



Spruce Home Public School Newsletter



April 2024

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| <i>Easter Break</i> | | | | | | |
| 7 | 8 Kindergarten Coop Gift Card Fundraiser begins | 9 | 10 Kindergarten Soup Lunch SCC Meeting 6:30 | 11 | 12 Kindergarten | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Kindergarten Coop Gift Card Fundraiser ends | 16 Coop Gift Card money & orders due | 17 Kindergarten | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 PLC No Classes | 23 | 24 Kindergarten | 25 | 26 Kindergarten Sausage & Perogies \$5 | 27 |
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Administrator's Message

Welcome to Spring!

It is finally spring! The weather is unpredictable and mostly just icy and wet, so please send spare clothing for your children to change into if necessary.

We have finished our second round of student progress conferences and they went very well. Thank you to all who attended. If you were unable to connect with your child's teacher for your conferences, please feel free to contact the teacher or the school to set up a time to discuss your child's progress thus far.

We are starting a fundraiser this month where we will be selling COOP Gift Cards to aid in renewal of some internal school items like technology and furniture. It is to run from April 8-15. COOP gift cards are an easy sell, a great item, and an opportunity to see school renewals. Please have your fundraiser sheets and money in no later than Tuesday, April 16.

As always, please practice the Golden Rule and treat others as you would like to be treated. This can be as simple as a "Good Morning", "please" and "thank you", or offering a helping hand and showing kindness and support to those around you. Please remember this and everyone should have a great day every day!

Mr. R. Feschuk

Grade 1/2 News

Happy April Spruce Home Families! In Kindergarten math, students are learning to count quantities 11-20 and match the quantity to the corresponding number. In Grade 1 math, students have wrapped up skip counting forward by 2s, 5s, and 10s. In grade 1/2 ELA, we are moving right along with our UFLI phonics lessons. Students completed their most recent writing assignment: their Fishing stories, which was inspired by the story we read in class called "Fishing with Grandma". First, students created/built their story using various small items, then they told their story orally as they used the various small items to act out the story. Then they wrote their story down on paper being sure to include all appropriate details (such as capitalization and punctuation).

This month in K/1/2 EPBL we are still studying mapping and communities! We have learned about the parts of a map, cardinal directions, continents and much more! Our next focus will be on communities and what makes a community like Spruce Home great!

In Grade 3/4 Art we are beginning a unit about Canadian Metis artist Christie Belcourt who creates beautiful pointillism, usually in the style of traditional Metis beadwork. We will be creating our own beadwork style patterns.

The Grade 5/6's are completing an old style radio show - The Invisible Man. They are currently recording the show along with music and sound effects. We will share the final product soon!

In Grade 7/8 Art we have wrapped up our one and two point perspective unit and will be beginning a stop motion video project after the break! This is always a favourite project and I'm looking forward to it!

Enjoy the break as we welcome spring!

* 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 and has an extra set of clothing available at the school. With warmer days coming, playground may be quite wet. Let's stay warm and dry!
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Grade 3/4 News

March has flown by very quickly! The grade 3/4 class has been doing a lot of very fun activities! We had the Howl in the Snowfest where we were finally able to dig into the big snow piles and decorate them. We also had some very good hot chocolate because we have installed a hot chocolate machine! We have also been doing a lot of learning about plants in Science. We cannot forget about the Character Ed./Magic Show where everyone was so amazed by Mr. Harmer and his tricks. PI day was also a great success with a lot of math activities. As well, we enjoyed a colouring contest and Mr. Feschuk was a sneaky leprechaun and we got some candy. The grade 3's are learning increasing patterns in Math and they are catching on very quickly. On Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Day it was very cool to see everyone's ribbon skirt/shirt, thanks to everyone for wearing theirs. We have also been having fun looking for Hero the Huskie this month and we are looking forward to some fun activities in April!

Written by Kaylee, Brooke and Jaylyn

Grade 5/6 News

Happy April everyone! Again, where did this month go?!?! The grade 5/6 boys and girls have done a wonderful job on their work lately, completely different from September and I'm not complaining. The boys and girls also enjoyed a wonderful day at Wapiti Ski Hill. Everyone got better and better as the day went along. The weather was very cooperative for the day and there were tons of smiles to be seen. Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter break and comes back refreshed, energized, and ready to learn some more!

T. Fiddler



Grade 7/8 News

So far this year has been a delightful experience. But sadly, we are almost done with this semester as we only have two months left after March comes to an end. Today we will specifically be talking about March and what we have learned. We have learned plenty of things in Social Studies like what an Oligarchy, Democracy, and Dictatorship are. We have also been working on the three levels of Government in Canada: Municipal, Federal, and Provincial. Number the Stars is a book which is based on the Holocaust that happened in 1941. This is a terrifying event in history that ended up killing around 6 million Jewish people. We each picked a person who was a hero during the Holocaust and are writing an essay on the differences they have made. We have also been having Literature Circle meetings which have been super fun this last month. For Science, we have been working on plate tectonics, volcanoes, earth layers, and what mineral resources we have in Saskatchewan. We are learning the primary uses for potash, gold, diamond, salt, uranium, graphite, copper, forest, oil, and natural gas! The seven and grade eights have just finished one and two-step equations and we're now moving on to linear vs non-linear equations and examining if they have patterns and predictions. Mostly, we have been focusing on one and two-step equations and linear equations, but we have also had the opportunity to learn about creating table values. We have been doing lots of work in our Google Classroom for Health. We have been learning about conflict, digital citizenship, and cyberbullying. We are also quite excited about parent-teacher interviews on the 27th of March. This month has gone by super fast and we can't wait for April to arrive.

