

# Spruce Home Public School Newsletter



### December 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Kindergarten		Kindergarten Soup Lunch-free	Family Fun Night 6:30-8:00	SCC Movie Night Doors open at 7pm	
	8 Kindergarten Senior Choir to Pineview Terrace	9	10 Kindergarten Christmas Meal	11	12 Kindergarten	13
	15 Kindergarten Santa Store Candy Cane Day (wear stripes, red, white, green)	16 Favourite Super Hero Day	17 Kindergarten  Junior Choir to SH  Activity Centre  Jersey Day	18 Christmas Sweater/ Socks Day	19 PJ Day	20
	22 No School	23 No School	24 Christmas Eve No School	25 Christmas Day No School	26 Boxing Day No School	27
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#### Dear Spruce Home Families,

Where did the year go? Ready or not, December has made its arrivall December will be busy and engaging at Spruce Home Public Schooll

We had completed Student Progress Conferences (Parent/Teacher Interviews) at the beginning of November. These went well, and it was wonderful to see so many of you make time to come in for these. We hosted a very successful Scholastic Book Fair. It was a great fair and the kids and their teachers all enjoyed getting their hands on some new books. A huge thank you to Mrs. Acorn who takes on that burden each year and does a fabulous job. Here are a few events coming up this month. This year, Christmas Dinner will be on December 10th. We are anxious to enjoy our Christmas Dinner put on by the School Community Council and our parent volunteers. Yum! Spruce Home Public School is excited to be hosting a seasonal Family Fun Night. This will take the place of our Christmas concert. The Family Fun Night will be on Thursday, December 4th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will have many activities that you can partake in with your families inside the school and outside too if the weather permits. It will be awesome! Our Santa Store is back on December 15th. A note will go home for the children to compile their shopping lists, while parent volunteers and older students will help to make sure it is a success.

Our last day of school before the Christmas Break is December 19th. School will reconvene on January 5, 20261. The entire staff at Spruce Home Public School wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the time with loved ones and make time to rest during this holiday season.

Mr. R. Feschuk







#### Grade K/1/2 News

Season's Greetings Spruce Home Families! Grade 1/2 students are learning about *magic E/bopper E* in UFLI. In ELA, the Grade 1/2s have been working hard on a story sequencing, events retelling, and writing activity featuring Sara Squirrel. In K Math, we have been working on our fine motor skills for printing numbers 0-10 and counting backwards from 10-0. In Grade 1 Math, we have been identifying the number that is 1 more/2 more and 1 less/2 less than a given number, as well as recognizing familiar arrangements of dots 1-10 without counting them. In Health, students have been practicing to memorize their parents' telephone numbers.



#### Grade 3/4 News

The grade 3/4 class is enjoying learning about and experimenting with force and the properties of magnets in Science. In ELA, students are working on developing their narrative writing by writing about an event in their own life and adding an introduction, closing and transition words. They continue to work on developing their understanding of words in our daily time doing UFLI. The students are looking forward to all the great things that December brings. First, we have a trip to watch "Matilda" at the EA Rawlinson, then the Family Fun Night (Dec. 4th), the Christmas meal (Dec. 10th), and finally the Santa Store. As Winter is upon us, and the snow is now on the ground, please remember to encourage your child to dress appropriately for the weather.

#### Grade 5/6 News

In Grade 5/6, we have had a busy month of learning. In Science, we began our new unit on Properties and Changes of Materials, where students have explored the characteristics of solids and liquids and learned about the concept of buoyancy. In Social Studies, we have been studying the origins of Canada's multiculturalism and the roots of Canada's national identity. During reading groups, students have been practicing how to summarize what they have read and use their prior knowledge to better understand texts. In writing, we have started studying spelling patterns to more clearly write our ideas and continued developing our paragraph-writing skills, including crafting strong hooks and clear topic sentences. In Grade 5 math, students have been working hard in our multiplication unit, learning to multiply 2-digit by 1-digit numbers and now moving on to 3-digit by 1-digit multiplication. I am very proud of the effort and growth students have shown across all subjects and look forward to a fun December of learning.

#### Grade 7/8 News

The grade 7/8's worked on Remembrance Day Posters in November and started a novel study. Students have also been working hard to research animals and are almost done 'battling' each other. They are looking forward to 3D printing keychains for the class that we have been designing.

#### Band News

Spruce Home band students enjoyed the trip to Saskatoon on Nov. 21 to watch the U of S Wind Orchestral It was an amazing evening of live musicl The whole group made it safely back home despite freezing rain- thank you to Melinda Lavoie for driving the bus with skill and care, and to all the highway crews that were out that night.

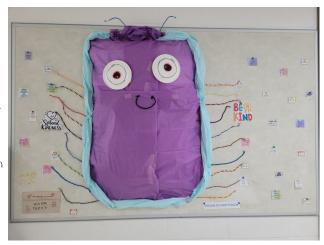
Coming up, Mrs. Ginter will be taking the Spruce Home Senior Choir (Grade 5-8) to Prince Albert on Monday, Dec  $8^{th}$ , to sing and play Christmas carols for the residents and staff at Pineview Terrace. Students will leave from the school after lunch and return by the end of the school day.

On Wednesday, Dec 17, the Spruce Home Junior Choir (Grade K-4) will be singing Christmas carols at the Spruce Home Activity Centre. Parents and family members are welcome to come and enjoy this sing-along! It will be at 10:30 am.

#### SLC News

Hello, this is your Spruce Home SLC here. For November, we planned our spirit week for December. Another thing the SLC has done is hand out warm fuzzies to the whole school. A little note to brighten everyone's day. On that note, we also made our Warm Fuzzy bulletin board. It is a cute little monster designed and created by the SLC. It has tiny affirmations on it that the students can take anytime they need a boost of encouragement. Students will also be able to write their own warm fuzzy to post on the boardII The SLC is also hosting our Annual Santa Store on Dec. 15th. We are asking for donations of items, gift wrap, bags, and gift tags. If you are interested in volunteering at our Santa Store, please contact the school.

Stay Warm from your SLC!







Friday, December 5th Door's open at 7pm Canteen Available









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## Christmas Meal

### ♦Wednesday, December 10th

We are looking for volunteers & donations to make this meal another great success for our staff and students. If you are interested please contact Courtney at (306) 960-6224

#### Wish List

Turkeys
Boxed Stuffing
Frozen mixed vegetables
Buns
Cranberry sauce
Paper plates, cutlery, napkins,
& cups
Grocery store gift cards



