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## **Prescott Weekend Update**

Dec. 1st, 2024

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Facebook: https://www.facebook. com/PrescottPSD Hello PLC Families:

This week I need to ask our Junior High families to take a knee while I talk about the upcoming Christmas/Winter Concerts happening at the school this week. For starters the concerts involve students in Kindergarten through Grade Six. Because of the fire code and the expected number of guests, we are required to break these concerts into two parts; families with the student's last name beginning from A-K on Wednesday; and families with the student's last name beginning from L-Z on Thursday.

Students with the last name starting with the letters A-K will be performing twice on Wednesday, at 1:00 pm in the afternoon and at 6:30 in the evening. On Thursday students with the last names beginning with the letters L-Z will perform at 10:30 in the morning and at 6:30 pm in the evening. For the daytime shows, the doors are open 30 minutes before the performance begins. For the evening performances, the doors will open at 6:00 pm. At 6:15 pm students will be asked to proceed to their designated areas for staging. Please note the locations written on the white boards in the main floor common area. Other than reserved seating for our PLC volunteers and dignitaries, seating is on a first come first served basis.

This year we attempted to streamline the seating process by issuing tickets through our PowerSchool platform. Our apologies for any inconvenience that our 'attempt' may have caused. We tried to break a few eggs and unfortunately, the results were much less than we had originally hoped for. Please Note: *There are no 'paper' tickets, you need to have your name added to the master list. If you have not received an email confirming your seat reservation, please reach out to Mrs. Surrendi* If you have yet to reserve your seats or require additional seats, please reach out to Mrs. Bradford or Mrs. Surrendi at valerie.bradford@psd.ca and shauna.surrendi@psd.ca.

If you arrive early for your designated performance, please feel free to peruse our used book fair in the small gymnasium. Thank you for the overwhelming number of donations you have provided. All monies collected from the fair will be used to support the initiatives of our mighty PLC Fundraising Foundation. Or, after the performance, please consider purchasing a Candy-Gram which would be delivered to your child the week before Winter Break. All Candy-Gram money is donated to charity and offers our Grade Three students the opportunity to give back to the community over the holiday season.

A reminder, students are asked to dress in their holiday best. I'll ask that students refrain from wearing t-shirts with images/writing, hoodies, sweat pants or hats; thank you! A reminder that because of the concerts next week our School Council Meeting has been moved from its usual Wednesday slot to this Tuesday the 3rd at 6:30. Whether it be Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday next week, I look forward to seeing you. And if all of this wasn't enough, now, here's what else is going on at PLC this week.

	Important Events This Week			
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>
December!	Cst. Gord Gr. 9	Christmas	Smudging	Tuesday
	Visit	Concerts	(Small Gym)	Schedule
	School Council	A-K	Christmas	AHS Gr. 9
	Meeting @ 6:30	1:00 & 6:30pm	Concerts	Antigen
		Used Book Fair	L-Z	Presentation
		Candygrams	10:30am &	Used Book Fair
		Gr. 9 Field Trip	6:30pm	
		Horizon Stage	Used Book Fair	
		School Council	Candygrams	
Art Club	Say It Here Club	Gr. 2-6	BBall @ 7:30am	BBall @ 7:30am
3:15 – 4:30	@ Lunch	Choir@12:15	DLR – 3:15- 4:30	
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	Important Events Next Week			
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Smudging		CTF Term II		Wednesday
(Small Gym)		Begins		Schedule
		PLCFF Meeting		
		@ 6:30		

Athletics Dates This Week*		
Monday	Jr. A Boys Basketball @ Noon	
	Sr. Girls Basketball Practice @ Noon	
Tuesday	Grade 6 Handball practice @ 3:00-430 small gym	
Tuesday	Sr Boys Basketball seeding games @ STA 4:15, 5:15, 5:45	
	Sr Girls Basketball seeding games @ Living Waters 3:45, 4:45	
Wednesday	N/A	
Thursday	N/A	
Friday	N/A	
Saturday	N/A	

\*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

**Music Notes from Mrs. Surrendi - Winter/Christmas Concert: "The Nutcracker" December 4th and 5th -** CONCERT TICKET INFORMATION: Despite glitches, we hope that you have been able to secure seats for our upcoming concerts on December 4th and 5th. Please note, PowerSchool may not reflect the number of tickets you have reserved; Mrs. Surrendi has a master list and has been contacting families that requested additional seats. If you have not heard from her, or are unsure, please reach out to confirm.

