

Prescott Weekend Update



May 26th, 2024

Prescott Learning Centre

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Good Afternoon PLC Families:

Last week I shared with you the importance of classroom placements for students transitioning into the next grade. This week I'd like to explain the parameters we need to consider in honouring your request for a specific classroom placement. The majority of student placement requests we've received in past years are for friends and even siblings to be placed in the same (or in some cases separate) classes or for kids to be placed with a specific teacher. Interestingly, families often request a specific teacher based on perceptions from older siblings or acquaintances, or even from comments online. While personalities matter in terms of forming a trusting and caring student/teacher relationship, the educational equivalent of a 'Yelp' review is probably not the best way to determine which students should be in which teacher's class.

That said, your insights on your child(ren)'s preferences and personality, their learning needs, and their interests are invaluable when assigning students to classrooms. In terms of balanced and manageable learning spaces, your input, along with the recommendations from your child's current teacher(s) and the educational assistants with whom they work closely offer us the best opportunity for a successful placement for next year.

Regardless, despite our best efforts, it is quite frankly impossible to honour each and every request. While 865 (and counting) students spread over 10 grade levels certainly offers greater flexibility to honour requests, with so many moving parts there will invariably be some of you who will be disappointed that your child didn't get the teacher or classmates that you requested. As I mentioned last week, we need to ensure we are managing our resources, in particular, our human resources as effectively as possible. Unfortunately, managing these resources isn't always congruent with placement requests, particularly when it involves friend requests.

Last year we asked for your requests in late spring rather than in August. This approach allowed us to incorporate parent/guardian requests into the recommendations of your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Although not perfect, from our perspective, we feel having your requests sooner than later made for better placements.

Therefore, I'll ask that if you have any additional information about your child(ren) that would help us with an appropriate placement, if you have any other questions about our placement process, or if you have a specific request for your child(ren)'s classroom placement next year, please email the school at prescott@psd.ca on or before Monday, June 10th (I'll include a reminder in the June 9th Weekend Memo). Please include:

- Your First and Last Name
- Your Child's First and Last Name
- The Grade Your Child Will be Entering NEXT YEAR
- A Brief Description of the Reason(s) Behind Your Classroom Placement Request.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, we will not be honouring classroom requests or changes after June 10th. Nor will we be making changes to class lists after they are finalized unless there is a change in enrollment or staffing that makes it necessary for us to rebalance classes. Finally, to avoid any disappointment as a result of the aforementioned circumstances, we will not be sharing your child's classroom placement until August. Again, I'll ask that you submit your classroom placement requests by emailing the school at prescott@psd.ca on or before Monday, June 10th. We have a lot of opportunities for families to volunteer for great activities and events upcoming that I have highlighted below. And without further ado, here's what's happening at PLC this week:

Important Events This Week							
Monday 27 th	Tuesday 28 th	Wednesday 29 th	Thursday 30 th	Friday 31st			
Gr. 8 Field Trip		Hot Lunch: Mary		Wednesday			
Camp		Brown's		Schedule			
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	lm	Important Events Next Week					
Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th			
Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th Gr. 7 Field Trip	Wednesday 5 th (The Final)	Thursday 6 th Hot Lunch	Friday 7 th Tuesday			
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Monday 3 rd	Gr. 7 Field Trip	(The Final)	Hot Lunch	Tuesday			
Monday 3 rd	Gr. 7 Field Trip to GMac Royal	(The Final) School Council	Hot Lunch Jack's	Tuesday Schedule			
Monday 3 rd	Gr. 7 Field Trip to GMac Royal Canadian	(The Final) School Council Meeting of 2024	Hot Lunch Jack's Last Day Term	Tuesday Schedule Freezie Friday			
Monday 3 rd	Gr. 7 Field Trip to GMac Royal Canadian Artillery Band	(The Final) School Council Meeting of 2024	Hot Lunch Jack's Last Day Term	Tuesday Schedule Freezie Friday Try Me Try-Athlon			

Athletics/Badminton/Soccer Dates This Week*

Monday	
Tuesday	Co-Ed Soccer Game vs High Park @ Greystone Field 1 - 4:00
Wednesday	Co-Ed Soccer Practice 3:00 - 4:30 @ Jubilee Park
Thursday	
Friday	Parkland County Athletic Association Zone Track Meet

