

Prescott Weekend Update



Jan. 12th, 2024

Prescott Learning Centre

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I need to start this week with some disconcerting news. After school one day last week, there was a car accident at the north parking lot exit by the Cantiro Centre/Daycare. In my conversations with the drivers involved, what emerged was that the driver's visibility, turning left/south on Pioneer Road was impaired by a large vehicle on the street that was parked far too close to the parking lot exit. While no one was hurt (thankfully) there was considerable damage to both vehicles. Anyone who has endured the ordeal of car accidents, and the subsequent time, effort, and paperwork in dealing with the police, insurance, deductibles(!), and auto-body shops can surely empathize with those who were involved.

Any time there is any kind of incident in the parking lot, we all need to reflect on the safety of staff, parents and guardians, and most of all your children. We get it; you're in a rush to get to work and you're frustrated with the parking lot. However, you'll agree that trading a moment of convenience for the well-being of students is simply not an option. There are a lot of things that keep us up at night here at the school, but the thought of a child getting hurt is clearly at the top of the list. So, here are some reminders to keep everyone safe;

- It is unlawful to park less than five meters (15 feet) from an exit or parking lot. This includes the entrance and exit in the front, and the staff parking in the back.
- Please do not park in the Cantiro/Daycare parking lot. They do not have the same level of supervision between 3:00 pm and 3:20 pm as we do. And ironically, when we take up spaces in their parking lot, their parents are forced to park in our lot or on the street causing more congestion. Whether they are PLC children or Cantiro Centre children, the safety equation remains the same. By parking in the Cantiro Centre parking lot you are quite simply putting our smallest community members in danger.
- Please do not park in staff parking, for the same reason I stated above.
- If at all possible, please avoid turning left/east on prospect way by the crosswalk. Not only does it cause paralysis in flow of the parking lot, it makes the intersection with Pioneer road more precarious for pedestrians (plus, if it gets that busy, it is way quicker to go all the way around the traffic circle and come back. Trust me. Just remember to use your turn signal).

Please be aware that in light of last week's events we can expect a greater bylaw/police presence around the school.

One of the great things about our school that I have learned since my arrival at PLC is how responsive the community is to requests and concerns. I'll ask again for your support in making the parking lot and streets around the school safe for everyone, especially our students. Thanks again, and have a great week.

Important Events This Week							
Monday 13 th	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th	Thursday 16 th	Friday 17 th			
Ski & Snowboard	Gr. 9	Gr. 7-9 Fit for Life	Hot Lunch	Wednesday			
Club Sign Up	Immunizations	CTF Field Trip @	Field Trip @ PLC Jr. A BBall				
Meeting (Gr. 6-9)		Factory Climbing	Tourney	PLC Jr. A BBall			
		PLCFF @ 6:30		Tourney			
Art Club	Say It Here Club		Sr BBall @	Sr BBall @			
3:15 – 4:30	@ Lunch	7:30am (Gr. 6-9)		7:30am			
(Resumes in	DLR - 3:15- 4:30		Choir @12:15	(Gr. 6-9)			
Feb.)			(Gr. 2-6)				
			DLR – 3:15- 4:30				
Important Events Next Week							
Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd	Friday 24 th			
		EA Appreciation	Grade 2 Teacher's	Thursday			
		Day	Pet in school field	Schedule			
		Hot Lunch	trip (Soapstone	Gr. ELA Midterm			
		Bullying vs.	carving)	Fitset Ninja Gr. 5			
		Conflict					
		Presentation @					
		6:30					

Athletics/Basketball Dates This Week*				
Monday	Jr A Girls & Jr B Girls Practice @ Lunch			
	Jr B Boys White and Blue Practice @ 3:00 - 4:30			
Tuesday	Jr A Boys Practice @ Lunch			
	Sr Girls Practice @ Lunch			
	Jr A Boys Practice 3:00 - 4:00			
	Sr Boys Game @ PLC vs Broxton Park - 4:30			
Wednesday	Sr Boys Practice @ Lunch			
	Sr Boys Practice 3:00 - 4:00			
	Jr A Boys Game @ Greystone			
	Jr A Girls Game @ Living Waters			
	Jr. B Girls Game @ PLC vs. Greystone – 4:30			
	Jr. B Boys Blue Game @ PLC vs. Greystone – 5:30			
Thursday	Jr B Boys White and Blue Practice @ Lunch			
	Jr A Tournament @ PLC			
Friday	Jr A Girls Practice @ Lunch			
	Jr B Girls Practice @ Lunch			
	Jr A Tournament @ PLC			
Saturday	Jr A Tournament @ PLC			

