



Prescott Weekend Update



Feb. 17th, 2025

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

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I hope you enjoyed your long weekend. If you have yet to have the opportunity to read her message, this week I am going to share the email from PSD Superintendent Shauna Boyce that arrived in your inbox on Friday.

February 14, 2025 - Parkland School Division (PSD) would like to provide an important update regarding a potential strike action by Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 5543. While we respect the right of support workers to strike, we remain committed to bargaining and finding a resolution that avoids further disruption.

Strike Notice Served

PSD has received 72-hour strike notice from the CUPE Local 5543 and they have communicated their intent to begin a work-to-rule campaign starting Tuesday, February 18th. This action involves educational support staff limiting their duties to only those tasks outlined in their contracts and working strictly within their paid hours.

What this means

As long as the labour action remains a work-to-rule campaign, school days could continue without disruption. However, the union has the ability to escalate their labour action to a full strike without further notice. While we understand from CUPE Local 5543 that it is not their immediate plan to escalate to a full strike, the Division is now in a situation in which we must implement **contingency plans**, which may have to be initiated **beginning Tuesday, February 18th**. Our Division is exploring multiple options to minimize disruptions, but due to the potential of sudden reduced staffing, we will have to make temporary adjustments. The safety and well-being of every student remains our top priority.

Impact on Student Learning

We understand that a potential full strike will impact school operations and student learning. We are working diligently to have classrooms, schools and offices remain safe and welcoming spaces. Please be assured that we are actively working towards a resolution. Families with students who have complex needs will be contacted to discuss what this means for their child. Final decisions regarding requesting a student to

learn from home part-time or full-time will be based on direction that the Division is provided by the Minister of Education.

PSD’s Commitment

School administrators and Division staff continue to work on contingency plans to address any further developments.

We truly appreciate the incredible support staff who support our students in schools every day in various roles as well as many staff who work in our Division Office. They contribute daily as we all work towards our Ultimate Goal of Student Success & Well-being.

PSD remains committed to working toward a resolution and is pleased that the union has agreed to head back to the bargaining table. Both parties have agreed to continue bargaining Thursday, February 20th and Friday, February 21st. It is our sincere hope that progress can be made during these upcoming negotiations.

Many common questions have been addressed in the ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ section on the school division’s Labour Action Updates page which can be accessed using the link below.

<https://www.psd.ca/employment/unions-and-negotiations/labour-action-updates>

However, as I mention at the end of every memo, if you have any other questions, please reach out to me at the school.

Important Events This Week				
Monday 17 th	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21 st
Family Day (No School)	Ski & Snowboard Club Rabbit Hill Gr. 5 Evening Showcase	Winter Walk Hot Lunch (Taco Time)	Canada Gear Day	Monday Schedule
Art Club 3:15 – 4:30	Say It Here Club @ Lunch DLR – 3:15- 4:30		BBall @ 7:30am (Gr. 6-9) Choir @12:15 (Gr. 2-6) DLR – 3:15- 4:30 DnD 3:15-5:00	BBall @ 7:30am (Gr. 6-9)
Important Events Next Week				
Monday 24 th	Tuesday 25 th	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th
Gr. 5 & 7H - 7S Health RCMP Internet Safety Talk	Ski & Snowboard Club Rabbit Hill	Pink Shirt Day SGCHS Gr. Registration Visit Hot Lunch (Taco Time)	Jr. B BBall Tournament	Thursday Schedule Jr. B BBall Tournament

Athletics/Basketball Dates This Week*	
Monday	No School
Tuesday	Jr A Championships Jr A Girls Practice @ Lunch Sr Girls Practice @ Lunch Sr Boys Game @ Greystone 4:15 Sr Girls Game @ PLC vs Wabamun 3:30 Jr A Girls Playoff Game @ High Park 5:00
Wednesday	Jr A Championships Jr A Girls Practice @ Lunch Sr Boys Practice @ Lunch Jr B Girls Practice @ Lunch Jr A Boys Practice @ 3:00 – 4:15 Sr Boys Game @ PLC vs Copperhaven 4:45
Thursday	Jr A Championships Jr B Boys Team White & Blue Practice @ Lunch Jr B Boys Team White Game @ Living Waters 3:45 Sr Boys & Girls Tournament @ Woodhaven
Friday	Jr A Championships Jr A Boys Practice @ Lunch Sr Boys & Girls Tournament @ Woodhaven
Saturday	Sr Boys & Girls Tournament @ Woodhaven

*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

February Puma Pride: Dress in Your Canada Gear Thursday Feb 20th - This Thursday, in honour of our impending victory over Team USA in the Four Nations Cup, students are invited to come to school dressed up in their Canada gear. It can be a jersey, a shirt, a hat, anything that says Canada. The class with the greatest percentage of students to dress up in Canada Gear in each respective division (Grades K-3, 4-6, & 7-9) will win a pizza lunch provided by the PLC Fundraising Foundation. And even if the unthinkable happens and we don't make it to the final on Thursday, it will still be a great day to wear our gear and show our pride in Canada!