*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

<u>PowerSchool Shut Down</u> - With Term III report cards set to drop at the end of June, in order to allow teachers to prepare and input report card comments we will be shutting down PowerSchool Access to students and families on May 31st. If you have any concerns regarding marks, missing assignments, or attendance, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher directly. Report Cards will be available at the end of the day on June 27 when access opens up again. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

May Puma Pride Event - Outdoor

Classroom Day/Week - While the actual Outdoor Classroom Day was last Thursday, May 23rd, thanks to our hardworking Grade Three team, we have turned this into a week-long event. Classes are joining in on



any of the days that they choose and as many times in a day that they choose by tracking their own outdoor learning minutes and submitting the total hours for prizes such as seasonal treats including popsicles and ice cream. There will be winners for Kindergarten through Grade 3, Grade Three through Six, and finally Grades Seven through Nine. While activities such as playground time, outdoor gym classes/daily physical activity, and walks are ineligible, other learning activities done outside such as reading, math work/math alouds, nature learning, and other outdoor learning projects count toward rewards. And with the recent weather, this Puma Pride Event has been extended into next week. This is our ninth Puma Pride activity intended to build a greater sense of community. Our final activity for the year is scheduled to be 'Rockin into the Summer' in June.

<u>Candy Gram Fundraiser Donation</u> – The Grade Three Candy Gram money has all been donated. We have sent \$820 to each of these three charities --- Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, Against Malaria Foundation, and the Parkland Food Bank. We believe that this makes it our largest candy gram donation so far. Thanks to everyone who purchased and Candy Gram and thanks to our Grade Three students, educational assistants, and teachers who helped out.

<u>Pet Parade! Tuesday June 4th</u> - For the end of the year the CTF Kindness Project Grade Seven/Eight/Nine class, on Tuesday June 4th PLC will be hosting a Pet Parade. The Parade will take place between 10:30 am and 11:40.

Parents are asked to bring their friendly, housebroken pets on leash, cat backpack, and fish or reptiles in their bowls or cages. Students will meet their parents and collect the pets so they can 'parade' through a guided course. Parents are asked to remain at the school during the parade and asked to bring a 'pooper scooper', bags, or other items in order to clean up after pets. Popcorn will be sold for two dollars with all proceeds going towards an animal friendly fundraiser. Once again, I need to reiterate that this event is for well behaved, leashed/contained, house broken animals. If you have any questions regarding eligible animals, please email me at chris.shaw@psd.ca.

<u>Grade One to Three Field Day Volunteer Information</u> - We are very excited to announce that Prescott Learning Centre will be having our second annual Field Day for grades 1-3 students. Field Day will be held on June 11th at PLC for the whole day! Each classroom will be divided

into two groups to participate in the events. Each group of students will be travelling to the 20 event stations as a group the whole day. We are looking for volunteers who will lead our classroom groups for the day and also manage activity stations.

If this is a role that interests you, please reach out to dana.vasileff@psd.ca. Thank you in advance for volunteering! Mrs. Vasileff.

Smoothie Day Volunteers - As part of our food program at the end of the year we provide healthy smoothies to all of our students. These are particularly exciting days for kids, one that they all look forward to. In order for this to happen, we need to ask your help. If you are able to help out in anv or all of the dates and times listed in the graphic below please reach out to



valerie.bradford@psd.ca. I assure you the smiles and appreciation will be well worth the time.

<u>Stronger Together June Newsletter: Summer's Coming Edition</u> - 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. This month's issue is full of events and activities for June and throughout the summer. You can find the June Newsletter at: https://www.psd.ca/division/student-wellness/stronger-together-newsletter

Read-A-Thon Update - Our Read-A-Thon closes this Monday (tomorrow)! Prescott Learning Centre extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to our school community! We're incredibly proud of our readers and grateful for your support. Below is a link you can use to easily email them about supporting our fundraiser:

https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/tool/323739393933/1

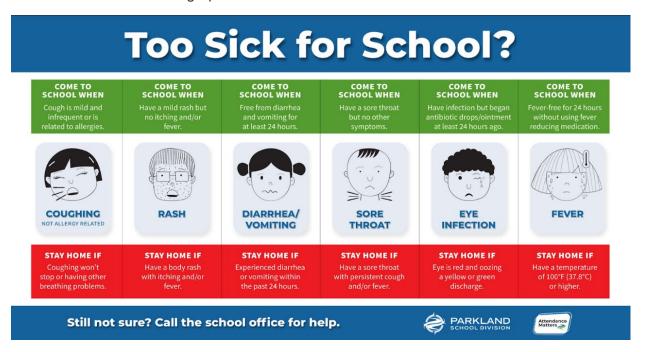
Please be aware that all funds are in US Dollars, please plan accordingly. Thanks again, for helping us support your children in their growth in literacy.