^{*}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

January PLC Fundraising Foundation Meeting this Wednesday - This Weds. on the 15th, the PLCFF will be hosting their monthly meeting. Invitations to attend virtually will be in your inbox tomorrow morning. This is a great group of people who do great things for our school. Your commitment is as little or as much as you are able. We hope you are able to attend.

Gr. Seven-Eight-Nine Midterm Exams Jan 24th - Jan. 29th. A reminder to Junior High Parents that Midterms are officially two weeks away! Students should be reviewing on a regular basis to ensure they are ready for their exams. This includes, re-reading your notes and/or using the study guides given to you by your teachers. For your child, our students being prepared = students who are less stressed. Thank you for encouraging your child to study at home over the next two weeks. Exams will take place in the afternoon on the following dates:

Fri. Jan 24 - English Language Arts

Mon. Jan 27 - Science

Tues. Jan 28 - Social Studies

Wed. Jan 29 - Mathematics

During the morning of exam days teachers will be preparing and reviewing for exams. It is important that students attend in the morning prior to the day's exams. Further, students will be expected to remain in the exam space for the duration of the afternoon.

In next week's school memo, our school psychologist, Mrs. Wilkinson, will share some timely strategies and insights for all parents to help those students experiencing test anxiety. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's teachers.

Gr. Nine Immunizations Tuesday Jan. 14th - Alberta Health Services will be back at the school on the 14th for Grade Nine Students. Grade Nines will be receiving their Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and Meningococcal vaccines. As always, students will not receive vaccinations without written consent from parents/guardians. The Grade Six students will have their second round of immunizations at the end of April. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Bradford or me at the office.

PowerSchool Personal Information Breach Update (From the PSD Website) - To keep parents/guardians fully informed on the topic of cyber security and recent attacks on PowerSchool as reported by various news outlets, we wanted to provide the following update. On December 28, 2024 PowerSchool became aware of a potential cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to certain information through one of their community-focused customer support portals, PowerSource. Over the succeeding days, PowerSchool's investigation determined that an unauthorized party gained access to certain PowerSchool customer data using a compromised credential. PowerSchool sent PSD the following:

While this incident affected certain PowerSchool Student Information System customers, PowerSchool's thorough forensic investigation has confirmed that Parkland School Division's data was **not** impacted.

Some neighboring school jurisdictions in the Edmonton capital region were affected. Out of an abundance of caution, the PSD Technology Services team conducted its own internal investigation and confirmed all personal data in our student information system remains secure. For further information, contact - DivisionOffice@psd.ca Phone: 780-963-4010

Mark your Calendars School Council Parent Information Evening: Bullying vs. Conflict - Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, at 6:30 pm in the PLC Collaboration Centre all PLC parents and guardians are invited to join Parkland School Division Associate Superintendent Scott Johnston for a discussion on the Topic of Bullying vs. Conflict. Mr. Johnston will engage in an interactive conversation with attendees centered on the nature and causes of bullying, how it is different from conflict, the school and the school divisions policies, procedures, approaches to addressing bullying, and what parents can do to support their child in navigating bullying and conflict at school, online, and in the community. This is a free event hosted by the PLC School Council and all are invited to attend.



Choir News - The Prescott choir is performing at the Oil Kings game on **Sunday**, **January 26th**. We are singing in Ford Hall prior to the game as well as Oh Canada on the ice! Part of ticket sales comes back to fund school items like our spot lights!

