



# Spruce Home Public School Newsletter

**April 2025**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Kindergarten Growing Smiles Fundraiser starts	3 Hero's Snack Hut	4 Kindergarten SCC Movie Night doors open at 7pm	5
6 Kindergarten	7	8	9 Kindergarten Sausage & Perogies \$5	10 Hero's Snack Hut SCC Meeting 6:30	11	12
13 Kindergarten	14	15	16 Kindergarten	17 Hero's Snack Hut	18 <b>Good Friday</b>	19
20	21	22 Growing Smiles Fundraiser ends	23	24	25	26
<b><i>Easter Break</i></b>						
27 Kindergarten Soup Lunch	28	29	30 Kindergarten			

**Administrator's Message**

Hello Spruce Home Public School Families,  
Welcome to April! Spring (or Winter, Round 4) is officially here, and with it comes new energy, learning opportunities, and exciting events at Spruce Home Public School. We hope everyone had a wonderful March and is ready for the final three months of the school year.

**Student Learning & Growth**

With just a few months left in the school year, students are working hard to achieve their learning goals, especially in math as we are a Math goal school. Teachers continue to provide engaging lessons, and we encourage students to stay focused and put forth their best effort. As always, if you have any questions about your child's progress, feel free to reach out to their teacher.

**Upcoming Events & Important Dates**

- **April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day** : Wear blue to support autism awareness and inclusion.
- **April 18 – No School (Good Friday)**
- **April 21-27 – No School (Easter Break)**
- **April 22 – Earth Day** : Students can see how we can help protect our planet.
- **April 23 – Admin Professional's Day-** (We will recognize Mrs. Acorn on April 17, just before our break.)

**April 28-** Classes Resume from Easter Break.

**Spring Weather & Outdoor Activities**

As the temperatures rise, we remind families to ensure students are dressed appropriately for changing weather conditions. With more opportunities for outdoor learning and recess, proper footwear and layers will help keep everyone comfortable.

**Thank You for Your Support!**

We have successfully completed another round of Co-op gift card fundraising. We all just want to express our sincere thanks for helping us reach our goal and allowing us to get the full 10% grant. We are grateful for the incredible support from our families, staff, and community in making Spruce Home Public School a welcoming and vibrant place for learning. Your involvement in your child's education makes a difference,

**Grade 1/2/3 News**

April is here already! Wow time is flying by. The grade 2/3s have been learning about sentence structure, nouns, verbs, & adjectives in ELA, we recently did a mini writing activity on writing the ending to a storybook we read. The grade 1s continue to focus on forming their letters properly on the lines and using finger spaces, capitalization, and punctuation. In UFLI, we have been learning about vowel teams and the various ways to spell 1 sound. (ex: ee, ea, and ey all say 'ee'). In health, we learned about healthy snacking and nutrition. In grade 1 math, we have wrapped up skip counting by 10's and 5's and are working on skip counting by 2's even numbers now. Grade 2s wrapped up their measurement unit and continue to review 2-digit subtraction and addition with regrouping (carrying and borrowing). We are excited to get back to Ellen's farm and see the spruce trees we planted in the Fall. Students started planting seeds to hopefully nurture and grow some native plants that we can eventually transplant on Ellen's farm as well.



\* 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!



### Grade 3/4 News

March has flown by and the grade 3/4 students continue to work hard in all their subject areas! In our UFLI time, the students have been learning about many different suffixes and prefixes as well as signal vowels and vowel teams. In Guided Reading, students continue to focus on their reading and comprehension skills and they are also learning the basic building blocks of good sentences. Social Studies has them looking at the historical contributions to Saskatchewan from the First Nations, Metis people, as well as, European settlers. In Science, the students finished learning about sound and are now beginning to learn about habitats. Thank you to all who made it out in the snowy weather to Parent/Teacher conferences, it is always good to take time to discuss these great students.

### Grade 5/6 News

Happy April, parents and guardians! Hopefully, Mother Nature can get control of this weather and let the snow melt! Our grade 5/6 has been nailing it this year. As we end the unit of flight the students are grasping the physics of flight and how everything works. In social studies, the students are also wrapping up their recycling program as the class was split into two groups and debated on the pros and cons of recycling programs in schools. The students nailed it and surpassed my expectations! Great jobs, boys and girls!

Mr. T. Fiddler.

We are wrapping up a Health unit about ads and marketing. In ELA we worked through Parts of Speech, and now we are working on Figurative Language.

Mrs. Ginter



### Grade 7/8 News

March has just flown by, and luckily, the grade 7/8 class has been working very hard on many assignments this past month.

Since the basketball season has come to an end that means it is now badminton season. One thing that all badminton players are very excited about is the badminton extravaganza which is going to be hosted at Carlton. We are now doing a unit that is cross-curricular with art and gym, which is dance. The dances we have been doing are the Cha Cha Slide, ballet, and hip hop. We have also been planning to make an obstacle course for the kindergarteners, which will be very fun for them.

