



Prescott Weekend Update



April 21st, 2024

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

This week I'd like to share with you the details of an upcoming activity happening at our school later this month. Through the support of our school council and financial support of the PLC Fundraising Foundation, between April 29th and May 4th, we will be hosting Missoula Children's Theatre's (MCT) production of Robin Hood.

Now before you scroll through, you need to know that this is a production of a different sort. Rather than having a group of actors come to the school and perform, **MCT instead brings the play to the school for PLC students to produce and perform in the production.** That's right, over the course of the week, 60 PLC students (and four assistant directors) will audition, rehearse, and then on Saturday May 4th, will be staging two performances at the school for friends, family, and the general public. Two tour actors/directors from Missoula Montana will spend the week preparing for the production with after school auditions (Monday) and rehearsals (after auditions Monday, and Tuesday through Friday) with the productions occurring Saturday afternoon and evening. The production is open to students from Kindergarten through Grade Nine who fill roles from assistant directors to actors and front and back of house. While the older students are expected to attend until 7:30 each night, the younger performers will only rehearse until 5:15 - 5:30ish. And as a bonus, the rehearsals, running roughly 3:30 to 7:30 nightly, are open to parents and teachers.

Further, MCT are also tentatively scheduled on Wednesday the 1st for a Kindergarten through grade six assembly on actors and acting in the main gym.

This week we will be signing up students from all grades for the pre-audition to be held on Monday the 29th. After the two-hour audition right after school, MCT will choose 60 actors from all grades and four assistant directors to continue for a two-hour rehearsal. To be eligible students must be present at each rehearsal and presentation Monday through Saturday May 4th. MCT is very specific with how many students from each age group are eligible and are adamant that student performers attend each rehearsal and performance. There is no cost to performers to participate other than the commitment to be present at each rehearsal and performance. I ask that you have a conversation with your child, and if they are interested in participating, and can commit to all rehearsals and performances, please print off this permission form at <https://prescott.psd.ca/download/447044> send it with your child to school before Thursday, April 25th.



For more details, please visit the Missoula Children's Theatre Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MissoulaChildrensTheatre/>. Exciting news indeed. And now, here's what's happening at PLC this week:

Important Events This Week				
Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
	Visual Arts Celebration	Visual Arts Celebration	Evacuation Drill (am) weather permitting	Tuesday Schedule Hot Lunch: International Pretzel Day Puma Playoff Pride Parade
Important Events Next Week				
Monday 29 th	Tuesday 30 th	Wednesday 1 st	Thursday 2 nd	Friday 3 rd
Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions/ Rehearsal	Grade 9 English Language Arts PAT Field Test Final Puma Wear order of the Year	Kinder Grad Photos Hot Lunch Pizza 73 School Council Meeting @ 6:30	Kinder Grad Photos	Monday Schedule PLCFF Kernels Popcorn Delivery Robin Hood Drama Productions (Saturday)

Athletics/Badminton Dates This Week*

Monday	Jr. Practice @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	Sr. Practice @ Noon Sr. Game @ Greystone 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Morning Practices are finished for the Season Jr. Practice @ Noon Jr. Game @ Greystone 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Thursday	Sr. Practice @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Friday	

*These times are subject to change.

Follow our Facebook athletics page "Prescott Learning Centre Athletics" for up-to-date pictures and info. You can also access the athletics calendar on our school website - <https://prescott.psd.ca/programs/athletics> - This should make it easy to filter by your athlete's team and sync to your calendar on your device.

New and Updated Information

Alberta Government Cellphone Use in Schools Survey - The Government of Alberta wants to hear from Albertans about how students should use cellphones in schools. In Alberta and in many other places across the world, student cellphone use is increasing. For children and youth, it typically becomes more prevalent as students advance through the grades.

Teachers may occasionally use cellphones in classrooms for learning and teaching purposes.

There are many other reasons a student may use a cellphone within school hours, including:

- Communicating about practices/rehearsals for school organizations (teams, clubs, etc.)
- Checking transit schedules
- Staying in touch with families about issues or emergencies

However, there are concerns that cellphones can be a distraction in educational environments and can sometimes be used inappropriately within classrooms and schools.

We want to hear from all Albertans, including parents, guardians, teachers and other education professionals. Your input will help inform future government direction on cellphone use in schools.

The survey will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete and closes May 3, 2024. Here's the link to access the survey https://your.alberta.ca/cellphones-in-schools/survey_tools/en.