There was a flyer sent home prior to winter break with a QR code to purchase tickets. You can access the flyer through the link below. Click the link below to get your tickets

today! https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/prescotteok24
Thank you! Any inquiries can be made to Mrs. Surrendi; Shauna.Surrendi@psd.ca

Ski & Snowboard Club Gr. Six - Nine - Prescott Ski and Snowboard club will be running for another season. This year, our ski nights will be the four Tuesdays in February. We will have our first meeting for students, tomorrow (Monday Jan. 13th) during morning recess in the small gym. All information will be handed out at this meeting. We will ask that all outstanding school fees either be paid, or arrangements to pay be made through the office prior to participating in Ski & Snowboard Club (for questions regarding outstanding school fees please contact Mrs. Bradford in the office). We look forward to another fantastic Ski & snowboard season with our Pumas. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Vasileff @ dana.vasileff@psd.ca. Thanks!

PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - January Updates: Let's Kick Off the New Year Right!: Hey Prescott families! We hope 2025 is treating you fabulously so far. Here's the scoop on what's happening this month:

Love (Pizza) Is in the Air! Hot lunch is back, and it's a crowd favorite—Love Pizza! If you've already placed your order, get ready for a tasty treat on Thursday, January 16. Orders for this hot lunch are now closed, but don't worry—you can still order for the next one. Stay tuned for details!



Get in the Loop - Not in the Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation Facebook Group yet? No worries, but it's time to fix that! This is the HQ for all things PLC Fundraising—hot lunch updates, fundraiser details, and event news. Click here to join: <u>Facebook Group</u>.

Something's Brewing...We're kicking off an exciting new fundraiser later this month, and here's a little hint: it's the perfect pick-me-up for cold mornings or late nights. Any guesses? Stay tuned—details are brewing!

New Hot Lunch Program with Healthy Hunger! - We're thrilled to announce a new and improved hot lunch program at Prescott Learning Centre! Healthy Hunger will now coordinate our hot lunches, making it easier than ever for families to participate. Why You'll Love It:

- Sign up is simple: Visit healthyhunger.com to create an account and start ordering—no access code required!
- Expanded vendor options: We're introducing exciting new lunch vendors.
- Personalized orders: Each item will be clearly labeled with your child's name and class to ensure accuracy.
- Flexible ordering: The order cut-off date is now just 5 days before lunch (instead of 2 weeks).
- Convenient payments: Enjoy more payment options to suit your needs.

Say goodbye to order mix-ups and frustrations. With Healthy Hunger, we're confident this new system will provide a smoother, more reliable experience for everyone. We are proposing the following dates:

January 16 January 22 January 30 February 5 February 12 February 19 February 27 March 5 March 13 March 19 March 27

Sign up today and take the hassle out of hot lunch days! Term II Hot Lunch will begin on Jan. 16th. We're looking forward to another amazing year together. Thank you for supporting the Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation! Thanks for being the amazing community you are. Let's make 2025 our best year yet! We hope to see you at the monthly fundraising meeting this Wednesday at the school at 6:30.

Randie Dodman President, Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising

Previously Shared Information

PowerSchool Portal Student/Family Access Shut Down - If you hadn't noticed, in order to give teachers a head start on report card comments, access to the online PowerSchool Portal was shut down to students and families just before the break. Like the comments often attributed to Otto von Bismarck's regarding laws and sausages, to alleviate stress and confusion it is best not see comments while they are 'under construction'. PowerSchool access will resume when report cards go live on Thursday, Jan 30th at 3:00 pm. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding assignments or attendance, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher or the office.

January Stronger Together Newsletter - 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 Stronger Together Newsletter shares information on sessions supporting the transition from teenager to adulthood. For this month's edition please click: https://www.psd.ca/download/477464



One Small thing Virtual Option - In addition to the drop box in the main office, the PLC School Council is happy to share with you a virtual option to share your comments about positive interactions, experiences, and memories about PLC staff. 'One Small Thing' is a council initiative intended for families to share their appreciation and send staff words of support and encouragement throughout the year! If you have something positive you would like to share please scan the QR code to the right, or visit prescottonesmallthing@gmail.com or visit the office to handwrite your comments. With Educational Assistant Appreciation Day coming up on the 22nd, what better way to show your gratitude than sending a message through this platform.

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).



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 grades 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 sarah.saysana@psd.ca.

