPBL time! We can always use extra hands as the students meet the outcomes in hands on ways and it's a great opportunity for you to see what happens in EPBL. Please contact me if you are interested!

The grade 3/4 class has recently completed a beautiful mixed media art project using oil pastel to draw pumpkins and watercolour paint to create a sky. They are on display near the student lounge – check them out! Our next project will be a study of artist Claude Monet and how to paint reflections on water. This will be a mixed media project as well; using paint, oil pastel and chalk.

The grade 5/6 class is finishing up a study of artist Wayne Thiebaud – they are creating delicious looking doughnuts using thick blended oil pastel. The next grade 5/6 project will be a dragon eye made with blended coloured pencils. This is always a fun one!

The grade 7/8's are wrapping up a study of the multimedia project The Secret Path by Gord Downie and Jeff Lemire. It's a beautiful, somber story and I encourage you to check it out. The 7/8's listened to the album while watching the animation, completed a lyric interpretation and are now working on an India Ink and watercolour representation of the story. This is a powerful art project and the grade 7/8's are doing a beautiful job.

Enjoy the transition to a cozy winter season!  
Mrs. Hoey-Seto

### Grade 3/4 News

The grade 3 and 4 students have been continuing to work hard and it is awesome to see the progress the students have made already! The students are finishing up a structures unit in Science where they enjoyed learning about and building structures. They are creating small world communities in Social to give them the opportunity to show what they have learned is part of communities. As part of our safety unit in Health, the students made brochures on road safety and now are creating cartoons to teach about safety. Education Week was a big hit in October and they were so pleased to win the door decorating contest. With winter arriving, students will need to remember to dress for the weather, the snow always seems to come too soon!



### Grade 5/6 News

Happy November parents and guardians! This school year is flying by, as we are already through two months of the year! The boys and girls have been working hard with their school year (for the most of the time anyways). Some of the grade sixes, along with Mrs. Stasiw's class, has been busy playing their little hearts out in volleyball. While they have been doing that the grade fives, along with Mrs. Wagner's grade four's, worked hard at their practices to improve their game. This was evident when we recently had our first game against Christopher Lake school. There was a ton of positive moments for every athlete! Also, earlier this month we were able to promote Orange Shirt Day in solidarity for those who survived and for those who unfortunately did not. Lastly, our kiddos have been enjoying my Funko Pop collection, which is growing and growing as the year goes along! While writing this our classroom sits at 91 collectibles but the students are twisting that rubber-arm of mine to make it get to 100! Here's to hoping everyone has a great November!

Mr. Fiddler



### Grade 7/8 News

As the second month of the school year is coming to an end, I'll tell you about the highlights of October and what we've been working on. For Math, the grade sevens finished a unit on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals and are starting a new unit on BEDMAS with decimals. The grade eights have finished a unit on fractions, decimals, and percents and have been working on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. For ELA, our class has been working on paragraph writing and how we can improve our writing skills. For Social Studies, we have been doing lots of research on Remembrance Day as our class will be leading the Remembrance Day Service at our school on November 9th. We welcome you all to come and join our school on November 9th at 10:55 AM for our Service of Remembrance. For Arts Ed, the main thing our class has been working on is drawing haunted houses. We did two rough drafts to help spark our imaginations and to help us have a better idea of what we could do for the good copy that we're working on. So far, the school year has been great and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the months to come.

~Written by Hayden~

# Family Math Challenge

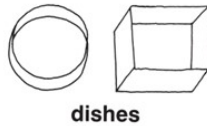
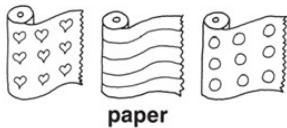
## Answers for October's questions:

1. Sally the worm
2. Donna – Doctor, Bogdan – Pilot, Alice- Forest Ranger, Bogdan – Pilot

## November's Questions:

1.

The Poodles are going to fix up their dog house. They will buy 1 roll of paper and put the paper on the walls. They will get a new dish for food, too. The Dog Store has 3 rolls of paper. One has hearts on it, one has lines on it, and one has dots on it. There are only 2 dog dishes left in the store. One is round and the other is square. What are the 6 different ways that the Poodles can fix up their doghouse?



2.

Danielle is lost in the jungle with her pet crocodile, her monkey, and her pet parrot with a broken wing. She finds a rickety rope bridge that goes over a huge river with rapids. Danielle realizes that she will have to hold on to the side of the bridge with one hand while leading an animal friend with the other hand as they cross the bridge. She can't

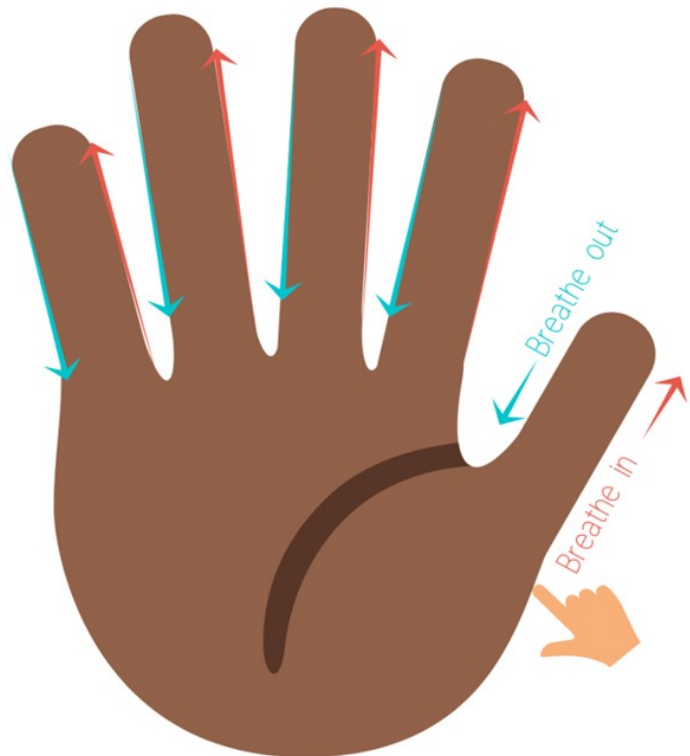


leave the crocodile with the monkey and she can't leave the parrot with the crocodile. What is the smallest number of trips Danielle will have to make across the rickety bridge to get all three animals over the river?