In Mythology, lately we have been working very hard on Pandora's Box. The first part of this assignment we had to do was to read and highlight a page that talked about what Pandora's Box is and its backstory. The next step we had to do was to decorate a box to what we thought Pandora's Box would look like, then you would have to write a script, then record in front of a green screen for the we video. And for the third chunk of the assignment is to edit the video. I am so glad to be starting the novel study on Percy Jackson, and then we will be watching the movie.

The grade 7's and the grade 8's have both been working very hard in math but for completely different things. The grade 7s are in the middle of the unit in the area of parallelograms and triangles. And the grade 8's have been working on algebra a lot since around the end of January. Both classes can't wait to see what the next units in April will be.

Now that March is slowly but fastly coming to an end soon it will be easter bunny time to shine in April. Can't wait to see what April will bring us.

Written by Mya

### Band News

The 7/8 Band performed very well at the Prince Albert Music Festival on Mar 20. They earned a First Place rank. Well done!

All Sask Rivers band students will travel to Carlton on Wednesday, May 28 for Extravabandza! There will be rehearsals during the day, and a concert in the evening. Please mark that in your calendars, and stay tuned for more information coming soon. Let's Go, Band!

# Family Math Challenge

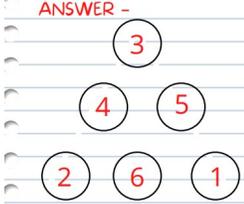
## March Answers:

1.  thinkwell  homeschool

**Brain Teaser #1**  
**The Magic Triangle**

Can you place the digits 1 - 6 into the circles so that each side of the triangle adds to 9?

ANSWER -



2.  thinkwell  homeschool

**Brain Teaser #7**  
**Math is Sweet!**

Find the value of each icon in the multiplication table.



## April Questions:

1.  Hidden within this grid are 27 subtraction and addition problems. They may be positioned horizontally (right), vertically (down), or diagonally (up or down to the right). Can you find them all? One of them is already circled.

13	7	6	13	9	7	10	9	8	17
9	3	10	6	12	11	11	6	4	5
4	3	4	1	2	18	11	4	5	1
1	6	8	5	6	5	6	9	7	11
15	4	1	13	8	9	9	1	6	2
1	3	7	8	11	16	8	14	5	15
20	4	12	10	6	2	11	1	5	11
12	2	2	5	4	14	2	5	2	10
8	2	12	7	10	6	16	12	4	21
11	16	4	12	9	15	12	2	10	2

2.  Hidden within this grid are 26 multiplication and division problems. They may be positioned horizontally (right), vertically (down), or diagonally (up or down to the right). Can you find them all? One of them is already circled.

10	8	2	12	1	12	10	90	11	121
7	6	33	36 ÷ 9 = 4	9	8	11	2		
70	12	12	3	5	10	88	11	3	10
1	72	8	8	11	7	11	4	1	4
20	4	5	5	5	25	35	84	8	15
6	12	7	55	11	5	4	7	4	5
11	10	9	11	99	6	3	12	32	3
66	120	3	11	18	1	12	11	2	60
55	11	5	6	11	5	1	12	12	6
10	4	3	6	7	5	9	1	9	10

### SLC News

The SLC will be running a contest from April 1st to the 17th. To celebrate the upcoming Easter break, we will be playing Where's Hero again at school. The classroom with the most correct answers will receive a prize. We didn't want our family and friends to feel left out this year, so we will also be running this contest on our Facebook page. Families can enter the contest by messaging the school's Facebook page with their guesses. Families who participate will be entered into a draw for a family game night basket that they can enjoy over the Easter break. Please watch for our posts on our Facebook page.

The SLC continues to create a welcoming environment with their weekly efforts of writing and delivering warm fuzzies to all students and staff! They also help run Hero's Snack Hut every Thursday and continue to show amazing leadership skills.

# Spring Fundraiser 2025

## WHAT WE ARE SELLING:



Hanging Baskets



Annuals



Tropicals



Herbs & Veggies



### HOW TO ORDER:

[sprucehomeschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com](https://sprucehomeschool.growingsmilesfundraising.com)



### PLANT PICKUP:

Second week of May at Spruce Home School



### ORDERS DUE:

Last day to order online April 22nd



### CONTACT:

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Growing Smiles  
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Spruce Home Public School

# Trade Show

Saturday, May 10th  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

20 km North of Prince  
Albert on highway #2



**Interested in booking a table?**

Inside trade fair - \$40 for table or two for \$60

Outdoor garage sale/farmers market spot- \$40, must have own set up

Payments can be made by cash or cheque to the school or online using  
the school cash online app

<https://srsd119.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/8875/308/False/True>

To book a table or for more information contact  
The school at 306-764-8377 or rfeschuk@srsd119.ca



SPRUCE HOME ACTIVITY CENTRE PRESENTS

# Family Easter Event

April 13/25 1 – 3 PM \$10 entry

EASTER EGG HUNT, CRAFTS AND  
SNACKS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.



*Spruce Home Activity Centre presents*

*Mother's Day  
Tea  
Party*

*"Motherhood: all love begins and ends there."*

*Robert Browning*

*May 11/25 - 2-4 PM*

*Per Person - \$20.00*

*Per Table of six - \$100.00*

*Transfer your name and payment to  
sprucehomeactivitycentre@gmail.ca*