



Spruce Home Public School Newsletter

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kindergarten	2
3 Kindergarten	4 Kindergarten	5 Character Ed/Magic Presentation at 9am PACI Timbit Tour for gr. 7/8 at 10:30	6 Kindergarten Soup Lunch - free	7 Wapiti Ski Trip (gr 5-8)	8 SRPSD Ribbon Skirt/ Shirt Day	9
10 Kindergarten	11 Kindergarten	12	13 Kindergarten Pancakes & Sausages Lunch \$5 Spirit Day - Sports Day	14 Spirit Day - Green Day Pi Day K-4 Gym Night 7-8:30pm	15 No Classes Teacher's Convention SCC Movie Night 7:30-9:30	16
17  Kindergarten Boston Pizza notes due	18 Kindergarten	19	20 Kindergarten SCC Meeting 6:30 in the library	21 Gr. 5-8 Gym Night 7-8:30pm	22 Kindergarten Boston Pizza Lunch Howl in the Snowfest	23
24 31	25 Kindergarten	26	27 Kindergarten Student Progress Conferences 3:10-8:10 Apparel orders due	28	29 Good Friday Easter Break Classes resume Monday, April 8th 	30

Administrator's Message

Dear SHPS Families,

Even though we have had an incredibly mild winter, I am thrilled that Spring is close! Perhaps we can enjoy these final weeks of winter with some anticipated snow and continued mild temperatures!

Some upcoming events that you will notice on the calendar are Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Day, Teacher's Convention, some hot lunches, and Student Progress Conferences. You will have a reminder on Edsby to sign up. Please ensure that you have communicated with your child's teacher as to your intent for conferences. In some cases, a teacher may have scheduled a time for you. Ensure that the time fits your schedule or call and discuss a time that does fit. The year has been very productive! We are on track to meet our learning goals, as well as completing our units and outcomes. Spruce Home students and staff can pride themselves on working hard and doing their best work in academics and citizenship. In fact, please watch for a new initiative that we have going called "Howling With Pride". Teachers will be recognizing the positive impacts made by students in their academics or their involvement in daily activities.

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day in February and the Grade 7/8 class shared stories and lessons with the rest of the classrooms. Thanks to you all! Remember to be kind!

Finally, we just want to say thank you for your understanding of the ongoing teacher sanctions. We realize that it is not easy on many of us, and the desire of staff is for a resolution as soon as possible. I will continue to share updates on Edsby as they are sent to us.

Have a safe and healthy March!

Mr. R. Feschuk



Kindergarten/Grade 1 & 2 News

Greetings Spruce Home families! This past month has been a busy one! In Kindergarten math, we are continuing to build number sense skills through counting objects and recognizing numbers 7 to 11. They also have been working on developing their fine motor skills with printing numbers properly. In Grade 1 math we have been identifying groups of objects that are more, less, or equal to another group of objects. We wrapped up our EPBL felt Pizzeria math station where Kindergarteners were counting pizza toppings as they made their pizzas and taking customers' orders while the Grade 1's were working on solving addition/subtraction problems with answers to 20. For example, if Joel had 20 pieces of pizza and 5 pieces were cheese, how many pieces were pepperoni? In Grade 1/2 ELA students are excited to read their Jack and the Beanstalk stories they've spent a lot of time and effort working on. They have to read their story to their classmates with proper volume. This last week of February, Grade 1/2 students received UFLI homework practice pages lessons 74 and 75. These practice pages reinforce what we are learning in class and are the foundation for your child's reading success and growth. Please keep ensuring that your child is practicing these UFLI practice pages at home for the spelling quiz every Friday!

This month in K/1/2 EPBL we will be studying mapping and communities! We will check out the parts of a map, directions, addresses, and how to be a great community member.

In Grade 3/4 Art we are finishing up a landscape and fox painting - these turned out so great!

The Grade 5/6's are completing an old-style radio show - The Invisible Man. They will record these along with music and sound effects. We can't wait to share the finished product!

In Grade 7/8 Art we are studying one and two point perspective drawing. We will be creating city blocks using what we learn.

Enjoy the longer days as we get closer to spring!

Mrs. Hoey-Seto

Grade 3/4 News

It seems that March is coming in like a lion, so I hope that means it will be more pleasant as the month goes on! The grade 3/4 class has been working on some reader's theater productions that they are now creating puppets for in hopes of performing for the younger students. They also used their knowledge of magnets and static electricity to create and perform magic tricks that were enjoyed by the younger students. Students have been looking at suffixes and prefixes in their UFLI work and have all seen great improvements in their spelling. They also enjoyed a fun spirit week, celebrated Valentine's Day, and learned about Pink Shirt Day. As well, they enjoyed an Indigenous Story every day read by the grade 7/8 students in recognition of Indigenous Storytelling month. February was a busy, fun-filled month!