Final Thoughts - After a disconcerting start to this week's memo, I'll end this week on more of a positive note. One of the highlights of our Holiday Fun activities in which homerooms decorate their respective doors with the winners in each division, as judged by volunteers from School Council, the PLCFF, and our morning and lunch food programs, win a pizza lunch provided by our fundraising foundation. There was a bit of drama in Division I (Gr. K-3) with Mrs. Pidhaichuk's grade three class and Mrs. Rachuk's grade one class ending up in a tie on the decorating rubric. The tie-breaker went to Mrs. Pidhaichuk's class. Mr. Brook's Gr. Six class

were the champs in Div. II (Gr. 4-6) and Mrs. Burgess/Mr. Adam's class took the Div. III award in Jr. High. Thanks to our volunteer judges and thanks to the PLCFF for the Pizza Parties.

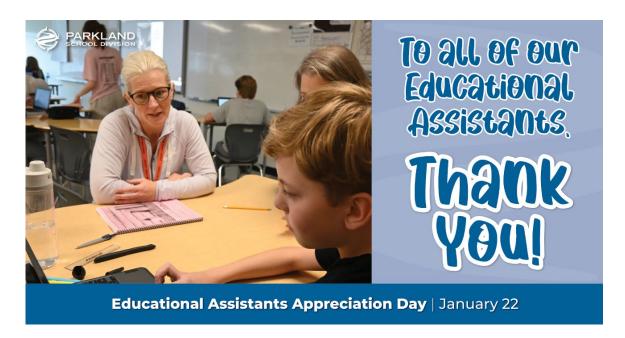
As always, if you have any questions or concerns on this or any other matter please reach out to my very capable assistant principals or me at:

heather.huisman@psd.ca

esther.vanbeek@psd.ca

chris.shaw@psd.ca.

Chris





PRESCOTT LEARNING CENTRE SCHOOL NIGHT

COME WATCH THE PRESCOTT PUMA PERFORMERS PERFORM IN FORD HALL AND THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AT ROGERS PLACE!

\$5 FROM EVERY TICKET PURCHASED
WILL BE DONATED TO PRESCOTT LEARNING CENTRE



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 VS. LETHBRIDGE AT 6:00 PM

SCAN HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



\$25 PER TICKET PLUS FEES





Too Sick for School?

COME TO SCHOOL WHEN

related to allergies Cough is mild and

COME TO

Have a mild rash but

Free from diarrhea

COME TO SCHOOL WHEN

COME TO SCHOOL WHEN

Have a sore throat but no other symptoms.

COME TO SCHOOL WHEN

Have infection but began

SCHOOL WHEN

Fever-free for 24 hours reducing medication



THROAT SORE







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INFECTION



FEVER

Have a temperature **STAY HOME IF** of 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.

Eye is red and oozing

a yellow or green

discharge.

STAY HOME IF

Still not sure? Call the school office for help.

stop or having other

with itching and/or

Experienced diarrhea

STAY HOME IF

STAY HOME IF Have a sore throat

the past 24 hours. or vomiting within

with persistent cough

and/or fever.

Coughing won't

STAY HOME IF

STAY HOME IF Have a body rash

NOT ALLERGY RELATED

COUGHING

RASH

DIARRHEA VOMITING

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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

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					
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 Line 1-866-925-4419					
MMIWG Helpline1-844-413-6649					
I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP Call 911					
I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP Call 911 Emergency Financial Assistance 780-644-5135					
I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP Call 911 Emergency Financial Assistance 780-644-5135 Access 24/7 (Adults)					
I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP Call 911 Emergency Financial Assistance 780-644-5135 Access 24/7 (Adults) Addictions & Mental Health 780-424-2424					
Emergency Financial Assistance 780-644-5135 Access 24/7 (Actuits) Addictions & Mental Health 780-424-2424 Child Intervention Services					
Emergency Financial Assistance 780-644-5135 Access 24/7 (Adults) Addictions & Mental Health					



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
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	/80-962-5131
Food for the Soul (1st, 3sd Sat 10AM-1PM)	
49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain	780-963-3110
Grace's Table (2 rd Fri 5-630PM)	
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 Fri	
(M-F 8:30-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain	