

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

It is once again the time of the year where I share information about the upcoming Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs). It's a bit earlier than last year for a couple of reasons. One; a few years ago (not PLC) students all across the province were posting exam answers on TikTok prompting the government to specify designated dates for exam administration, and two; over Spring Break, likely due to the implementation of the new curricula, Alberta Education cancelled the Language Arts and Mathematics Provincial Achievement Tests for Grade Six Students. Now, even if your child isn't in grades six or nine, at some point they will have to complete these exams. In order to alleviate stress on your child (and subsequently, your household as well), it is good to know what to expect in the years to come.

Provincial Achievement Tests are administered to students in grades six and nine and (usually) cover the four core courses; Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Mathematics. The tests are broken into two parts; Part A is the English Language Arts (ELA) written portion of the exam. While the Grade Sixes won't be writing the Language Arts and Mathematics exams this year, the Grade Nines will be writing their ELA Part A test on Monday May 13th. The Part B multiple choice portions of the exams will be administered between June 11th and June 20th. Part B exams are written for Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science. You can find the specific exam dates at: https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/ed-pat-administration-schedules.pdf

While students may either hand write or use technology to complete this portion of the exam, there is a push to digitize exam administration for reasons related to security, cost savings, and to emulate the process kids will face when they do diploma exams in Grade 12. Each subject specific and grade level exam is the same for all students across the province.

Last week I included in the 'Important Dates' section that the Grade Nines would be writing an English Language Arts Field Test this Tuesday April 30th. While it was on the school calendar, I can confirm that the students WILL NOT be writing the field test this Tuesday. My apologies for any confusion this might have caused.

I cannot stress enough that for all portions of the tests students may not bring into the PAT writing room any cell phones, wearable technology (smart watches), Bluetooth devices (Bluetooth headphones) or other electronic devices. As I mentioned, security for the exams has increased dramatically. Alberta Education has strict rules for violations which may result in a zero. In having the misfortune to have to report on a few of these violations over both diploma and PAT writings in the past, the amount of stress and heartache waiting for a decision to issue a zero on a technology infraction from the government isn't worth it. It's just easier to leave the technology at home for the day.

In upcoming memos I'll have more info about the PATs and ways for you to help your kids deal with any stress and anxiety leading to the exams. And now, here's what's happening at PLC this week.

Important Events This Week				
Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd
Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions/ Rehearsal Read-a-Thon Begins	Gr. 9 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 Gr. 5's Swimming Tri-Leisure	Monday Schedule PLCFF Kernels Popcorn Delivery Robin Hood Drama Productions (Saturday)
	Important Events Next Week			
Monday 6 th	Tuesday 7 th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	Gr. 6 Immunizations (Round 2) Kinder Descendants Play Field Trip T/Th Class Gr. 3 Winspear Field Trip Gr. 2 Grain Elevator Museum Field Trip Gr. 7-9 Fit 4 Life CTF Trip to the TLC Gr.9 Descendants Play Field Trip	Gr. 9 Skills Canada Field Trip Gr. 6 Horizon Stage Field Trip Kinder Descendants Play Field Trip M/W Class PLCFF Meeting @ 6:30	Hot Lunch Mary Browns Gr. 5 Field Trip to John Janzen Nature Centre Gr. 5 Disney Descendants Musical Field Trip Gr. 7-9 Fit 4 Life CTF Trip to the TLC	Tuesday Schedule Kinder- Gr. 3 EMS Ambulance Visit Gr. 4-9 PLC Track Meet Powwow Practice

Athletics/Badminton/Soccer Dates This Week*

Monday	Jr. Practice @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm
wonday	Co-Ed Soccer Team Practice Afterschool 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	Sr. Practice @ Noon
Tuesday	Sr. Game @ Blueberry 4:00 - 5:30 pm
	Morning Practices are finished for the Season
Wednesday	Jr. Practice @ Noon
	Jr. Game @ Home vs. Blueberry 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Thursday	Sr. Practice @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Thursday	Co-Ed Soccer Game @ 4:15 at Westview
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 - <u>https://prescott.psd.ca/programs/athletics</u> - This should make it easy to filter by your athlete's team and sync to your calendar on your device.

New and Updated Information

Missoula Children's Theatre Robin Hood Update - The Missoula Children's Theatre visit starts right after school tomorrow (Monday April 29th). Auditions start after school and run until 5:00 - 5:15. After the audition the MCT will select 60 K - 9 students who will participate in their first rehearsal until around 7:15 - 7:30 Monday evening. If your child is involved I'll ask that you send a snack with them for the break between auditions and the rehearsals. They will then be holding rehearsals after school all week, from 3:15 to 7:30 pm. We still have a few spots available for auditions tomorrow. If your child is interested, please



fill out the <u>permission slip</u> on the newsletter page and bring it to the office first thing tomorrow.

More information will be provided to successful cast members Monday afternoon. The productions will take place on Saturday at 3:00 pm and 5:30 pm. For ticket information, please refer to the PLC Fundraising Foundation Update at the end of this section of the memo. If you would like more information about MCT or the upcoming production, please refer to <u>last week's memo</u>.

School Council Meeting This Wednesday - The May Council Meeting will be this Wednesday at 6:30 in our Collaboration Centre. In addition to a trustee update, we will have a summary of the ASCA Conference (see below) and I will be sharing the details from last year's Development Plan Results Report on numeracy, literacy, diversity and wellness. Invitations will be in your inbox tomorrow morning. I hope to see you there.

<u>Alberta School Councils' Association Conference and AGM</u> - The ASCA Conference and AGM were held this past weekend. There were awesome speakers and sessions including our Minister of Education and Barbara Coloroso. Parents voted on matters that are provincial in nature and inform education decision making in Alberta. If you would like to hear more about how it all went, come out to the next School Council meeting in May.

Alberta Government Cellphone Use in Schools Survey Closes this Friday - 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. Here's the link to access the survey: <u>https://your.alberta.ca/cellphones-in-schools/survey_tools/en</u>. <u>Senior Badminton</u> - It was a great showing for the Senior Badminton Team against Greystone this past week. We have one more game night at Blueberry this coming week and then it is playoffs. Best of luck to all the players!

2023 - 2024 PLC Yearbooks USING YBPAY - Pre-order purchase orders are now available. To purchase a yearbook please go to YBPay.ca. Type in your YB ID Code (Job # 14357424)

Enter in your student/staff information and select your yearbook, and then pay.

Using YBPay is simple and easy for everyone! Then the system will process the payment, and add the order to the order

tracker for you. ORDER DUE DATE IS: MAY 13, 2024



Stronger Together May Newsletter: Mental Health Month - Each month, Parkland School Division's Student Services team compiles a newsletter for parents and guardians of students. Inside you will find information, opportunities and strategies to help you and your family connect with us on your child's educational journey. In this month's issue, it is Mental Health Awareness Month. Every year CMHA dedicates a week in May to raise the awareness of Mental Health. You can find the may newsletter at:

https://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/stronger-together-newsletter

<u>Puma Pride Day: Playoff Parade</u> -Although the weather was unseasonably chilly, last Friday's Puma Pride Playoff Parade was a hit. Thanks to all of the students and staff who dressed up and to the Grade Seven Team for organising such a great event.

It's Time for the Prescott Learning Centre Read-A-Thon! - We're thrilled to announce that our Read-A-Thon is underway! We're counting on you to make it a success. If you haven't already, please take a moment to activate your child's personal reader page by clicking on the following link: <u>https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/323739393933</u> It only takes a minute or two, and your support will greatly assist us in meeting our financial goals.

Thank you for your help in reaching our goal. **Please note the Read-A-Thon is in USD and our profit is in USD.**

<u>PLC Fundraising Foundation Update</u> - Prescott Learning Centre presents ROBIN HOOD! We are beyond excited to announce PLC's very first school-wide production, taking place on *Saturday, May 4, 2024*. There will be a matinee performance at 3:00 pm and an evening performance at 5:30 pm. Each performance will last 60-70 minutes, with no intermission. Doors (and a small concession) will open 30 minutes before each performance time.

We hope to see many faces from K-9 at the audition being held at the school on *Monday, April 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.*

Immediately following the audition, parts will be announced and select students will be required to stay to start practising. Each performer will be given their schedule for the week

(typically younger students practise from 3 - 5 pm each day, while older students stay until 7:15 pm). The dress rehearsal will be held after school on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Join Robin Hood, Maid Marion, Marion's Maid, the Sheriff of Nottingham and a host of others in a musical wonderland and help support our students in this amazing opportunity being provided by the *Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation* and *Missoula Children's Theatre*!

Robin Hood ticket information: Every student who attends the Audition on Monday after school will receive ONE free ticket to the performance on Saturday, May 4th.

Additional tickets are available through the hot lunch website: <u>https://prescott.hotlunches.net/</u> Please select which Performance time you will be attending (3pm or 5:30pm) and then select your required tickets.

Adults (\$10) Seniors (\$7) Children (\$5) Children 2 and under (free)

Physical tickets will not be provided for tickets purchased online; we will have a list at the door. Please make sure to bring your free tickets with you (provided at the audition)!