Puma Pride Day: Playoff Parade -On Friday, April 26th, students are encouraged to wear their favourite team's jersey or colours to school. Students will be making posters to support your team for this playoff season and join in a school-wide Playoff Parade! At various times throughout the day students will partake in a walk up along Grove Drive and back through Jubilee Park (a shorter route will be taken by the K-4 classes). The goal is to show team spirit (even if your team didn't make the playoffs, wah!) – Let's go Oilers!

Bikes and Scooter Locks - In fairness, compared to other schools, we are fortunate that theft is not too big a problem. That said, at times kids don't make the best choices and items are occasionally stolen. With the warmer weather I ask that you have a discussion with your kids about locking up their bikes in the many racks provided around the school. We also provide a couple of scooter specific locking stations located on the north and south sides of the main entrance. A lock makes things safe rather than sorry.

Skate Boards, Bikes and Scooters - With the (hopefully) warmer weather more and more students are getting to the school on their skateboards, bikes, and scooters. I'll ask that you have a conversation with your child(ren) reminding them that when on school property for the safety of all of our students, particularly the younger ones, they need to dismount and walk them to and from the main entrance.

It's Time for the Prescott Learning Centre Read-A-Thon! - Our school Read-A-Thon begins on Monday April 29, 2024 and is sure to be a fun and exciting event. We understand that your time is valuable. We also know that providing the best education for your child is important. That's why we are encouraging everyone to activate their student's Read-A-Thon account as soon as possible. The instructions are straightforward, making it quick and hassle-free, and it should take less than 5 minutes of your time.

Watch a short video to see how to sign up your reader: <https://youtu.be/12tmuXH8zCg>

This account will serve as a hub for recording and monitoring your child's progress as a Reader in the event, and for you to share their Read-A-Thon message with friends and family. Use the link below to activate your student's Reader account:

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/323739393933/1>

All funds raised will be put towards improving our library. Some of these improvements include replacing very loved popular titles, new titles and a variety of STEM activities. We are also hoping to raise enough funds to add another screen to accommodate large student and staff groups.

Every donation supports our school and keeps our students reading. ***Please note, all donations are processed in **US currency**.*** More details will be available in the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your participation and support. Together, we can make this Read-A-Thon an amazing experience for our young readers!

MCHS MemeFest - Once again, Memorial Composite High School's Anime Club will be putting on their Anime Convention and MCHS has invited all Parkland School Division students to attend. It's a nice, safe environment that will allow the students to experience anime, games, karaoke, scavenger hunt and contests with opportunities to buy things from our vendors who are all current or former students from Memorial. Every volunteer, artist, vendor, panelist, and supervisor are either current or former students or staff members of Memorial.

The entry fee is \$5.00 and there will be a small concession with chocolate bars, pop and chips, as well as raffles and other game opportunities, like a ramen eating contest for \$1.00! It's a very cheap lunch! Please see the flyer at the end of this memo.

PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of ROBIN HOOD at Prescott Learning Centre on Monday, April 29, 2024 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:00 pm and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

With approximately 50-60 roles available, from skunks to Assistant Directors, ALL students from K to 9 are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Most students rehearse 4 hours each day, after school Monday through Friday that week, with two performances scheduled at the school for Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm.

Embark on an adventure with the legendary Robin Hood, Maid Marion, the Sheriff of Nottingham and a host of others. This production is part of the Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project.

FRIDAY April 26th - " International" Pretzel day **Pretzel Shack** (In place of the regular hot lunch)

Kernels Popcorn! - Kernels Popcorn! - Orders have closed and pickup will be on May 3rd at the school from 3-6pm.

Robin Hood is coming!!

PLCFF is so excited to announce that we are hosting the Missoula Children's Theatre in our school later this month from April 29-May 4. There will be the opportunity for 60 different positions/performers (grades K-9) to help put on the show...More details in next week's memo!

Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates and Vendors

May 1st - Pizza 73

May 9th - Mary Browns

May 15th - Jack's

May 23rd - Pizza 73

May 29th - Mary Browns

June 6th - Jack's

June 12th - Pizza 73

Freezie Fridays May 24th & 31st, June 7, 14 & 21

Previously Shared Information

Gr. 6 Provincial Achievement Tests Language Art & Math Cancelled - A note of mention for our Grade 6 Families. Over spring break, Alberta Education cancelled the Language Arts and Mathematics Provincial Achievement Tests for Grade Six Students. The Social Studies and Science tests will proceed as scheduled. If you have any questions regarding this information please contact me at the school. I will have more information for Grade Six and Grade Nine Families regarding the tests in upcoming newsletters beginning in May.