- \*If you have not reserved your seats yet, please do so on PowerSchool. In order to adhere to fire code, students with surnames A-K will perform on Wednesday, December 4th; students with surnames L-Z on Thursday, December 5th.
- \*Concert dress: holiday best!
- \*RESERVE YOUR TICKETS Now; we added additional tickets to families late last week, and you do not want to miss your child/ren performing this traditional story!
- \*There are no specific costumes for students; they can dress in their holiday best. Mrs. Surrendi does request that there be no t-shirts with images/writing, and no hoodies, sweat pants or hats; thank you!

Any inquiries can be made to Mrs. Surrendi; Shauna.Surrendi@psd.ca

**December School Council Meeting Date Change -** As a result of the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, the date for the December School Council meeting has been changed to this Tuesday. Dec. 3rd at 6:30. Invitations will be in your inbox tomorrow morning. A reminder, our School Council is the school's community's voice. You will not be asked to volunteer or attend future meetings. What you will be asked is for your input on how to make our school better meet the needs of your child(ren) and for any questions you may have about school operations. I hope to see you this Tuesday.

**Grade Three Candy Grams -** For the 9th year in a row the Prescott Grade 3 classes will be offering the candy gram program to our students and families. Students and families can purchase a \$1 candy gram for a student in our school. A candy gram is a small card filled out with the name and grade of the recipient. A small message can also be added to the card. An actual candy cane is attached to the card before being delivered to the recipient. There will be 2 times in which candy grams can be purchased. Firstly, families may buy candy grams before and after all four of our Christmas concerts on December 4th and 5th. There will be a table set up in the main area outside the gym.

Candy grams will also be available during lunch hours, so all students have the opportunity to participate. Lunch time sales will occur on the following days: Tuesday, December 10 - Friday, December 13. The grade 3 classes will organize and deliver the candy grams during the last week of school, before Christmas Break.

Last year over \$2400.00 dollars was raised. Grade 3 students worked together to decide where proceeds would be donated. It was decided that the proceeds would be split evenly between the Parkland Food Bank, the Stollery Children's Hospital and the Against Malaria International Foundation. Thank you for supporting this fun and worthwhile cause. Each year our grade 3 students are so proud to make a difference in the lives of others.

**Cst. Gord Grade Nine Visit -** This Tuesday RCMP School Resource Officer Gord Marshall will be at the school discussing Social Justice and the Criminal Youth code as part of the Grade Nine Social Studies Curriculum. He will be speaking to all Grade Nine classes at the same time

from 2-3 pm on Tuesday December 3rd. With his work at the Comp, he will certainly be addressing student questions about life in high school.

**Grade Six and Nine Provincial Achievement Test (PATs) Dates** - Last week Alberta Education released the PAT dates for Spring 2025. The PATs are written by all Grade Six and Nine students across the province and examine students in English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies. While the Grade Nines will also write Science, the Grade Sixes will be exempt from writing Science this year. I will have more information in upcoming Weekend Memos. But for now Grade:

Sixes will be writing on:	Nines on:
Weds. May 28th	Thurs. June 29th
Thurs. June 12th	Thurs. June 12th
Fri. June 13th	Fri. June 13th
Tues. June 17th	Tues. June 17th
Weds. June 18th	Weds. June 18th
	Thurs. June 19th

Please ensure your Grade Six and Nine child is at school on these dates. For more information, please access the General Information Bulletin at:

https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/custom\_downloaded\_images/edc-pat-general-information-bulletin.pdf

**Paws for the Cause: Collecting for the local Food Bank and Kinette Hampers** - The Grade Six classes are challenging all the classes to fill a bin with non-perishable food for the Food Bank, and fill a box with items for the local Kinette Hampers (toys, gift cards, winter mitts/hats, etc.) The class from each division that collects the most will have a pizza party! Deadline for classes will be at our last concert, the evening of December 5th.

## 📚👬 The Book Fair is Finally Here! 👬 📚

Books to explore, adventure galore, Stories to cherish, who could want more? Join us in the **Small Gym** for a book-filled delight, With treasures to find, both day and night!