<u>PLC Fundraising Foundation Update</u> - Freezie Fridays! May 31st, June 7, 14 & 21 \$1/ half jumbo Freezie - \$2/ full jumbo Freezie

*Grades K-2 are also included! Feel free to send money with your child, if you choose, and their teacher will collect it and arrange with our volunteers to have their freezies delivered at lunchtime. *

Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates and Vendors: May 29th - Mary Browns

<u>Too Sick for School</u> - PSD has created an infographic for families looking for guidance on when you should or shouldn't send a sick child to school. The Too Sick for School Guide deals with coughs, rashes, gastro-intestinal concerns, sore throats, eye infections, and fevers. Please refer to the graphic below for more information.



Previously Shared Information

<u>Thank you From Mrs. Mills</u> - Mrs. Mills would like to thank the students, Admin and staff for a very positive experience in the Music room at Prescott, while filling in for Mrs. Surrendi/ Fleming. She will no doubt return to the school to sub in the future and we look forward to seeing her soon.

Art Club Update - Please note that the last Art club for the school year will be June 10th!

Grade Seven Gauss Math Contest - The annual Gauss Math Contest, hosted by the University of Waterloo, took place last week and we're delighted to announce that 23 of our top grade 7 students took part. This contest serves as a platform for students to showcase their mathematical skills and problem-solving abilities, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. It's truly inspiring to witness their dedication to academic excellence and their enthusiasm for mathematics. This achievement is a testament to their hard work, perseverance, and passion for learning. We're incredibly proud of each and every one of them and will share their results when they are available.

<u>PSD Elementary Summer School</u> - Once again, Parkland School Division is offering summer school to those children who require a boost in their numeracy and literacy skills. If you have a child who would benefit from summer school, please see the details below: Summer school is for those students in grades; 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a child that would benefit from this, we encourage you to <u>register</u> them as soon as possible.

<u>Spruce Grove Summer in the City Camps</u> - We are excited to share information on the City of Spruce Grove's summer programs with you. Discover a summer of adventure and creativity at Spruce Grove's Summer in the City Camps! Check out the link below:

- Registered programs such as Art Explorer Camp for budding artists and Adventure Camps filled action, biking, and hiking.
- Free programs including the Pop-Up Playground that might be offered right at your local playground.
- The Log Cabin is back in action offering Teen programs on a registered or drop-in basis.
- Our Leaders in Training program for those teens looking to add work experience to their resume
- We have something for everyone aged 6 to 18. Let your child's imagination soar and their skills grow in a fun and supportive environment. Register now for a summer they'll never forget!

Dates: Jul. 8th – Aug. 23rd, 2024 Ages: 6-18 years old

Location: Varies depending on the program Program Fee: Varies depending on the program

Register HERE or visit our website for more information:

https://www.sprucegrove.org/community/programs/summer-in-the-city/

Please refer to the Flyer at the end of this memo

Teen Takeover at the Tri Leisure Centre - Hey, teens of Spruce Grove! This event is for you! And it's FREE! Teen Takeover is a night where parents stay home and teens get the opportunity to "take over" the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre. Teens 13-18 will have exclusive access to the pool and gymnasium at the TLC for FREE from 9–11 p.m. on May 25! Join in and bring your friends for a night of fun with swimming, drop-in gym activities, and free food!

Date: Saturday, May 25, 2024 - Ages: 13-18 years old - Location: TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre

Time: 9–11 p.m. (with sign-in and bag checks starting at 8:15 p.m.)

Program Fee: FREE, however, pre-registration is required Register HERE or visit our website for more information:

https://www.sprucegrove.org/community/programs/teen-

takeover/ Please refer to the Flyer at the end of this memo

<u>School/CTF (Option) Course Fees (Over) Due</u> - As we begin planning for next year, a reminder that school fees are now overdue. Now more than ever these fees are vital to ensure students and staff are provided with the requisite resources for learning. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or contact the office.

