



# Spruce Home Public School

## October 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 X-Country Extravaganza	2 Kindergarten	3 Boston Pizza orders due	4 Kindergarten Walkathon SCC Movie Night Doors open at 7pm	5
6	7 Kindergarten	8	9 Kindergarten Boston Pizza Lunch Picture Day Retakes	10	11 PLC No Classes	12
13	14 	15	16 Kindergarten	17 SCC Meeting @ 6:30	18 Kindergarten Walkathon Pledges Due	19
20	21 Kindergarten	22	23 Kindergarten Grilled Cheese and Juice Box Lunch \$5	24	25 Family Halloween Dance 7-10pm	26
27	28 Kindergarten	29	30 Kindergarten Free Soup Lunch	31 Black/Orange/ Costume Day		



**A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers that made the Cross-Country Extravaganza such a success. We had so many community members volunteer in a variety of ways and each bit of service contributed to the smooth flow of the day. Thank you to those that volunteered in the canteen, at the finish line, along the course, and anyone who pitched in to help. A huge thank you goes out to PR Septic from Christopher Lake for the donation of porta-potty services for our athletes and our spectators.**

## 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, and at long last, reveal our sign of thanks for all the work associated with the building of our new playground. Becoming a part of this engaged School community has been truly great.

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 could 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, the significance of orange shirt day, and a pathway full of hope demonstrating mutual respect for all people in our country.

The month of October looks to be just as exciting as September. Our cross country running Extravaganza will happen on October 1st, our walkathon on October 4th, Picture Retake Day on October 9, there will be a couple of hot lunches, and some engagement assemblies to keep students focused and striving to our math goal.

If at any time you have 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.

Mr. R. Feschuk

## Kindergarten News

What a great start to the year! It has been wonderful welcoming our 16 Kindergarten students to Spruce Home School!

Our focus in September has been learning routines, learning and reviewing letter sounds and numbers and how to be a great student in our school.

We have had many great moments this month such as finding and counting 100 ladybugs, collecting fall leaves for an art project, hearing many great stories and exploring our camping set up during EPBL!

Soon we will begin learning about different Canadian animals and the kinds of adaptations they use to survive as well as different kinds of buildings and construction.

I'm so proud of our Kindergarten students so far and I know we will have a great year!

Mrs. Hoey-Seto

## Grade 1/2/3 News

Welcome back Spruce Home families! We are glad to have your lovely children back in our classrooms. In my Gr. 1/2/3 combined class we have welcomed 7 new faces to SH school! We have started UFLI phonics as you may have noticed the homework pages coming home twice a week and the spelling assessment results coming home on the Friday (or following Monday). We are writing our own stories inspired by the story: There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly. In our EPBL stations, we had a strong science focus on motion/transportation with an Airport exploration station and an opportunity to explore the different forces (push, pull, friction). The grade 3s took the learning a little deeper with the focus of contact and non contact forces using magnets. In Grade 1 math, students are learning proper number formation as well as reviewing: saying, identifying, and sequencing numbers 11-20. In Grade 2 math, students learned to identify odd and even numbers as well as skip count forward and backwards by 2s starting at an odd number or even number. In health, we have been focusing on feelings and strategies to get back to our calm inner self when upset.

Mrs. Shillington

## Grade 3/4 News

- The leaves are turning colour and the students are working hard in the classroom. In Social Studies, they have been looking at all things Saskatchewan, and in October they will be looking at decision making and elections to gain an understanding of the election in our Province at the end of the month. In Science, they have been studying Rocks and Minerals and this month they will be examining fossils, weathering, and erosion. Healthy food and physical activity have been the topics in health and the school nurses will be providing more information to the students during this class. The class has been figuring out routines and expectations in guided reading and have been working through UFLI lessons to work on their reading skills.
- The students love having Ms. Sylvester in the class, she is teaching the class about 1/2 time and will be up to full time in November.
- Mrs. Wagner

### Grade 5/6 News

In ELA, the 5/6 class is doing a novel study of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. In Arts, we have begun a unit on *The Elements of Art*.

-Mrs. Ginter

Happy spoooooooky October parents and guardians. It is crazy to think that we have finished our first month of school already! The boys and girls have been working hard since day one. In ELA class we have been creating our own comic strips! In social studies the students have been learning about the creation of Canada, which also leads into Indigenous and European settlers. Lastly, the students have been working on finding information about food cycles and the food chain in the wilderness. I'm happy to work with such a wonderful group of students this year and excited for what is to come!

-Mr. Fiddler

### Band News

The Grade 5/6 class attended the Sask Rivers Beginner Band Clinic on Sept. 24. The day was very busy and fun. Spruce Home band students worked hard and represented our school well. Let's Go, Band!

-Mrs. Ginter.

### Grade 7/8 News

This has been an amazing first month back to school and the grade 7/8 class has been very busy and hard at work. On September 30th, we had essential presentations for Orange Shirt Day. We all split into groups and went into each classroom to give a presentation about Orange Shirt Day. We taught about the history of the date, and read picture books about people's experiences at Residential Schools, meaningful discussions were had, we taught about the 7 teachings from Grandmother and Grandfather and we created art inspired by Indigenous artists. On October 1st the grade 7/8 class played a very important role in Cross Country Extravaganza by leading all of the runners in the right direction. Two grade 8's also went and helped out with the canteen. We organized this huge event that saw over 506 athletes from all over our school division complete the race. Not only that, but we have also been focusing on writing proper paragraphs in ELA using a hamburger paragraph, learning about Optics in Science and our Health unit is Helping Others. We have had a very fun first month of school and we can't wait for the spooky month of October.

