



# Spruce Home Public School Newsletter



## February 2025

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Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<div> <div>Tele miracle Helping Hands will be for sale the whole month of February</div> </div>				<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Kindergarten Soup Lunch	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Kindergarten	<b>6</b> Hero's Snack Hut	<b>7</b> Report Cards Kindergarten SCC Movie Night doors open at 7pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Kindergarten 100th Day of School Multiple Day	<b>11</b> Favourite Celebrity Day Family Literacy Event	<b>12</b> Kindergarten 2 Hot Dogs & Juice Box Lunch \$5 Krazy Hair Day	<b>13</b> Tye Dye Day Hero's Snack Hut	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day Red/Pink Day	<b>15</b>
<div> <div>Staff Appreciation Week</div> <div>Candy grams will be for sale all week</div> </div>						
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<div> <div>February Break</div> <div>No Classes</div> </div>						
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Kindergarten	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Kindergarten Howl in the Snow Fest	<b>27</b> Hero's Snack Hut SCC Meeting at 6:30	<b>28</b> Pink Shirt Day	

### Administrator's Message

Dear Spruce Home Public School Families,

February is here, bringing with it a time for learning, growth, and community connection! As we move into the second month of 2025, I want to take a moment to highlight some of the exciting things happening at our school. February is a month that encourages kindness and inclusivity. We will be participating in **Pink Shirt Day** on February 28, standing together against bullying and promoting respect and empathy. Students are encouraged to wear pink and take part in activities focused on building a culture of kindness in our school.

Our students continue to impress us with their dedication to learning. Teachers are actively working on assessments and have just completed report cards, which will be sent home in the early part of this month. Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled in March, thus providing an opportunity to discuss student progress and goals for the remainder of the year.

#### Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **February 11- Family Literacy Evening at SHPS-** 6:00 to 7:00 for literacy activities and games around the school.
- **February 14 – Valentine's Day Celebrations** □: Classroom activities will focus on friendship and gratitude.
- **February 17 to 21 – February Break (No School):** Enjoy the time with your loved ones!
- **February 26- Howl in the Snow Fest-** a day of outdoor learning and activities.
- **February 28 – Pink Shirt Day:** Stand up for kindness and wear pink!

**Winter Weather Reminder:** Please ensure students come dressed for the cold. We continue to enjoy outdoor recess and activities when possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making Spruce Home Public School a wonderful place to learn and grow. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.

Wishing you all a fantastic February!

### Kindergarten News

Happy February!

As we enjoy the days beginning to lengthen, our Kindergarten students are busy practicing our letter sounds and blending simple words, adding numbers together, and recognizing and building patterns. We've been enjoying our building centre and it has brought up many interesting discussions about how to plan and build a building! This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day together on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We are also exploring how to take EPBL (Exploratory Play Based Learning) outside on the milder days of winter. We've been discussing the many ways we keep ourselves warm and how animals do the same!

### Grade 1/2/3 News

In Grade 1/2 we learned about air and water in science and students used felt pieces to act out the water cycle. The Grade 3s learned about structures and completed a fun STEAM challenge in Science. We have been learning about safety in health. The Grade 1s have been learning how to make 10 and reviewing 1 more, 2 more, 1 less, and 2 less than a given number in math. The Grade 2s have been learning double digit subtraction and how to borrow/regroup in math. Hopefully, February brings better weather so students can enjoy the outdoors without overheating in the -1 temps or stuck inside for the -35 temps.

### Grade 3/4 News

The grade 3/4 class has started drama and acting in Arts Ed. We are learning about sound and our ears in Science. We are learning in health about being a good digital citizen. In writing, we are learning about opinion writing and simple sentences. In UFLI, we are learning prefixes and suffixes. In music class, we are learning songs with the recorder. In grade four math we are learning multiplication, and in grade three math we are learning fact families. In social studies, we are learning about agriculture in Saskatchewan.

Written by Tessa D. and Scarlett L.

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

Hello parents and guardians and welcome to February (my birthday month, just in case anyone wants to know!). We have been busy bees since coming back from Christmas break. The students have been learning about flying and how everything works. This started with the students creating their cardboard airplanes and having a competition to see whose plane flew the furthest. We have also been working on how to create a healthier planet, for today and the future. The kiddos have been working hard, and I am certain it will carry throughout February!

-Mr. Fiddler

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

*Throughout January, the student leaders of Spruce Home Public School have completed various subjects and attended several basketball games. The following paragraphs will highlight what these huskies have learned.*

In grade seven, the previously learned unit, integers, has helped these huskies tremendously and creates a better understanding of a first-time unit, specifically, one and two-step equations.

For over half of term one, the student leaders have been working continuously on optics and vision. This time-worthy unit is completed and now, the huskies are learning about cells, tissues, organs, and systems. We recently were researching osmosis and diffusion. Did you know that Osmosis pulls water molecules to a different location? Water also moves into a cell by osmosis. Diffusion gets water molecules stored in vacuoles. Diffusion is the movement of particles from a higher concentration to a lower concentration.

