

Spruce Home Public School Newsletter



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11	12 Kindergarten Crazy Hair Day	13 Twin Day	14 Kindergarten Valentine's Day 100th Day of School Poutine Lunch \$5 Red/Pink/Purple Day	15 Backwards/ Inside out Day	16 Kindergarten Sports Day Howl in the Snow Fest	17
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Staff Appreciation Week Telemiracle Helping Hands will be for sale all week </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> SLC will be selling Candy Grams Monday/Tuesday only </div>				
18	19 Family Day	20	21	22	23	24
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> February Break No Classes </div>						
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Administrator's Message

As I look back on the first half of this school year, I am proud of the progress our Spruce Home Public School students are making. We are still and always aiming for our math and reading goals. Great job so far!

We had our parent/teacher interviews in November and will do so again in March. We are ready to send out our first of two report cards. The final report card will be at year end. Please feel free to contact the school or your child's teachers at any time if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress.

The weather has been fantastic this winter, in fact warm beyond what we could have imagined. We have had only a couple of weather days when busses have been cancelled. We recognize that this can certainly create inconveniences for families but we must do all we can to ensure the safety of all of our children and the bus drivers who do such a good job. Although we hope that the weather will cooperate as winter continues toward spring, please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Finally, we want to thank you for the words of encouragement with the job we do with your children. The job action that has occurred is not easy on anyone and we promise to keep in communications with you via Edsby to ensure you are informed.

Stay warm and have a great February!

Mr. R. Feschuk

Kindergarten/Grade 1 and 2 News

This month in K/1/2 Phys Ed, we are working on basketball skills! The kids are doing great dribbling, shooting and passing.

In EPBL we are doing 2 units alongside our creative play stations - Winter, ice and snow as well as The 5 Senses. We've learned about the states of matter and how the revolution and rotation of the sun creates different seasons around the world. We've also learned about how the 5 senses give our brain information and how our different body parts function to send those messages.

In grade 3/4 Art we are working on painting foxes in the winter and how to create depth in a landscape scene.

The grade 5/6 Art class has started a drama unit where they will be recording a radio drama in groups.

The 7/8 class is wrapping up a Vincent Van Gogh unit where they created landscapes in Van Gogh's signature style using oil pastels.

Check out their Art work when you visit the school!

-Mrs. Hoey-Seto

Hi Spruce Home Families! February is upon us! In this month, we celebrate Groundhog Day, the 100th day of school, and pink shirt day-anti bullying month! Previously in Math, the Grade 1 students learned to estimate and compare numbers as well as adding doubles (1+1, 2+2, 3+3, etc.). The Kindergarteners have been matching quantities of objects to the corresponding number and partitioning a number into different groups. In Grade 1/2 ELA, we have finished our letter writing projects and we wrapped up our Fairytale unit with the story Jack and the Beanstalk. Students had to draw the events of the story in order and write about each event/picture to create their own book.

-Mrs. Shillington

Grade 3/4 News

In January we finally experienced winter and the kids enjoyed playing in the snow and sledding on the hill. It is nice to see how well dressed and ready for the weather the grade 3/4 class always is! In the last couple weeks, the students finished and presented their research on a country for Social Studies and we all enjoyed learning from each other. In Science, the students have had fun learning about magnets and static electricity. Coming up in February, the students will be working on an expository writing assignment where they will teach about something they are an "expert" on. Before long it will be the February break and we will be looking at longer days with more sunshine! Can't Wait!

Grade 5/6 News

Happy New Year's everyone! We have hit the ground running since we've been back from Christmas break, working hard as this month of January flew by. Welcome to the month of February, my birthday month! The grade five boys and girls had their first taste of basketball at Princess Margaret Public School while the grade six boys have been just as busy with the 6/7/8 team. Here's to a great month!

Mr. Fiddler

Grade 7/8 News

January was a very busy month and the 7/8 class has accomplished a lot! In ELA class, we have started a unit called Literature Circles and the book we are reading is Number the Stars written by Lois Lowry. In math, the grade 7/8s have been working very hard and getting through a lot of units. The Grade 8's finished a unit on fractions, decimals, and percents and are starting a new unit on Rates and Ratios. The grade 7's are working on a unit of Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. Ukrainian New Year is being recognized in the 7/8 classroom. All of the students have been working on sewing two felt pierogies in honour of this day. We just finished sewing our Christmas sweaters and we also planned something special of our own to sew. We are all excited to see how they are going to turn out. This year for basketball we have nine people who joined the team! We have had two games so far and we lost our first one to Christopher Lake and won the second one against Red Wing! We also entered a 3 on 3 tournament at Carlton on the 25th of January. That wraps up the busiest month we have had so far in 2024!

Written in collaboration with Abigail, Hayden, Josiah and Travis!



SLC News

The SLC assembly committee ran another successful and fun assembly last month. We played some great team building games.

The SLC events committee have been busy planning some really exciting events for the month. We will be fundraising for Telemiracle 48. Helping hands will be sold from February 5 to February 16 for \$1. Students will have the opportunity to put their name in a draw for a Telemiracle teddy, shirt, water bottle or some pens and pencils for every helping hand they buy. We will also be selling candygrams on February 12 and 13th for \$1. Candygrams will be delivered on the 14th.

SLC have planned a spirit week from February 12-16. Please see the newsletter calendar for the spirit days. SLC are also planning to celebrate our amazing Spruce Home staff during Staff appreciation week. Reminders will be posted on Facebook for all of these important dates and events by the Promotions committee.

We have also started a new initiative for the rest of the year called Warm Fuzzy Fridays. Every Friday, Spruce Home staff and students will receive a warm fuzzy from the SLC. These warm fuzzies are handwritten by our SLC students.

Ed Support

Students now have access to another sensory room. Last year, the Recharge Room was created. We now have the Zen Den. The Zen Den has a different energy from the Recharge Room. This new room is a quiet space where students can stop to breathe, to collect and recenter themselves. It has a cozy welcoming feel with interactive wall displays where you can build Lego and colour on vertical surfaces.



Family Math Challenge

February Questions:

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FIREBIRD NORTH
SISTEMA MUSIC PROJECT

Firebird North Sistema Music Project is creating positive social change in Prince Albert by building a community of youngsters engaged in music and movement. Firebird North provides daily after-school orchestra, dance, yoga, and choral instruction within a community-building framework. All aspects of this program are free to participants.

We are accepting new participants at this time. For more information go to our website: firebirdnorth.com or contact Abe at 306-941-7046 or Kathleen at 306-961-7683.