### Wednesday, December 4

- 📚 12:30 PM 1:00 PM & 📚 2:00 PM 2:30 PM
- 📚 6:00 PM 6:30 PM & 📚 7:30 PM 8:00 PM

### Thursday, December 5

📚 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM & 📚 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

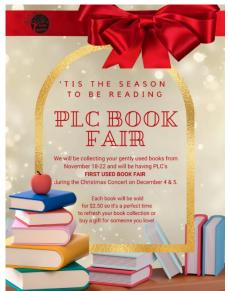
📚 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM & 📚 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**Cash only**, so bring your toonies, Let's make this fair as sweet as loonies!

Come one, come all, and don't delay; The book fair fun is just a page away!

Pro Tip: Tell your friends, bring your family, and let's

make this a book fair to remember! Don't miss out on the chance to grab some fantastic reads and support our community.





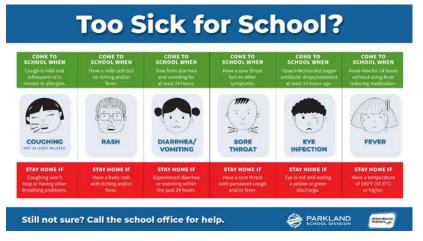
#### **December Stronger Together**

**Newsletter -** This month's Stronger Together Newsletter shares information on teen drug use and addiction. You can also find out about the upcoming Strong Families sessions, Remembrance Day Services, winter clothing community

resources and more. 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. Click <u>https://www.psd.ca/download/474155</u> for this month's edition.

**Athletics** - **Basketball** - With the Winter/Christmas concerts, there will be limited basketball this week. Please check out future memos for Jr. B tryout dates (Grades Five to Seven).

We have riches in the number of players trying out for basketball teams. We would like to give as many players the opportunity to play organized basketball as possible. However, we need your help. If you are able to help coach please reach out to Mr. McNaughton at <u>carson.mcnaughton@psd.ca</u>. You will be paired with a staff supervisor to support you in the managerial tasks. All you will have to do is coach. The commitment is minimal, the rewards are immense, and your time would be greatly appreciated.



**Too Sick for School?** - Not sure whether or not to send your child to school when they are sick? Last year PSD provided a 'Too Sick for School?' guide to determine if a student should stay home. You can find a full-page copy of this guide at the end of this memo (suitable for say, printing off and putting on the fridge. Or not. Your call.).

### **Previously Shared Information**

*HOT LUNCH-* Orders are now open! The PLCFF and our Hot Lunch Volunteers have again partnered with multiple local businesses to provide hot lunches to our children every week on alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays. Order by term OR by lunch date, each lunch date closes 2 weeks prior to lunch date; unfortunately, no late orders or unpaid orders can be accepted. Here's How to register:

1. Go to https://prescott.hotlunches.net

2. Click the "REGISTER" menu at the top right-hand corner to sign up. - Our school code is PLCHL

3. Enter your name, email address and phone, then a user id that you will use for access to the hot lunch's application. Enter a password and then enter it again to verify that it is correct.

4. Once registered, you will be logged into the website

5. Please add your students by clicking on the green "STUDENTS" button in the top left corner.

Once your students have been added to the system you will be able to place lunch orders immediately by clicking the "Order" button below each child's name. Here are the dates and vendors:

Weds. Dec. 4th - Dairy Queen Thurs. Dec. 12th - Pizza 73

Follow us on Facebook at Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation or visit our webpage at <u>www.plcff.com</u> for ongoing fundraising updates. Email us at executive@plcff.com for any questions or opportunities you would like to bring forward. Kind regards, Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation

**Prescott Travel Club** Hello Prescott Families! As many of you may already know, Prescott is starting a Travel Club! We are planning to take a group of grade 7, 8 and 9 students to Quebec over spring break of the 2025-2026 school year! That means that if your student is entering grade 6, 7 or 8 this year (2024-25), they are eligible to travel with us! \_If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please send an email to Sarah Saysana at <u>sarah.saysana@psd.ca</u>.

