



Spruce Home Public School
Newsletter



December 2024

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8	9 Kindergarten	10	11 Kindergarten Christmas Meal Ugly Sweater Day	12	13 Kindergarten	14
15	16 Kindergarten Santa Store Candy Cane Day (wear stripes, red, white, green)	17 Snowman Day	18 Kindergarten Soup Lunch-free Christmas Hat/Toque Day	19 Christmas Socks Day	20 PJ Day	21
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Classes resume
Monday, January 6th, 2025

Dear Spruce Home Families,

The holiday season is upon us, and December is always a special time here at Spruce Home Public School. As we wrap up 2024, I want to thank each of you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment to our students' success. The sense of community in our school is truly inspiring, and it is a privilege to be part of it.

A Month of Celebration and Reflection

This month, we are excited to engage our students in meaningful learning experiences while celebrating the season together. December is a time to reflect on the achievements of the past year and set our sights on the goals ahead.

Holiday Events

Our school will be buzzing with festive cheer as we prepare for the Biennial **Christmas Concert** on December 5 at 6:30 PM. Students have been working hard in rehearsals, and we can't wait to see their talent and creativity shine. We hope to see all of you there to share in the celebration!

We are also hosting a **Food Drive** throughout the month to support families in our community. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the school until December 18. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping us teach our students the value of giving back.

Students and staff will be treated to a **Christmas Dinner** on Wednesday, December 11 sponsored by our SCC. They always do an amazing job of preparing a great meal allowing our school community to celebrate together. If you are able to volunteer time or food, please see the notice later in the newsletter.

Winter Break

Our last day of school before the break is December 20, with dismissal at the regular time. Classes will resume on January 6, 2025.

During the break, I encourage families to enjoy quality time together, relax, and recharge for the year ahead.

Winter Safety

As the snow continues to fall, please remind your children to dress warmly and wear proper footwear for icy conditions. Safety during outdoor play and travel to and from school is always a top priority.

Thank you for your unwavering support throughout 2024. I wish you a joyful holiday season filled with laughter, love, and cherished memories. Here's to a bright and successful new year for all of us at Spruce Home Public School!

Mr. R. Feschuk

Happy December from Kindergarten!

We have recently opened a Kindergarten restaurant in our classroom! The students have been learning all about the many different jobs within a restaurant, restaurant rules and manners and healthy eating too!

We have also continued to learn about migration, adaptation, and hibernation, with a focus on the animals we see around Spruce Home and the types of adaptations certain animals will use.

In UFLI we have introduced heart words along with our letter sounds. These are common words that cannot easily be sounded out, so we learn to recognize them "by heart". Our first heart word is "the".

In math we have continued practicing all numbers up to 20, both reciting them and counting objects. We are also practicing different patterns and strengthening our subitizing skills, which is recognizing how many objects are in a group without counting them.

We are also practicing for the Christmas Concert coming up!

As the weather cools off and the snow stays, we are excited to use the sledding hill and play in the snow. Make sure you come to school well dressed!

Grade 1/2/3 News

Seasons Greetings Spruce Home families! In phonics, we have been learning about the magic 'e' or 'bopper e' for the letter sounds: a_e (cake), u_e (cube), e_e (theme), i_e (like), and o_e (home). We have been working on our sentence writing skills in ELA as well as through cross curricular activities, such as our respect unit in health. We have recently started our Safety unit in Health. In Science, we will be learning about Air and Water. In grade 1 math, we have been identifying numbers up to 50. We wrapped up learning how to identify one more, two more than a given number, and one less, two less than a given number. In grade 2 math, we wrapped up learning about ordering numbers from smallest to largest, and we are currently reviewing doubles (2+2, 3+3, 4+4, etc), which will help students when doing double digit addition. Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Grade 3/4 News

It's beginning to look like winter and the kids have been enjoying playing in the snow. Please remember to encourage your children to dress appropriately for the weather. This month in science students have been learning about and experimenting with the properties of light and in Social they have been examining an Indigenous worldview. They wrote poetry in ELA and are now working on story writing and they will continue to work on developing their understanding of words in our daily time doing UFLI. The students enjoyed Education Week last week by dressing up for each day and ending the week with a trip to watch "Willy Wonka".

December brings many special activities such as the Christmas Concert (Dec. 5th), the Christmas meal (Dec. 11th), and the Santa Store. Ms. Sylvester will be with our class until the Christmas Break, it has been so great having her in our class! We will miss her!