-Mya

### SLC News

Another year of SLC has started. To start the year off we had a Warm Fuzzy board that had premade warm fuzzies and affirmations students could take. The board transformed from premade cards to students writing their own warm fuzzy/affirmations! We will be continuing the weekly warm fuzzy every Friday throughout the year.

SLC have come up with a "Wicked Walkathon" theme! Back to the 80s. The walkathon will be Friday, October 4. SLC has come up with some epic incentives and prizes. Forms will be sent home, money and forms will be due back by October 18.

We will also be holding a Halloween assembly on the 31st in the afternoon!

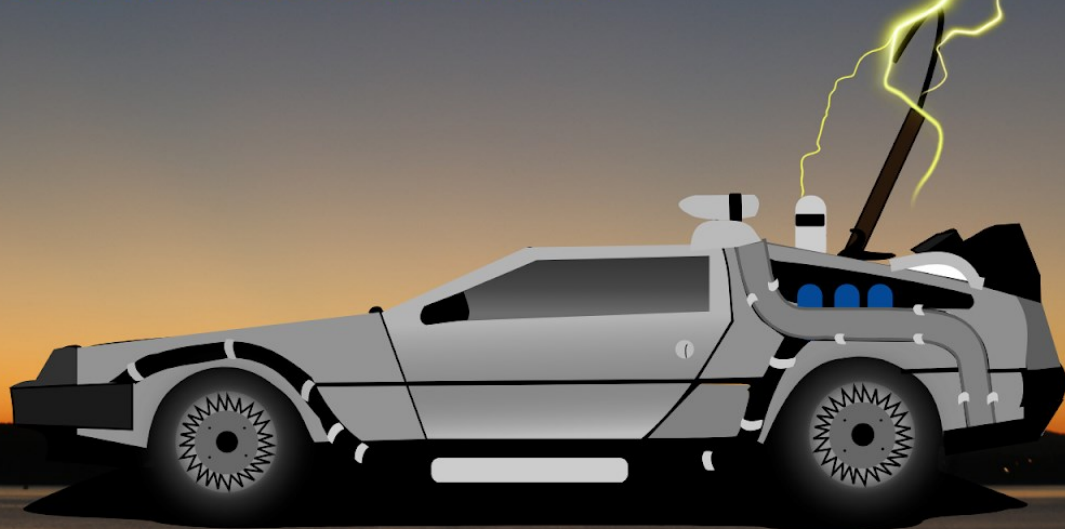




# BACK TO THE 80S

*A WICKED WALKATHON*

**SPRUCE HOME PUBLIC SCHOOL  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024**



# Family Math Challenge

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**Puzzle #1**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACROSS**

1.  $353 - 126 =$

4.  $46 \times 6 =$

6.  $26 + 330 + 12 =$

7.  $724 - 322 =$

8.  $1265 - 404 =$

10.  $400 + 467 =$

12. 3 Down - 16 Down =

14.  $2004 - 876 =$

15.  $133 + 208 + 428 =$

17.  $1652 - 809 =$

19.  $26 \times 9 =$

21.  $646 - 215 =$

22.  $1762 - 1430 =$

23. 19 Across + 22 Across =

**DOWN**

1.  $526 - 322 =$

2.  $519 + 213 =$

3.  $5673 + 2163 =$

4.  $597 - 349 =$

5. 12 Across - 15 Across =

9.  $946 - 324 =$

10.  $1200 - 393 =$

11.  $436 + 283 =$

13.  $172 \times 2 =$

16.  $2386 + 1420 + 2640 =$

17.  $1257 - 444 =$

18.  $161 \times 2 =$

19.  $430 - 215 =$

20.  $162 + 162 + 162 =$

2.

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**Puzzle #2**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACROSS**

1.  $634 - 231 =$

4. 1 Down + 100 =

6.  $900 - 600 =$

7. 800, 802, 804, \_\_\_\_, 808...

8. 16 Down - 100 =

10. 121, 122, \_\_\_\_, 124, 125...

12.  $452 + 892 =$

14. The number that comes after 999

15. 800, 804, 808, 812, \_\_\_\_, 820...

17.  $222 + 222 =$

19. 15 Across - 17 Across =

21. 7 Across - 1 Across =

22. 600, \_\_\_\_, 602, 603...

23. The number before 318

**DOWN**

1.  $927 - 509 =$

2. 330, 333, \_\_\_\_, 339, 342...

3.  $556 + 506 =$

4.  $299 + 240 =$

5.  $1000 - 200 =$

9. 400, 410, \_\_\_\_, 430, 440...

10. 136, 140, 144, \_\_\_\_, 152...

11. The number immediately before 317

13. 12 Across - 16 Down =

16.  $248 + 792 =$

17.  $400 + 50 + 6 =$

18. 8 Across - 4 Down =

19. 111, 222, \_\_\_\_, 444, 555...

20. 7 Across - 4 Down =

Spruce Home  
SCC  
Presents

# MOVIE ★ NIGHT ★

*The 1st Friday of  
every month  
starting October  
4th*

**Doors open at 7:00 PM**

**Canteen on site**