**Final Thoughts** - The winter weather has arrived and so it is time for my annual plea for you to avoid turning left (East) from Pioneer road onto Prospect Way. The cold weather means more traffic for drop offs and pickups. Left turns on to Prospect in the past have paralyzed the flow through the parking lot. As well, it is way faster to proceed to Grove Drive and do a full 360 around the traffic circle and make a right onto Prospect (really!) Thankfully, so many of you have been accommodating both in avoiding the left turn and, more importantly, taking your time and patience by slowing down through the parking lot. Thank you. There is nothing more important than keeping your child(ren) safe.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns on this, or any other matter please don't hesitate to reach out. To ensure a quicker response, please feel free to email both myself and my very capable assistant principals at the addresses below:

heather.huisman@psd.ca

<u>esther.vanbeek@psd.ca</u>

chris.shaw@psd.ca.

Take care, Chris

## TIS THE SEASON TO BE READING

# PLC BOOK FAIR

We will be collecting your gently used books from November 18-2**2** and will be having PLC's **FIRST USED BOOK FAIR** during the Christmas Concert on December 4 & 5.

> Each book will be sold for \$2.50 so it's a perfect time to refresh your book collection or buy a gift for someone you love!

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Still not sure? Call the school office for help.	<b>STAY HOME IF</b> Have a body rash with itching and/or fever.	RASH	<b>COME TO</b> <b>SCHOOL WHEN</b> Have a mild rash but no itching and/or fever.	<b>Too Sick for Sch</b>
ol office for he	<b>STAY HOME IF</b> Experienced diarrhea or vomiting within the past 24 hours.	DIARRHEA/ VOMITING	<b>COME TO</b> <b>SCHOOL WHEN</b> Free from diarrhea and vomiting for at least 24 hours.	ick fo
elp.	<b>STAY HOME IF</b> Have a sore throat with persistent cough and/or fever.	SORE	<b>COME TO</b> <b>SCHOOL WHEN</b> Have a sore throat but no other symptoms.	or Scl
	STAY HOME IF Eye is red and oozing a yellow or green discharge.		<b>COME TO</b> <b>SCHOOL WHEN</b> Have infection but began antibiotic drops/ointment at least 24 hours ago.	vool 3
Attendance Matters	STAY HOME IF Have a temperature of 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.	FEVER	<b>COME TO</b> <b>SCHOOL WHEN</b> Fever-free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication.	

SCHOOL DIVISION



Prescott Learning Centre and Parkland School Division rely on stakeholder feedback to learn and improve for the benefit of students, families, staff and the community.

## Scan the QR code to share your thoughts!

USE YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA OR A QR CODE READER APP.



For more information, please contact the school at prescott@psd.ca or 780-571-8079.

#### 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	Family Life Psychology
202, 636 King Street, Spruce Grove	201, , 323 McLeod Ave, Spruce Grove
<ul> <li>Hub for Hope provides individuals with 8 (50 mir counselling sessions at no cost, provided by an i psychologist.</li> <li>Counselling options can be provided either in p</li> </ul>	ntern 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	
I NEED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCI	
Alberta Council of Women's Shelt	ers
I NEED DETOX SUPPORT	
George Spady	780-424-8335
AHS Detox Centre Youth Edmonton Detox	780-427-4291
I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION	
George Spady Centre	
Boyle McCauley Health Centre	780-422-7333
I NEED HELP WITH MENTAL HE AND/OR ADDICTIONS	EALTH
Access 24/7 Adult Addictions/Mental Health	780-424-2424
Youth Addiction Services	
Child and Adolescent	
Mental Health Services WestView PCN Youth	825-402-6799
Mental Health Clinic (ages 11-24)	780-960-9533
I NEED HELP WITH BASIC NEE	
NeighbourLink Parkland	
Community Helps Team Pay Forward Kindness	780-962-5611
(homeless supports)	.587-286-4663
Parkland Pregnancy Support Cer (Tue & Thurs 12-3pm)	itre .780-962-5505
WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD?	Contraction of
Parkland Food Bank	780-962-4565
WeCan Food Basket	587-338-1101
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 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>d</sup> Sat 10AM-1PM 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain	780.062.2110
Grace's Table (2 <sup>rd</sup> Ed 5-630PM)	
250 Century Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-4700
Community Table (last Fri 5-7PM) 180 Century Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-5611
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(M-F 8:30-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain ...... 780-963-0549