Science Olympics - On Sunday, April 7th PLC students were invited to become engineers and embark on a mission to create a fantastic machine that can observe the vibrations created by sound. The students spent most of last Sunday at the Butterdome testing, building, creating, and of course having fun! The grade two and three students won silver and did an amazing job

representing our school. The Older students picked up a bronze. We are so proud of everyone on the team!! Thanks to Ms. Coombs, Mrs. Lam, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Nero, and student teacher Ms. Ryan-York for all of the prep work leading up to the event and for coaching our students last Sunday.

Free Grief Support Group Additional Sessions - Family Life Psychology is offering an additional weekly grief support group for kids 10-13 starting April 23rd. Please see the flyer attached at the end of this memo

Puma Wear Final Order - Our final Puma Wear order of the year will be placed on May 1st. Please complete a [Puma Wear Order form](#) prior to April 30th at 4 PM and submit them to the office and support your PUMAS! For more information please see the flyer at the end of this memo.

Puma News Streamed Live! Starting Tuesday, April 8th, Prescott Puma News will be streamed LIVE on the Prescott Puma News is a twice-a-week broadcast, Tuesday and Friday mornings, that showcases student learning, school events/activities, sports teams, and more! Grade 5-9 students write the news and handle all of the technical aspects of the broadcast under the supervision of Mr. Adams and Mr. Brooks. The broadcast is live, not pre-recorded, so at times the News Crew has to adapt to breaking news or technical difficulties on the fly. News Crew Members give up their breaks and arrive at school early on broadcast days, so they would love it if you could tune in to see their hard work! Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/PrescottPSD>.

Final Thoughts - This week's final thoughts are about the lockdown/shelter in place last Tuesday. While these procedures were purely cautionary and the kids were never in any danger, it did serve as a reminder of the importance of practising these drills. You need to know that your kids were fantastic. And while there was a bit of anxiety on the students' part,



the way they reacted exceeded expectations. And I could not be prouder of the care and attention staff paid to your children. On this note, weather permitting, we will be having the fourth of our required six evacuation drills this Thursday morning. Please feel free to share this with your children. Thanks for reading this week's memo

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to my assistant principals and me at the school by calling 780-571-8079 or emailing us at:

heather.huisman@psd.ca

esther.vanbeek@psd.ca

chris.shaw@psd.ca.

Thanks again for taking the time to read this week's memo. Chris



POWWOW PRACTICE

APRIL 12 & MAY 10
6 - 8 PM

With dance instructor Mariah Dumont and
guest singers from Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

LOCATION: PRESCOTT LEARNING CENTRE
340 PIONEER ROAD, SPRUCE GROVE

SOUP AND BANNOCK FOR THE FIRST 50 GUESTS
FREE FAMILY EVENT. ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information email:
admin@skydancerindigenous.com





SUPPORTING CHILDREN THROUGH GRIEF

This support group will help children manage their grief through emotion mapping and teach them useful ways to cope.

When: Tuesdays, April 23– June 4; 4–5pm

Ages: 10–13

Where: FamilyLife Psychology and Wellness

Contact: info@familylifewellness.ca or 780-963-7451

Facilitator:

Harmony Nimchuk, Registered Provisional Psychologist and Grief Specialist

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TO REGISTER





PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

In PSD, we help support families who need help getting their child(ren) to school. We know there are many factors that affect attendance:

- Parents' work schedule
- Transportation
- Family events
- Appointments

Often families don't realize how much school their child is missing and the impact that has on everyone. They are more behind than you think.

1 DAY MISSED = 2 DAYS BEHIND



19 or more days

Missing just **TWO** days every month can add up to **19** days in a school year. This is the equivalent of missing an ENTIRE MONTH of instructional days.



10 to 18 days

Students who are absent an average of 15 days per year miss **1 YEAR'S WORTH** of school by their graduating year.



9 or fewer absences

Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.



**School Bus Driver
APPRECIATION DAY**

**MAY
6**

Every Child Matters T-Shirt Fundraiser



Youth Sizes \$23

Adult Sizes \$27

Ruby Osborne, a PLC Grade five student, has been awarded the Youth Inclusion Initiative Bursary of \$500 from Foundations for Cohesive Communities! The Youth Inclusion Initiative Fund is for a youth-led initiative to raise awareness, foster inclusion, and/or address barriers in our communities or schools. Ruby's Initiative is to host monthly Powwow Practices at Prescott School starting in April.

This community event will be facilitated by Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Centre. It is Ruby's hope that this will bring cultural teachings to Urban Indigenous students and particularly to those living outside of their culture. It will be open to everyone, all ages and abilities, so that Non-Indigenous students and community members can learn alongside their Indigenous peers.