Music Notes from Mrs. Surrendi - The Choir will be singing at the upcoming Choral Celebration, Monday, March 17th. Forms are due this week; thank you! Mrs. Surrendi

Ski Club Cancelled (Again) this Tuesday (Feb. 18th) - With a forecast high of -21 tomorrow (without the windchill factored in), ski club tomorrow is cancelled. Between the weather and mechanical issues with our transportation contractor, this is the third week in a row we have been forced to cancel.

To stay updated on dates, times, and potential cancellations due to weather, please download the Remind App. Please reach out to Mrs. Vasileff with any concerns or questions at dana.vasileff@psd.ca

PLC Winter Walk Day Feb. 5th Feb. 12th Feb. 18th (Postponed indefinitely) - Like the Ski & Snowboard Club, Old Man Winter has been less than kind to our 'Kindness Project' CTF students' effort to host the Outdoor Winter Walk activity. With a forecasted windchill of -26 Wednesday morning, we will again have to cancel. Because previously scheduled Kindness Project activities, including visits to the local senior centre, we have made the decision to postpone the walk. We may look at a later date if circumstances (and the weather!) cooperate.

PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - Hot Lunch Update:

Hot lunch is this Wednesday, and its Taco Time! 🌮 Orders for this week are now closed, but don't miss out on future lunches—get those orders in!

Coffee Fundraiser – Only 2 Weeks Left! Our Sparkplug Coffee fundraiser is winding down. Just two weeks left to place your orders! Remember, we earn 20% of every sale, and fundraiser pricing is less than regular pricing. Even if you don't drink coffee, share the link with family and friends who do! Let's rally to support Prescott programs. Order here: <https://sparkplug.coffee/support-plcff>

Name That Cookbook! The cookbook name suggestions are rolling in, and we're loving your creativity. Keep them coming! We'll accept ideas until Friday, February 21. Head over to our Facebook page to submit your ideas and stay up-to-date on the voting process and further updates: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1922775007965264>.

We're Collecting Recipes! It's time to share your family's favorite dishes! Whether it's a traditional recipe, an easy one for kids, or a unique favorite, we want them all! Here's how to submit:

1. Click here to input your recipe: <https://tinyurl.com/3h899ujk>
2. When entering your recipe, update the "Contributor" line to include your child's first name, last initial, and grade (e.g., Jane D, Grade 3).

If the link doesn't work, head to www.familycookbookproject.com and log in:

- Username: PrescottFamily4233
- Password: Cookbook59

Let's create a cookbook full of Prescott pride and delicious memories!

Previously Shared Information

PLCFF 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:

February 19 - TacoTime

February 27 - Love Pizza

March 5 - Subway

March 13 - TacoTime

March 19 - Love Pizza

March 27 - Subway

Sign up today and take the hassle out of hot lunch days! Term II Hot Lunch has already started.

2025 - 2026 School Year Registrations - New students (New to Div) please click on the following link <https://www.psd.ca/schools/registration> and complete the online registration for your child/children.

You will be asked to upload your proof of address (piece of mail, license etc.) and proof of birth. If you are a visiting resident, we will also need your Study/work permit and any other relevant information. If preferred, you can also bring these documents into the school office and we can upload them for you. We cannot register your child/children without receiving these documents.

For returning students, please log on to your Parent Portal and click on the RSVP button on the left-hand side. You will be asked to review your information and make any changes if needed. This **MUST** be done so that your student will be registered in classes in September. If you log on and do not see the RSVP button, please contact the school office for assistance. Again, for more detailed information please visit <https://www.psd.ca/schools/registration>.



Mount St. Lost and Found - Whether you are here for Kindergarten Open House, the PLCFF Meeting, or if you are just picking up or dropping off, please take a moment to check out the exponential growth of our Lost and Found Bin.

University of Alberta Landscape Research Study - At or near the end of February, several PSD schools, PLC included, have been invited to participate in a research study conducted by Dr. Takahiko Masuda and his team from the Department of Psychology at the University of Alberta. The knowledge gained from this study will help better understand how children develop their drawing styles. In this study, they will ask PLC K-9 students to draw a picture of a landscape scene. This picture will be used as data for analysis. Participation in this study will take about 30 minutes.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. The session will not be recorded, all of the student personal information will remain anonymous, and participation requires written consent from both students and parents/guardians. If at any time a student decides not to participate, any and all information will be securely discarded. If you have any questions or concerns, as always, please reach out to me at the school

Outstanding CTF Fees - We still have just over \$5900 outstanding for this year's CTF courses. Parents can pay by cash or cheque at the school or by logging on to their PowerSchool

account. These funds go directly into resources and supplies that fuel these programs. Unfortunately, without this support we will have to limit our CTF offerings moving forward.

Dungeons and Dragons Club - A reminder, that after a brief foray to Mondays, the Dungeons and Dragons has moved back to Thursdays after school from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

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 sarah.saysana@psd.ca.

Final Thoughts - It was a whole lot of fun at the Valentine's Dance last Thursday. I'll offer thanks to our staff for contributing to making it a fun and safe event for everyone.

Smudging will be cancelled for both this week and next. We are looking for a return in March.

