




# Spruce Home Public School Newsletter



## November 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Kindergarten SCC Movie Night Doors open at 7pm	2
3	4 Kindergarten Poutine Lunch \$5	5	6 Kindergarten Remembrance Day Service at 10:45 - all community members are welcome to join us for this student-led service	7	8  <b>No Classes</b>	9
10	11 	12 Book Fair starts	13 Kindergarten	14 Student Progress Conferences 3:15-8:15	15 Kindergarten Last Day for Book Fair	16
17	18 Kindergarten	19	20 Kindergarten Boston Pizza Lunch	21 SCC Meeting at 6:30 in the library	22	23
24	25 Kindergarten	26	27 Kindergarten Soup Lunch - free	28	29 Kindergarten EA Rawlinson "Willy Wonka"	30

# Education Week

### **Principal's Message**

As November arrives at Spruce Home Public School, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the dedication, enthusiasm, and sense of community that each of you brings to our school. Autumn has been filled with wonderful learning experiences, and it's rewarding to see the growth and progress of our students each day. November is a time to pause and reflect. I am truly thankful for the support of our families, the hard work of our staff, and the incredible students who make our school shine.

November is a busy academic month, and our students will dive into various projects and assessments. This is a great time for students to stay focused on their studies, and we encourage everyone to keep up the momentum. We are still striving for all math work to be at student's current grade level by years end. Remember, our teachers are always available to provide additional support, so please reach out if your child needs assistance.

We invite you to join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 6 at 10:45 am in our gymnasium. This is a significant day for our school and community as we honor the courage and sacrifices of our veterans. The assembly will feature student presentations and a moment of silence to remember those who have served our country.

Our fall Student Progress Conferences are scheduled for November 14 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, strengths, and areas for growth. Watch for a notice and sign-up coming out in Edsby in early November. Your involvement makes a lasting impact on your child's educational journey.

Our Scholastic Book Fair, which is running the week of November 12-15, will also be open late that night to allow students to fill their home libraries with titles they love. Education Week is from November 24-30 with our theme being Education is a Journey. Bus Driver appreciation is on November 25 and we close Education Week with a trip to the Arts Centre for the Broadway North production of Willy Wonka.

As we enter the colder months in Spruce Home, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with winter coats, hats, mittens, and boots. Outdoor play remains an important part of our school day, and we want our students to stay warm and comfortable as they enjoy recess and other outdoor activities.

Thank you once again for being an essential part of the Spruce Home Public School community. Let's work together to make November a month filled with learning, gratitude, and growth!

Mr. Feschuk

### **Kindergarten**

Happy November! We've been having so much fun in Kindergarten. The students are learning the routines so well and are mastering their letter sounds, numbers, and writing their names!

This month we will be talking about how animals handle winter - do they adapt, migrate, or hibernate? We will also talk about Remembrance Day and how we can celebrate together.

Mrs. Hoey-Seto

### **1/2/3 News**

Hi Spruce Home Families! In ELA we have been learning our UFLI lessons. Most recently we have learned the consonant diagraphs (ck, sh, "th"-voice on, and "th"-voice off). The FLSZ rule- when we hear f, l, s, or z at the end of a short vowel sound we double the letters when spelling ex: Jeff. We are also learning about the 'heart words' the tricky words to spell that don't follow the rules so we just have to remember them by 'heart'- ex: said, the, from. Students had fun creating their own stories inspired by the Lady Who Swallowed a Fly story. In Health, our nursing students have been teaching us about healthy habits and germs and proper hand washing. In Social Studies/EPBL we have been learning about rural and city communities, various community workers who work in those communities, and how individuals and communities meet needs and wants. In Grade 1 Math, students are learning to identify, count, and print numbers to 35. In Grade 2 Math, students have learned to skip count by 2's, 5's, and 10s and we currently started place value. Now we will be gearing up for our Remembrance Day service.

Mrs. Shillington

### **Grade 3/4 News**

It has been great getting to know the students and settling into our routines. We have done a lot of fun activities so far. The students have picked out and decorated their own talking sticks. We have decorated pumpkins with screws, nuts, and bolts to make monster pumpkins. We have also painted and decorated a slice of wood to look like a pumpkin. In health, we are learning about the 7 Grandfather Teachings. In science we began working on a unit about light. As the weather gets colder, students need to come to school in their warm clothes so they can stay warm outside. I am looking forward to this new month!

Miss Sylvester

### **Grade 5/6 News**

The 5/6 class has wrapped up our novel study of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. The class will be singing a song for the Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov. 6.

-Mrs. Ginter

Hello parents and guardians and welcome to November! October was a spooktacular month for me as the students kept me busy! The boys and girls have been creating skits about the dangers of online gaming. They have also been working on the Canadian provinces and their capital cities. Lastly, in Science, the focus of the ecosystem has been worked on and is coming close to its end. Happy November everyone!

-Mr. Fiddler

### **Grade 7/8 News**

In Social Studies, I learned the seven teachings and the importance of using the seven teachings in everyday life. In *Under One Sun*, I learned more about residential schools, a song about it, and that Prime Minister Steven Harper bravely decided to apologize on the government's behalf for the existence of residential schools, and what Indigenous individuals had to go through. I learned about the different levels of government and what each level of government is in charge of. I learned about political parties, how they advertise their party, and how they are very controversial individuals. I have learned about how political parties work and what steps they have to take.

In Science, I learned the laws of reflection, the different types of illuminance matters, and how shadows work. I have also learned how shadows change when you move farther/close, and the ray diagram. In lesson 3, I learned how concave and convex lights work, how refracted light works, and that light can be bent if the (I forget what it is called) index is more than air, which makes the light go slower. In lesson 4, I learned the different parts of the eye, and how each part of the eye allows us to see.

In Art, I learned how to make a creative piece with positive words. I have also learned how to take unique pictures of people in various poses, which I get to choose. In Health, I learned healthy habits, what they are, and how to include them in everyday life. I learned about grateful feathers, and how the seemingly boring chores allow me an easier everyday life. I have started learning SMART goals, which are goals I want to accomplish, and how to achieve them.

In ELA, morning meeting has helped me to have better body language and necessary social skills. In the gym, I learned the basics of volleyball, fun games like disc golf, and cool exercise games I have never tried. I have also learned many calm breathing techniques and how they are important for a calmer gym experience. At the current moment, the class is focusing on learning some of the many events that happened during WW1 and WW2. Our class is learning this to learn more about the events that took place during the war to show appreciation and to get ready for a school presentation.

~Written by Tayen~

### **SLC News**

SLC students were busy promoting our annual school walkathon last month. We had a great time dressing up in 80s gear and listening to 80s music on our walk. We are pleased to announce we raised \$4000!!

We also held our first assembly of the year on Halloween and had a lot of fun playing Fear Factor, a witch's relay, whole school Halloween dance and chase.

For November we are starting to plan Education Week which will be the last week of November. That week will be a Spirit week: Monday the 25th is Everything but a Backpack Day, Tuesday is Sports Day (dress up as your favourite sport/athlete), Wednesday is Future Career Day, Thursday is Sunglasses Day and Friday is Jersey Day. We will also be hosting a door decorating contest for all classes with the theme "Learning is a Journey".

The SLC is also starting to look for donations for our annual Santa Store. We are looking for wrapping paper, gift bags, gift tags, tissue paper, and bows, as well as items that can be sold at our store. If you want to donate, please bring your items to the school. Any donations are appreciated. The store will run on December 16th. Closer to the date, a note will be sent home asking for volunteers to help wrap gifts.

# Family Math Challenge

Answers for October:

1.