To help cover the remaining costs (and to make sure she has enough bannock for everyone!) Ruby has decided to sell Orange T-shirts with her "Every Child Matters" logo on it. Ruby's original painting, along with her story behind the meaning, can be found in the showcase by the gym at Prescott Learning Centre. If you are able, please help support this important initiative by purchasing an Orange Shirt and carry the message forward that Every Child Matters! Stay tuned for Powwow Practice dates to follow!

Please Contact the Office for more Details

Picture Day is Coming!

Kindergarten Celebration Pictures on May 1 & 2, 2024
Prescott Learning Centre

What to Expect:

-  Students are photographed on Picture Day.
-  Pictures are sent home with your child.
-  Review pictures & purchase on mylifetouch.ca.

All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a group picture requested by the school.

Questions? Please contact Customer Service at 866-457-8212.



Lifetouch.



@MemAnimeClub

5\$ ADMISSION
Saturday, May 4
11:00am - 4:00pm

Memorial Composite High School,
50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain



MEMFEST
2024

JOIN US FOR:

- Anime Viewing
- Artists & Vendors
- Video Games
- Contests and More
 - Drawing and Colouring Contest
 - Cosplay Contest
 - Ramen Eating Contest
 - Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament (Bring Your Own Cards)



Prescott Clothes



YOUTH HOODIE (Black/Grey/White)

\$30

ADULT HOODIE (Black/Grey/White)

\$32



SWEAT PANTS (Black ONLY)

\$25



YOUTH T-SHIRTS (Black/Grey)

\$12

ADULT T-SHIRTS (Black/Grey)

\$15

Final Orders are Due April 30th. [Puma Wear Order form](#)

or contact the office at prescott@psd.ca



TRIREGION FOOD RESOURCES

Updated: November 2022

FOOD HAMPERS

Parkland Food Bank

105 Madison Crescent, Spruce Grove
 Monthly Food Hampers, by appointment,

- Tuesdays 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Wednesday 8:30AM-2:00PM + 6:20-8PM
- Friday 8:30AM-4:30PM
- Saturday 8:30AM-12:30PM

780-962-4565 ext. 1

WEE Community Food Bank

5019 50 Ave Entwistle AB (Old Fire Hall)
 Monthly Hampers, by appointment on Wednesdays, Call before
 Tuesday for appointment.

780-727-4043

Wecan Food Basket

5600-50 St, Stony Plain
 Fresh Nutritious Affordable Food Basket
 Order by first Friday, pickup on third Thursday of month
 Monday - Friday, 9AM-4PM
 587-338-1101

Warming Hearts Pantry

4911-50 St., Tomahawk (liquor store)
 Food pantry of non-perishable items. No appointment necessary.

BASIC NEEDS HELP

Community Helps Team

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove
 780-962-5611 / 789-306-1955
helps@sprucegrove.church

NeighbourLink Parkland

Serving Spruce Grove, Stony Plain, Parkland County
 780-960-9669
www.neighbourlinkparkland.ca
neighbourlink.parkland@telus.net



FOOD RESCUES

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove
 Tuesdays 11-1PM

apfa Food Rescue

Family Connection Centre
 5600 50 Street, Stony Plain
 Thursdays 10AM - 3PM
 Fridays 1-4 (Check facebook for updates)

Food for the Soul

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain
 First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove
 Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove
 Last Friday of the month
<https://www.sgconline.breezechms.com/form/communitytable>
 780-962-5611

COMMUNITY MEALS

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove
 Drop-in for take out bagged lunch
 Tuesdays 11-1PM

Food for the Soul

49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain
 Drop-in for bagged lunch
 First and third Saturday 10AM-1PM

Grace's Table

250 Century Road, Spruce Grove
 Hot meal to go for pick up
 Second Friday of month 5PM-6:30PM
www.sgac.net/eventregistration
 780-962-4700

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove
 Hot meal to go for pick Up
 Last Friday of the month
www.sgconline.breezechms.com/form/communitytable
 780-962-5611



COMMUNITY LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Updated November 2023

All listed services do not exceed \$75.00 per hour and are available to anyone in the Tri-Municipal Region.

Dochas Psychological Services Hub for Hope

202, 636 King Street, Spruce Grove

- Hub for Hope provides individuals with 8 (50 minute) counselling sessions at no cost, provided by an intern psychologist.
- Counselling options can be provided either in person or virtual.