## 5 Finger Breathing

### 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 is 5 finger breathing. Please see the image below on how to do 5 finger 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.



**Walkathon** — Our 2023 Walkathon was a success! Because of your hard work and support, we were able to raise \$3753.00 as a school. These funds raised will help buy supplies, equipment, books, and other resources that will impact our ability to teach in fun, engaging ways. We appreciate your dedication and generosity to this great fundraiser. The K/1/2s raised \$1568.50, the Grade 3/4s raised \$995.00, the Grade 5/6s raised \$700.00 and the Grade 7/8s raised \$489.50. Way to go Spruce Home Huskies!

### **Volunteers Needed for Operation Red Nose 2023**

The Prince Albert Lions Club will be sponsoring Operation Red Nose in Prince Albert again in 2023. Community volunteers are the key to the success of the program. In 2022 we provided 130 rides to 275 clients who were impaired or who did not feel fit to drive their own vehicle. They all got home safely.

Although the service is free, clients usually provide donations, which under the provisions of the Operation Red Nose Program must be allocated to youth groups or groups that support youth in Prince Albert and area. The Prince Albert Lions Club has selected area schools as the recipients of these donations to assist with programming for students. As a result of the campaign a total of \$4,400 was donated to 11 elementary schools in Prince Albert and area.

The program operates on Friday and Saturday evenings. This year will be starting on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and run for 5 weekends plus New Year's Eve. We start around 9 pm in the evening and usually run until 2 am the next morning. New Year's tends to run a bit later due to house parties.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years of age. They are organized into teams of 3 people, an escort driver, designated driver and navigator. -All volunteers, require a police background check (provided at no cost) and are insured for liability by our provincial sponsor the SGI. Volunteers do not have to use their vehicles since escort vehicles are provided by vehicle dealerships in the city

Volunteers can choose to work one night, a weekend or the whole season. Come as an individual or put together a team of 3 people. We find New Year Eve is one of our busiest nights. Volunteers are provided with food, coffee and camaraderie during the evenings they work.

If you are interested in helping out with Operation Red Nose, please contact me at (306)763-7434, (306)425-7804(cell) or by email at [rbraaten@sasktel.net](mailto:rbraaten@sasktel.net).

### **Junior after school curling 2023 Lakeland Curling Club Christopher Lake Coach Leisjea Horseman**

Monday after school curling starts Monday Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2:45 to 4:45

For ages 8 and up

Family night will start Tuesday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 to 8:00 PM (jr curlers and parents)

To register:

Call or text Leisjea at 306-960-3689 or

Email [horse@sasktel.net](mailto:horse@sasktel.net)

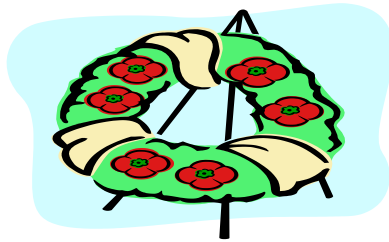
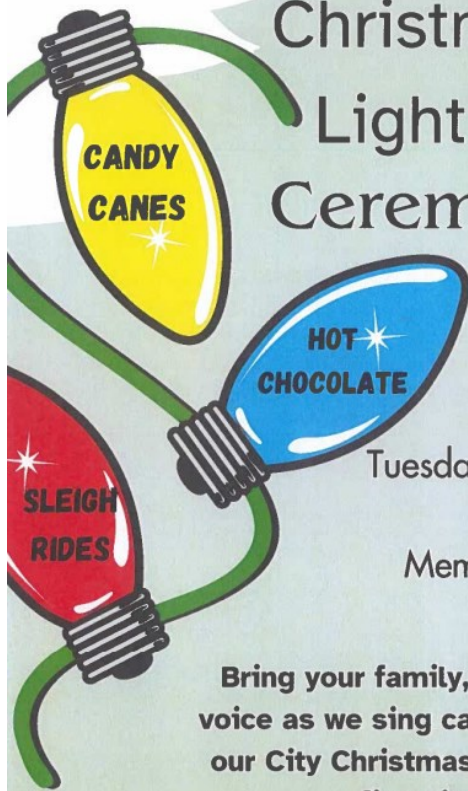
# Beau "Lac"

## Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join  
us!!!

Tuesday, December 5th  
7:00 p.m.  
Memorial Square at  
City Hall

Bring your family, friends and  
voice as we sing carols and light  
our City Christmas Tree for the  
first time!



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# MOM'S PANTRY

*all profits to support Spruce Home School SCC Fundraising Initiatives*



**Get your  
Christmas  
shopping and  
baking  
supplies  
started early!**

Starts: Nov 1

Orders Due: Nov 15

Orders will be delivered beginning  
of December (info on pick up to  
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