1	2	2	7		3	7		4	2	7	5	6
0		3	6	8				4				2
4	0	2			3			8	6	1		
				8	6	7				2		
1	3	9	0			1	1	2	8			
	4			7	6	9						
8	4	3		4		2	3	4				
1		2		4	3	1			8			
3	3	2		0		5	6	6				

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**Puzzle #1**

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

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

2.

4	0	3		1		5	1	8
1		3	0	0		3		0
8	0	6		6		9	4	0
				2	3			2
7	3	4	4			1	0	0
	0			8	1	6		
4	4	4		0		3	7	2
5		0		4	0	3		6
0	0	1		0		3	1	7

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**Puzzle #2**

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

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

November's Questions:

## TWO TRUTHS & ONE LIE!

Which of the three statements below is a lie?  
Explain how you made your choice.

(1)

HUNDREDS	TENS	ONES
●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●

479

(2)

HUNDREDS	TENS	ONES
	●●●●●	●●●●●

111

(3)

HUNDREDS	TENS	ONES
●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●

525

## TWO TRUTHS & ONE LIE!

Which of the three statements below is a lie?  
Explain how you made your choice.



Number of Donuts	4	6	8	9	12
Price in Dollars	1	1.5	2	2.25	3

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

(2) When the number of donuts is multiplied by 0.25, the result is the corresponding price.

(3) The cost of purchasing 40 donuts would be \$10

**Walkathon** — Our 2024 Walkathon was a success! Because of your hard work and support, we were able to raise \$4000.00 as a school. These funds raised will help buy supplies, equipment, books, and other resources that will impact our ability to teach in fun, engaging ways. We appreciate your dedication and generosity to this great fundraiser. The Kindergarten class raised \$907.00, the Grade 1/2/3 class raised \$818.00, the Grade 3/4s raised \$1095.00, the Grade 5/6s raised \$900.00 and the Grade 7/8s raised \$280.00. Way to go Spruce Home Huskies!

### **Volunteering for Operation Red Nose Benefits Prince Albert Elementary Schools**

Eleven Prince Albert elementary schools received \$8,800 from the 2023 Operation Red Nose campaign to assist with their programming. The Prince Albert Lions Club will be sponsoring Operation Red Nose in Prince Albert again in 2024 and is looking for volunteers to make it a successful campaign to keep the city streets safer.

Community volunteers are the key to the success of the program. In 2023 we provided 170 rides to 377 clients who were impaired or who did not feel fit to drive their vehicle. They all got home safely.

Although the service is free, clients usually provide donations, which under the provisions of the Operation Red Nose Program must be allocated to youth groups or groups that support youth in Prince Albert and area. The Prince Albert Lions Club has selected area elementary schools as the recipients of these donations to assist with programming for students.

The program operates on Friday and Saturday evenings. This year will start on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, and run each Friday and Saturday to December 21<sup>st</sup> plus New Year's Eve. We start around 9 pm in the evening and usually run until around 2 am the next morning. New Year's tends to run a bit later due to house parties.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years of age. They are organized into teams of 3 people, an escort driver, a designated driver, and a navigator. All volunteers require a police background check (provided at no cost) and are insured for liability by our provincial sponsor the SGI. Volunteers do not have to use their vehicles since escort vehicles are provided by vehicle dealerships in the city.

Volunteers can choose to work one night, a weekend, or the whole season. Come as an individual or put together a team of 3 people. We find New Years Eve is one of our busiest nights. Volunteers are provided with food, coffee, and camaraderie during the evenings they work.

If you are interested in helping out with Operation Red Nose, please contact me at (306)763-7434, (306)425-7804(cell) or by email at [rbraaten@sasktel.net](mailto:rbraaten@sasktel.net).

November 16, 2024

10AM - 3 PM



Spruce Home  
Activity  
Centre's 3rd  
Annual  
Tradeshow

\$2 Admission  
Canteen on Site

Spruce Home  
Activity Centre is  
located 15 min  
North of P.A. on  
highway 2 North.  
See you there!