Phone Number: 780-446-0300

Family Life Psychology

201, 323 McLeod Ave, Spruce Grove

- Family Life Psychology offers counselling services with Mental Health Therapists at a reduced rate of \$75 per hour.

Phone Number: 780-963-7451

Alycol Integrated Health Services Restore Program

Suite 201, 95 McLeod Avenue, Spruce Grove

- Alycol's Restore Program offers no/low-cost therapy sessions on a case-by-case basis with a maximum rate of \$50.00 per hour with a practicum intern.
- Counselling options can be provided either in person or virtual.

Phone Number: 780-409-8798

Family Resource Network

Family Connections Centre
5600 50 Street, Stony Plain

- The Family Resource Network offers free single session virtual counselling to children and youth under 18 and their caregivers.

Phone Number: 1.877.244.2360

Schaffer Psychology

Suite 103, 7 Boulder Blvd, Stony Plain

- Schaffer Psychology offers no/low-cost therapy sessions on a case-by-case basis with a maximum rate of \$50.00 per hour with a practicum intern.

Phone Number: 780-910-3420

If you are a service provider in the Tri-Municipal Region, and would like to be included on this list please contact connect@stonyplain.com . Please note, being included on this list does not constitute an endorsement by the Town of Stony Plain Community and Social Development.

Tri-Municipal Region Support Guide

I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE NOW (24H)

Distress Line	780-482-4357(HELP)
Addiction Helpline	1-866-332-2322
Child Mental Health (8am-11:45pm)	780-407-1000
Kids Help Phone	1-800-668-6868
Bullying Helpline	1-888-456-2323
BriteLine (for 2SLGBTQIA+)	1-844-702-7483
Seniors Abuse Helpline.....	780-454-8888
Family Violence Info Line.....	310-1818
Sexual Assault Centre (9am-9pm).....	780-423-4121
First Nations & Inuit Mental Health Hope for Wellness	1-855-242-3310
National Indian Residential School Crisis Line	1-866-925-4419
MMIWG Helpline.....	1-844-413-6649

I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP **Call 911**

Emergency Financial Assistance ..	780-644-5135
Access 24/7 (Adults)	
Addictions & Mental Health	780-424-2424
Child Intervention Services	780-422-2001
Children's Cottage Childcare	780-944-2888

I NEED HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Link Alberta (24/7)	811
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I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START?



24-hour information and referral line connecting you to social, health and government services.



www.HelpSeeker.org
Get the app on your phone to find local supports and resources.

HELP FOR HARD TIMES TRI-REGION SUPPORT GUIDE

Spruce Grove FCSS
#105 - 505 Queen Street
Spruce Grove, AB
780-962-7618

Town of Stony Plain
Community and Social Development
#107, 4613 - 52 Avenue
780-963-8583



WHERE CAN I FIND A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT?

George Spady (men, women)	780-424-8335
Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre	780-423-5302
Hope Mission (ages 16+, men, women)....	780-422-2018
Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS).....	780-468-7186
Salvation Army (Transitional Housing, \$13/day)	780-429-4274

I NEED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters 24/7	1-866-331-3933
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I NEED DETOX SUPPORT

George Spady.....	780-424-8335
AHS Detox Centre	780-427-4291
Youth Edmonton Detox.....	780-408-8783

I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION SITE

George Spady Centre	780-424-8335
Boyle McCauley Health Centre....	780-422-7333

I NEED HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ADDICTIONS

Access 24/7 Adult Addictions/Mental Health	780-424-2424
Youth Addiction Services	780-408-8783
Access Open Minds (youth 16-25).....	780-415-0048
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.....	825-402-6799
WestView PCN Youth Mental Health Clinic (ages 11-24)	780-960-9533

I NEED HELP WITH BASIC NEEDS

NeighbourLink Parkland	780-960-9669
Community Helps Team	780-962-5611
Pay Forward Kindness (homeless supports).....	587-286-4663
Parkland Pregnancy Support Centre (Tue & Thurs 12-3pm).....	780-962-5505

WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD?

Parkland Food Bank	780-962-4565
WeCan Food Basket.....	587-338-1101

WHERE CAN I FIND A COMMUNITY MEAL?

Auggies Café (Take out, Tues 11AM-1PM) 131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove.....	780-962-5131
Food for the Soul (1 st , 3 rd Sat 10AM-1PM) 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain	780-963-3110
Grace's Table (2 nd Fri 5-6:30PM) 250 Century Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-4700
Community Table (last Fri 5-7PM) 180 Century Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-5611
apfa Food Rescue Community Fridge (M-F 8:30-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain	780-963-0549