Grade 5/6 News

Happy March parents and guardians! Hope all the grade 5/6 students had a wonderful February break and are happy to face March! We have our Wapiti ski trip coming up real soon and the grade five students sound pretty excited to go on this trip for the first time. I may have to dust off my skis for the first time since...I was in grade seven! Our grade five basketball team wrapped up their basketball season this past month, coached by yours truly. It was amazing to see their growth from the start of the season to the end. The grade six boys had a wonderful season also with the grade 7/8 team. I am looking forward to coaching the badminton team this upcoming month! Here's to hoping we have another great month in March!



Grade 7/8 News

February flew by in a flurry of warm weather, cold weather, and even a little bit of snow! Our class is diving straight into Literature circles in ELA class and is examining the book Number the Stars. This is a book that examines a family's struggle during the Holocaust. We are researching and writing Essays on some "Heroes" of the Holocaust. If you ever want to learn about some amazing humans just look up the names Irene Sendler, Girgorgio Perlasca or Raoul Wallenberg. For Pink Shirt Day our class organized activities for each class in the school. We talked about different levels of problems, conflict resolution, and how to be a good friend. We ended our day with a school-wide collaborative piece of art. Our grade 7 and 8 Math class is now examining Linear Equations. While some of us are still getting used to the idea of the alphabet being in our daily math class, the rest of us love it! We have started learning about Earthquakes and Volcanoes in Science and the Government in Social Studies. In Health class, we are wrapping up our Conflict Unit and moving on to Digital Citizenship. We are all very excited to get the opportunity to take our Physical Education class outside with our upcoming day at Wapiti. Remember to dress for the weather and bring layers! It is sure to be a day to remember.

SLC News

The SLC had a very busy February with TeleMiracle fundraising, Staff Appreciation Week, Spirit Week, and Valentine's Day. We are so proud of our school community support, we raised \$305 for TeleMiracle! March will be another busy month. We will be holding another assembly, Green Day on March 14, and an Easter activity involving Hero the Husky.

🏀 Join us for Open Gym Night at Spruce Home Public School! 🏀

Bring the whole family for an evening of fun and fitness! Parents, this is your chance to bond with your kids on the court or get together with other parents to organize exciting team games.

Date: Thursday, March 14 for K-4

Thursday, March 21 for Gr.5-8

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Spruce Home Public School Gym

Activities:

- Parents and children play together
- Team games for all ages

Fun and fitness for the whole family!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy quality time together while staying active. See you on the court! 🏀 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦



🌟 Get your Spruce Home Public School spirit wear now! 🌟

Show off your school pride with our stylish and comfy apparel! From trendy t-shirts to cozy hoodies, sweatpants, shorts, and toques, we've got everything you need to rock that SHPS spirit in style.

👕 T-shirts: Perfect for everyday wear, available in various sizes and designs.

🧥 Hoodies: Stay warm and cozy while showcasing your school colors.

👖 Sweatpants & Shorts: Whether you're hitting the gym or lounging at home, we've got you covered.

🧢 Toques: Keep warm during chilly days with our snug and stylish toques.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to represent Spruce Home Public School wherever you go! See the order form for prices and sizes. Grab your apparel today and be part of the SHPS family! 🎓 👕 🧢

All orders need to be in by March 27th at Student Progress Conferences.

Family Math Challenge





February answers




1. 16

2. FIVE

March Questions




1.





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

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2.

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

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AFTERNOON OF AGRICULTURE

MARCH 6, 2024

SPRUCE HOME ACTIVITY CENTRE

HWY 2 NORTH

1:00 PM A.P.A.S. 

Presentation from the Agriculture Producers Association of Saskatchewan on the benefits of your local RM being a member.

1:40 PM SASK AGRICULTURE 

Meet the our agriculture specialists . Find out how you can work with them and what resources and programs are available to producers.

2:20 PM AG HEALTH & SAFETY 

The goal of the AHSN is to improve health and safety on the farm through education, service and evaluation research.

3:00 PM COFFEE BREAK 

Enjoy a quick coffee break supplied by the RM of Buckland and the amazing ladies of the Spruce Home Activity Centre.

3:20 PM W.S.A. 

Drainage, beaver dams, Anglin Lake Dam release and a flood of other things to keep conversation flowing...

4:00 PM LOCAL AGRONOMIST

Seeds, Pesticides, Herbicides, Soil Quality, Plant Growth and other interesting farming facts.

PAMF PROGRAMS 2024

- LITTLE TYKES - GR. 1-4
- FALL RIVER RIDERS - GR. 6-9
- SPRING 6-A-SIDE- GR. 5-8
- PASS, PUNT AND KICK - AGE 7-14



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