With the cold weather we will have the front doors open for early morning drop off starting tomorrow (Tuesday) through to Thursday. If you arrive earlier than our usual 8:20 am opening time for a drop off, please ensure that your child(ren) enters the school through the front door. We don't want kids waiting outside when it is this cold. It is looking like we will get a reprieve from the cold on Friday.

The cold weather also means more traffic in and around the school. Please avoid using the staff parking lot and, unless you have a child attending the Cantiro Centre Daycare for the day, please avoid their parking lot as well. And please, slow down; toques and hoods reduce kids' ability to see their surroundings.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this week's memo if you have any questions or concerns about the labour action or on any other matters please reach out to my very capable assistant principals or me at:

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chris.shaw@psd.ca.

Chris



PLC School Council

ONE SMALL THING!

*Do you have a positive
experience or memory
with a staff member that
you would like to share?*

*We want to
hear about
it!*

SCAN HERE

To share your
thoughts!



Or email us at: prescotttonessmallthing@gmail.com

Gr. 9 Summer School Opportunity - Travel for Credit – Enrolment is Open!

Registration is now open for this summer's Travel for Credit program. In partnership with EF Educational Tours, **Parkland School Division** is offering students the chance to travel while earning school credit this summer.

Courses available: Grades 10 and 11, Communication Technology (Summer Edition): Exploring Media in Europe – Paris & Nice.

The Travel for Credit program takes place throughout the months of July and August. Our program is now open to all current Grade 9 to 12 students. Students who register for the program will be able to earn credit by participating in **6 weeks of self-paced learning** plus one week of travel with EF Educational Tours.

Learn more about Travel for Credit at Parkland School Division

Please see the attached flyer for details or head directly to the [--click here--](#) to find travel dates, cost, FAQs and more.



EDUCATIONAL TOURS+

Parkland School Division

Communication Technology in Europe

Summer ed. (2025)



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Parkland School Division and Connections for Learning is pleased to inform you we've partnered with EF Tours' Travel for Credit program this summer. This exciting opportunity allows students to travel as part of earning high school credit.

We invite you to an Information Session to learn more, covering everything you need to know about the travel component of the following courses:

Visual Composition - COM 1005 | Web Design 1 - COM 1055 | Audio/Video COM 1105
COM Project A - COM 1910 | Photography Introduction - COM 1205 | AV Production 1 - COM 2115
AV Post Production 1 - COM 2125 | Photography Communication - COM 2215
Photography - Photojournalism COM 3215

Please use the QR code below to register for an information session. We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP online



Meeting date	Online: 02/11/2025
Meeting times	6:00 PM (MST)
Hosted by:	Connections for Learning

EF Educational Tours | 1-800-263-2808 | 80 Bloor Street West, Floor 16, Toronto, ON M5S 2Y1 | TICO:2395888, 50018769; CPIC:73961, 73980; OPC: 702732

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
SKILLS DEVELOPED IN SCHOOL
THAT ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE WORKPLACE



Attend today, achieve tomorrow.



SHARE A THOUGHT



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.



TRIREGION FOOD RESOURCES

Updated: November 2022

FOOD HAMPERS

Parkland Food Bank

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

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

780-962-4565 ext. 1

WEE Community Food Bank

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

780-727-4043

Wecan Food Basket

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

Warming Hearts Pantry

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

BASIC NEEDS HELP

Community Helps Team

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

NeighbourLink Parkland

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



FOOD RESCUES

Auggie's Cafe

131 Church Rd, Spruce Grove
 Tuesdays 11-1PM

apfa Food Rescue

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

Food for the Soul

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

Grace's Table

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

Community Table

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

Auggie's Cafe

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

Food for the Soul

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

Grace's Table

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

Community Table

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



COMMUNITY LOW COST COUNSELLING SERVICES

Updated November 2023

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

Dochas Psychological Services Hub for Hope

202, 636 King Street, Spruce Grove

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

Phone Number: 780-446-0300

Family Life Psychology

201, , 323 McLeod Ave, Spruce Grove

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

Phone Number: 780-963-7451

Alycol Integrated Health Services Restore Program

Suite 201, 95 McLeod Avenue, Spruce Grove

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

Phone Number: 780-409-8798

Family Resource Network

Family Connections Centre
5600 50 Street, Stony Plain

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

Phone Number: 1.877.244.2360

Schaffer Psychology

Suite 103, 7 Boulder Blvd, Stony Plain

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

Phone Number: 780-910-3420

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

Tri-Municipal Region Support Guide

I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE NOW (24H)

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

I NEED IMMEDIATE HELP **Call 911**

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

I NEED HEALTH INFORMATION

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



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



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

HELP FOR HARD TIMES TRI-REGION SUPPORT GUIDE

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

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



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

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

I NEED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

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

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

I NEED A SAFE CONSUMPTION SITE

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

I NEED HELP WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ADDICTIONS

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

I NEED HELP WITH BASIC NEEDS

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

WHERE CAN I FIND FOOD?

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

WHERE CAN I FIND A COMMUNITY MEAL?

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