~ Written in Collaboration as a class ~ Edited by Hayden, Kris, Josiah and Abigail ~










Family Math Challenge

March Answers:

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| 4 | + | 3 | = | 7 | 1 = b | 6 = v |
| + | | + | | | 2 = l | 7 = t |
| 7 | + | 2 | = | 9 | 3 = e | 9 = p |
| = | | = | | | 4 = q | 10 = d |
| 11 | | 5 | | | | |

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 +  = 9
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| 4 | x | 9 | = | 36 | 1 = j | 5 = q |
| + | | + | | | 2 = a | 6 = p |
| 3 | x | 11 | = | 33 | 3 = k | 9 = l |
| = | | = | | | 4 = s | 11 = o |
| 7 | | 20 | | | | |




 x  = 36
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April Questions:




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| x | | x | | | 2 = n | 8 = h |
|  | + | 3 | = | 7 | 3 = u | 10 = z |
| = | | = | | | 4 = t | 12 = i |
| 32 | | 6 | | | | |

 x  = ?
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SLC News

The SLC have been having fun with our month long contest "Where's Hero". Every morning students look at a picture and try to guess where Hero is. Winners will be announced when we get back from Easter break.

SLC also hosted an Easter themed assembly where students did the bunny hop relay, egg race and move the cookie from your forehead to mouth without using your hands. It was great fun and a great way to team build in our tree groups.


We also held a coloring contest to coincide with Pi Day. Students got to color Mr. Feschuk as a leprechaun. Check out our Facebook page for some photos.

For the month of April SLC are planning on hosting an Earth day contest and a school yard clean up. More details to follow closer to the date.

Ed Support

With the Easter break upon us and the weather turning nice. Spending time with family and friends to soak up some vitamin D and reconnect is such an important thing to do. Here are a few fun ways to reconnect with your family and friends.

Screen-Free Bingo

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| Create your own special reading nook. Read for 20 minutes. | Paint a picture of your favorite place to go. | Make a sidewalk chalk obstacle course. | Build a fort with pillows and blankets. | Color in a coloring book. |
| Plant something. Make sure to water it each day and watch it grow. | Sit near a window for 15 minutes. Record what you see, hear and smell. | Build an animal out of building blocks and write 2 sentences about it. | Learn how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. | Practice jump roping or do jumping jacks. |
| Build something taller than you. Use a measuring tape to measure it. | Play a board game with a family member. |  free | Draw a map of your home. Label items in each room. | Go on an alphabet walk. Record something you find for each letter of the alphabet. |
| Do a scavenger hunt. | Learn how to make chocolate chip cookies. Help measure! | Use playdoh to make your name. What else can you make? | Work on a puzzle. | Watch the clouds and draw some of the cloud shapes you see. |
| Pick a treasure and hide it somewhere. Draw a map and have someone try to find it. | Take a nature walk. Write down 5 things you found. | Write a letter to a friend or family member. | Read a book to your pet or stuffed animal. | Pretend the floor is lava. Create a course to avoid it. |

Reading Bingo

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| read on your couch | read to a pet | read your favorite book | read in bed | read wearing a hat |
| read by the window | read for 20 minutes | read on Friday | read your friend's favorite book | read while eating a snack |
| read a book about animals | read outside | free | read a fairy tale | read in your pajamas |
| read for 30 minutes | read a nonfiction book | read to a stuffed animal | read in the grass | read with a flashlight |
| read to a family member | read a silly book | read under a table | read for 20 minutes | read out loud |

©primary playground

SPRING BREAK Bingo

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| read a book with a family member | go to the park | do a scavenger hunt | fly a kite | play hopscotch |
| have a dance party | write a story about spring | blow bubbles | draw a spring picture | have fruit for a snack |
| make a bird feeder | have a picnic lunch | free | draw with sidewalk chalk outside | plant some flowers |
| build a fort | play a game with a family member | make paper airplanes | read outside | bake a special treat |
| find some bugs | make an obstacle course | make a smoothie | read to a stuffed animal | go for a walk |



Spruce Home Public School Babysitter's Course

DATES: APRIL 16 & 17

TIMES: 3:00 - 6:00 BOTH DAYS

COST: \$75.00

INSTRUCTOR: TAYLOR BERGE



COURSE CONTENT:

- ✓ Becoming a babysitter
- ✓ Basic first aid
- ✓ Healthy meals
- ✓ Safe play
- ✓ Changing diapers
- ✓ Bedtime routines
- ✓ Handling emergencies

YOU MUST BE 11 y.o. OR OLDER TO TAKE THIS COURSE.

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EDSBY MR. FESCHUK



Spruce Home Public School Home Alone Course

DATES: APRIL 18

TIMES: 3:00 –5:30

COST: \$50.00

INSTRUCTOR: TAYLOR BERGE



COURSE CONTENT:

- ✓ Phone calls and visitors
- ✓ Recognizing hazards
- ✓ Following home safety procedures
- ✓ First aid basics
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ✓ Fire safety
- ✓ Calling 911

****YOU MUST BE IN GRADE 4 OR OLDER TO TAKE THIS COURSE.****

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KIDS HORSE CAMP

AGES 6 TO 12 YEARS

Limited space, secure your spot soon

2 SESSIONS, 4 DAYS EACH

9AM TO 4PM DAILY

JULY 15, 16, 17 & 18

AUGUST 12, 13 14 & 15

Fun relaxed environment

Learn basic horse care, equipment, feed
and much more!

Nutritious snacks & lunch included

Cost for one 4 day session (fees due upon sign up;
no refunds)

\$150 / PERSON

Located 20 minutes north of Prince Albert, Spruce
Home area



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