Grade 5/6 News

The 5/6 class is working on a Reader's Theatre to present at the Christmas Concert on Dec 5. In ELA, we are focusing on improving our writing skills through a variety of projects and essay activities.

-Mrs. Ginter

Grade 7/8 News

We worked on the Remembrance Day service for a good chunk of November. Our class put in a lot of work for the assembly, but it was rewarding. It took us two and a half weeks to get all of the info ready for the assembly. We researched four things: women in war, D-day, Chief Joseph Dreaver, and the RCAF. That was fun! We were on the Chromebooks for most of the unit, and after we had the research done, we made a script. The recorded groups were women in war, Chief Joseph Dreaver, and the RCAF. The last group, D-Day, was live. If you attended, I hope you had a good time.

Now I will tell you what we have been doing for math. In grade 7, they have been doing the unit called decimals, percent, and fractions which is the thing they have been working on for most of the month. Now we are going to get into grade 8 math.

They do not have the same teacher as grade 7. Last year Mrs. Stasiw was the grade 7 and 8 teacher but this year grade 8 has a different teacher: Mr. Feschuk. Grade 8 have been working on ratios and rates. That is what we have been working on in November.

The sports in November were volleyball and basketball. We had a coed volleyball team. For volleyball, we have staff with students game on November 29 to finish the season. Now, the sport we are playing going into December is basketball. We have a coed basketball team. We also have a grade 5/6 coed volleyball team. That is all of the sports we have teams for right now.

That is some of the stuff that we have been working on for the past month. Have fun and be safe as we now have snow. Drive safe and be careful in the cold because you can get frostbite. If you are going outside, wear lots of layers so you don't get cold and sick.

~Written by Sarah~

SLC News

SLC students are busy planning for the month of December. We will be doing the 12 days of Christmas again this year with fun things each day for all staff and students leading up to the holiday break. We are also planning some spirit days: December 11 is Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, December 16 is Candy Cane Day (wear stripes, red, white, green), December 17 is Snowman Day, December 18 is Christmas Hat/Toque Day, December 19 is Christmas Socks Day, and December 20 is PJ Day.

The Santa store will be on December 16th. We are still looking for donations of items for students to buy, gift bags, and wrapping paper. Donations can be dropped off at the front doors of the school. We are also asking for volunteers to work at the store. Please contact the school if you can volunteer.

The SLC is looking for donations to be sold at our annual Santa Store that will be held on December 16. We are also looking for gift wrap, gift bags, gift tags etc. You can drop donations off at the front door. Any donations are appreciated. If you can volunteer at the Santa Store please contact the school. Thank you in advance from the SLC

Family Math Challenge

November answers

1.

2.

(2)

HUNDREDS	TENS	ONES

111

(1) The quantities are not proportional to each other.

December questions

1.

$$\text{snowman} + \text{snowman} + \text{snowman} = 15$$

$$\text{snowman} + \text{fox} + \text{fox} = 17$$

$$\text{gift} - \text{fox} = 4$$

$$\text{snowman} + \text{gift} + \text{fox} = ?$$

2.

$$\text{cookie} + \text{cookie} - \text{glass} = 15$$

$$\text{cookie} - \text{snowglobe} = 3$$

$$\text{mug} = 17 - 14 + 5$$

$$15 = \text{snowglobe} + \text{mug}$$

$$\text{cookie} \times \text{glass} - \text{snowglobe} = ?$$

My Answer: ? = _____

PRINCE ALBERT
SCIENCE CENTRE
PRESENTS
ELF ENDORSED SCIENCE

SANTA lab

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
12-4 PM
ADMISSION \$10
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE

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gateway mall

SASK LOTTERIES
NORTHERN ENERGY



The School Community Council is requesting
donations for a

Silent Auction Fundraiser

To be held on

December 5th 2024

At Spruce Home Public

School's Christmas Concert

If you would like to donate or know of a business that would
be interested

contact

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for a donation request letter

CHRISTMAS MEAL

Jingle, Mingle,
and Cheer!

Wednesday, December 11th



The SCC is in need of donations to make the annual Christmas Meal for students and staff another success!

Donation requested are for gift cards or Turkeys, potatoes, boxed stuffing, frozen vegetables and paper plates

If you would like to donate or are interested in volunteering December 11th

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