<u>Registration Reminder</u> - If you have yet to complete the registration, I ask that you do so ASAP. If you are having problems completing the registration, please contact the office at prescott@psd.ca

<u>Final Thoughts</u> - With one foot firmly planted in this school year and another stepping towards next I'm sure you've gathered that we are hopping here at the school. I need to ask for your patience in awaiting a response to your questions or concerns for anything but emergencies. Better yet, for a quicker response, please 'cc' my wonderful assistant principal's in any email's you may send our way or ask to speak with any administrator when you call the school. Don't worry, we'll get back to you, it just might take longer than any of us would like for non-emergent concerns.

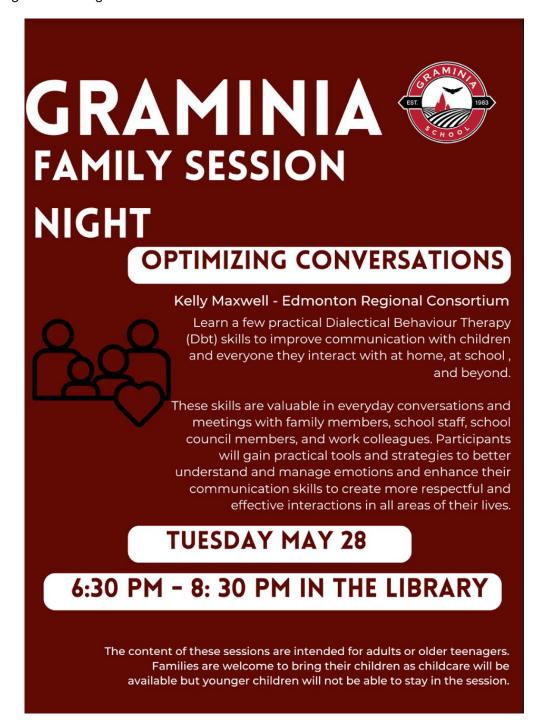
Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, or have any topics of interest you would like me to discuss in future weekend memos, please reach out to my assistant principals and me at the school by calling 780-571-8079 or emailing us at:

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







For complete program information:
sprucegrove.org/SITC

SPRUCE GROVE

Location:

TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre

Time:

9-11 p.m. (Sign-in & bag checks start at 8:15 p.m.)



Date:
May 25, 2024
Ages:
13-18
Cost:
Free!
(registration required)

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TO REGISTER:

- ← ONLINE: SPRUCEGROVE.ORG/TEENTAKEOVER
- (BY PHONE: 780-962-7632
- A IN PERSON: BORDER PAVING ATHLETIC CENTRE (MAIN FLOOR), 9 TRI LEISURE WAY

For more information visit: sprucegrove.org/TeenTakeover





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: Family Life Psychology and Wellness

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

Facilitator:

Harmony Nimchuk, 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 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

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 5PM-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

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

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

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

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 Helpline1-866-332-2322
Child Mental Health (Bam-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 Line310-1818
Sexual Assault Centre (9am-9pm)780-423-4121
First Nations & Inuit Mental Health Hope for Wellness1-855-242-3310 National Indian Residential School Crisis Line1-866-925-4419
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

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

780-962-7618

Spruce Grove FCSS
#105 - 505 Queen Street
Spruce Grove, AB
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)	
I NEED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER	
Alberta Council of Women's Shelters 24/71-866-331-3933	
I NEED DETOX SUPPORT George Spady	
I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION SITE	
George Spady Centre780-424-8335 Boyle McCauley Health Centre780-422-7333	
I NEED HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ADDICTIONS	
Access 24/7 Adult Addictions/Mental Health 780-424-2424 Youth Addiction Services	
I NEED HELP WITH BASIC NEEDS	
NeighbourLink Parkland	
WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD?	
Parkland Food Bank	
WHERE CAN I FIND A COMMUNITY MEAL?	
Auggies Café (Take out, Tues 11AM-1PM) 131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove	

Community Table (lest Fri 5-7PM)

apfa Food Rescue Community Fridge

(M-F 8:30-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain 780-963-0549