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

Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates and Vendors May 1st - Pizza 73 May 9th - Mary Browns May 23rd - Pizza 73 May 29th - Mary Browns June 12th - Pizza 73 Freezie Fridays May 24th & 31st, June 7, 14 & 21

May 15th - Jack's June 6th - Jack's

Previously Shared Information

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.

<u>Skate Boards, Bikes and Scooters</u> - 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.

MCHS MemeFest Sat. May 4th - 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.

<u>Final Thoughts</u> - This Friday, May 3rd, is Educational Assistants Appreciation Day. Our ladies at PLC are the unsung heroes of our building who's care and attention is one of the biggest reasons why our school is such a great place for kids. I'll ask that you take a moment to offer thanks this week.

There is a buzz in the school with the upcoming Missoula Children's Theatre auditions, rehearsals and performances this week. I hope you'll join me in the productions this Saturday at either 3:00 or 5:30 pm.

Finally, I'll ask that you add the Powwow Practice on Friday May 10th to your calendars. The first Powwow Practice on April 12th was an outstanding event that exceeded all expectations.

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:

<u>heather.huisman@psd.ca</u> <u>esther.vanbeek@psd.ca</u> <u>chris.shaw@psd.ca</u>. Thanks again for taking the time to read this week's memo. Chris





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



WOMEN BUILDING FUTURES



Thursday May 9th, 2024

6:30 - 7:30 Westview School Library Having a Hard Time Getting your Teen to School?

> Let's Talk About It!

Topics to be discussed:

Challenges with your teen in the morning
 Positive and negative stress

 Resiliency and reasonable expectations
 Tips and support with parenting a reluctant child/teenager

✓ Avoidance and impact on future outcome



Registered Provisional Psychologist **Owner of Open Door Psychology** Former Teacher and School Counsellor



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: FamilyLifePsychology and Wellness Contact: info@familylifewellness.ca or 780-963-7451 Facilitator: HarmonyNimchuk, Registered Provisional Psychologist and Grief Specialist















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 vouth-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





Final Orders are Due April 30th. <u>Puma Wear Order form</u> or contact the office at <u>prescott@psd.ca</u>

STRONGER TOGETHER NEWSLETTER



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 SPM-6:30PM

Community Table

180 Century Road, Spruce Grove Last Friday of the month https://www.sgcconline.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.sgcconline.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	Family Life Psychology	
202, 636 King Street, Spruce Grove	201, , 323 McLeod Ave, 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 	 Family Life Psychology offers counselling services with Mental Health Therapists at a reduced rate of \$75 per hour. 	
or virtual.	Phone Number: 780-963-7451	

Phone Number: 780-446-0300

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

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.

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

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 (Bem-11:45pm) 780-407-1000
Kids Help Phone1-800-668-6868
Bullying Helpline1-888-456-2323
BriteLine (for 2SLGBTQIA+) 1-844-702-7483
Seniors Abuse Helpline780-454-8888
Family Violence Info Line
Sexual Assault Centre (9am-9pm)
First Nations & Inuit Mental Health
Hope for Wellness1-855-242-3310
National Indian Residential School Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419
MMIWG Helpline1-844-413-6649
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



HELP

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**

780-962-7618



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WHERE CAN I FIND A SAFE PL SLEEP AT NIGHT?	
George Spady (men, women) Women's Emergency	
Accommodation Centre Hope Mission (ages 16+, men, women)	
Youth Empowerment &	
Support Services (YESS) Salvation Army (Transitional Housing, \$13	
	780-429-4274
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Alberta Council of Women's Shelt	ers -866-331-3933
I NEED DETOX SUPPORT	
George Spady AHS Detox Centre	
Youth Edmonton Detox	780-408-8783
I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION	
George Spady Centre Boyle McCauley Health Centre	780-424-8335
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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) Child and Adolescent	780-415-0048
Mental Health Services	825-402-6799
WestView PCN Youth Mental Health Clinic (ages 11-24)	780-960-9533
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NeighbourLink Parkland	780-960-9669
Community Helps Team Pay Forward Kindness	
(homeless supports)	.587-286-4663
Parkland Pregnancy Support Cer (Tue & Thurs 12-3pm)	ntre .780-962-5505
WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD?	
Parkland Food Bank WeCan Food Basket	
WHERE CAN I FIND A COMMUN	
Auggies Café (Take out Tues 11AM-1PM)	
131 Church Rd. Spruce Grove	780-962-5131
Food for the Soul (1 st , 3 ^d Sat 10AM-1PM 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain	780-963-3110
Grace's Table (2 rd Fri 5-630PM) 250 Century Road, Spruce Grove	
Community Table (last Fri 5-7PM) 180 Century Road, Spruce Grove	
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(M-F 8:30-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain 780-963-0549

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