The 7/8's have been practicing a commonly played sport, especially during times of cold weather, curling. After completing curling, the huskies have been taking part in a brand new sport to us, Kin Ball which uses a huge light ball called an Omnikin ball. It is interesting because 3 teams play against each other at the same time.

Mrs. Hoey-Seto, our kindergarten teacher and former art teacher of Spruce Home, has created a new art club for 5-8's (Wednesdays at noon recess). Students are free to colour, draw, or bring art supplies of their own. The 7\8's have also created a paper lantern replica of Chinese New Year lanterns and have been working on Valentine themed art.

During January, we started to learn about fascinating Greek Mythology. There are 4 kinds of mythology: Greek, Native American, Egyptian, and Roman. Greek Mythology is an interesting subject because we learned all about the gods/goddesses and the Titans and a lot of myths. We did bubble writing for note-taking while we read Big Baby Hermes, The Twins - Apollo and Artemis and The Wise Goddess Athena. We watched a video about how Zeus became ruler of the gods. We also learned how the wise Athena came to the world from Zeus's forehead. We have been comparing and contrasting videos to written myths and working on our writing skills.

The student leaders have spent the majority of January completing mythology and cell-related assignments. Many assignments were completed in preparation of report cards, and the student leaders are soon to have basketball playoffs.

Written in collaboration by Tayen, Gordon, and Sarah

### **SLC News**

The SLC members are excited for all of the activities happening this month! We will start our Telemiracle fundraising on Monday, February 3rd by selling Helping Hands for \$1 at the beginning of the day. For every hand a student buys they can put their name in for a chance to win some Telemiracle swag. Helping Hands will be sold until Friday, February 28th. We will also be selling candy grams for \$1 the week of February 10-14th with the candy grams being delivered at the end of Friday. All proceeds will go to Telemiracle.

SLC has planned a spirit week for Feb 10-14. Monday will be multiple-day, dress the same as 1,2,3 or even 10 people, Tuesday is dress like your favorite celebrity, Wednesday is Krazy hair day, Thursday is Tye Dye day and Friday is Red & Pink day.

SLC students have started working shifts at Hero's Snack Hut. Every week 3 students help sell items at the canteen. They have been doing a great job!

As a reward for all of the SLC's leadership and hard work so far this year we have been invited to an ice fishing derby with a few other schools in the division. We will go to Emma Lake on February 5th to enjoy a day outside with ice fishing and some other outdoor activities. We would like to send out a huge thank you to Perry Vermette and his employees who have donated their time and materials to make us 30 ice fishing rods and hooks!

# Family Math Challenge

December Answers:

1. 21
2. 43

February Questions:

## NUMBER SEARCH

DIRECTIONS: Solve the Problems. Then find and circle the Problems hidden in the puzzle. You will add the + and =.

$2 + 3 = 5$	9	7	8	1	10	3	13	15	5	2		
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6	12	13	11	10	8	2	1	4	15	15	8	7
8	2	9	3	5	8	4	0	9	9	18	7	8
8	3	7	3	3	6	6	8	9	7	2	3	15
9	2	10	12	5	7	8	2	7	8	15	3	16
5	12	1	6	4	2	3	9	12	12	3	5	3
3	14	15	7	4	7	9	1	18	2	8	7	4
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$6+3=$

$8+8=$

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$3+9=$

$15+2=$

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## NUMBER SEARCH

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7	15	5	56	6	20	27	1	7	7	70	5	9
81	9	2	18	15	2	18	10	21	27	5	9	81
10	4	4	16	5	6	10	1	10	16	7	42	40
30	3	8	5	4	2	2	4	17	15	8	16	20
5	6	6	42	7	18	21	27	90	8	56	4	5
2	42	4	6	42	16	4	81	16	20	18	21	8
10	10	2	2	7	2	2	30	6	3	18	16	8
7	42	8	5	56	8	10	56	64	56	21	54	64
81	8	10	3	30	40	8	3	4	12	8	7	0

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$6 \times 7 =$

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$8 \times 2 =$

$2 \times 2 =$

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$10 \times 3 =$

$10 \times 1 =$

$3 \times 9 =$

$5 \times 2 =$

$1 \times 7 =$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Band News**

The 7/8 Band will be performing at the Prince Albert Music Festival in March. This will take place at Carlton Comprehensive High School. More details about date and time will be sent out closer to March. Family members are welcome to attend the festival performance. Let's Go, Band!



**The Spruce Home SCC is hosting  
a Trade show on  
Saturday, May 10th 2025**

**if you are interested in  
volunteering, booking a table or  
more information you can  
attend our next SCC Meeting on  
February 27th at 6:30 pm or  
contact any of our board  
members with questions**