

Prescott Weekend Update



Feb. 23rd, 2025

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In a weekend memo last year, I expressed concerns regarding the dangers of caffeinated energy drinks and how students are not permitted to consume these types of beverages at the school. Recent discussions with staff, particularly staff members in the Jr. High Grades have indicated concerns regarding the uptick in students coming to school with energy drinks. In particular, after a bit of a lull from the beginning of the year, we are seeing more and more students returning from lunch with energy drinks, likely purchased from local convenience stores.

Medical evidence informs us that energy drinks are not safe for kids. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly discourage children and teens from consuming energy drinks. Studies published in medical journals have linked energy drink consumption in kids to serious health risks including, risks of heart problems, obesity, sleep issues, and dehydration. Water, milk, or natural fruit juice are far healthier alternatives for staying hydrated and energized.

For your child(ren)'s health and safety I need to ask for your support in ensuring these types of beverages are not being consumed at the school. While it may feel awkward to have a conversation with your child regarding the dangers of these drinks, it actually presents an opportunity for students to think critically; not only about their health and wellness, but also about how marketing and packaging influence the decisions all of us make as consumers. Northern Health Stories, a BC based health care provider has great information on how to broach the topic of energy drinks with your child. You can find information on having the If conversation at: https://stories.northernhealth.ca/stories/talking-teens-about-energy-drinks.

If you have any other questions, concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to call me at the school.

	lm	portant Events This \	Week	
Monday 24 th	Tuesday 25 th	Wednesday 26th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28th
Gr. 5 & 7H - 7S	Ski & Snowboard	Pink Shirt Day	Hot Lunch	Thursday
Health RCMP	Club Rabbit Hill	SGCHS Gr. 9	(Love Pizza)	Schedule
Internet Safety	(Tentative)	Registration Visit		Jr. B BBall
Talk		Gr. 7-9 CTF Art		Tournament
		Field Trip Art		
		Gallery of Alberta		
Art Club	Say It Here Club		BBall @ 7:30am	BBall @ 7:30am
3:15 – 4:30	@ Lunch		(Gr. 6-9)	(Gr. 6-9)
	DLR - 3:15- 4:30		Choir @12:15	
			(Gr. 2-6)	
			DLR - 3:15- 4:30	
			DnD 3:15-5:00	
Important Events Next Week				
Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
First School Day	Council of School	Hot Lunch		(Another)
of March	Councils Meeting	(Subway)		Thursday
		School Council @		Schedule
		6:30 pm		PSD Employee
				Appreciation Day

Athletics/Basketball Dates This Week*	
	Jr A Boys Practice @ Lunch
Monday	Sr Boys Practice @ Lunch
Worlday	Jr A Boys Semi-Finals @ PLC vs Woodhaven - 3:45
	Sr Boys Playoff Game @ PLC vs Living Waters - 5:00
	Jr A Boys Practice @ Lunch
	Sr Girls Practice @ Lunch
Tuesday	Jr A Boys Practice @ 3:00 - 5:00
	Sr Girls Quarter-Finals Game @ SPA - 5:00
	Sr Boys Playoffs <u>TBD (if in on Monday)</u>
	Jr A Boys Practice @ Lunch
Wednesday	Jr B Boys Team Blue/White Practice @ 3:00 - 4:30
wednesday	Sr Boys/Girls Practice TBD if still in playoffs
	Jr A Boys Finals @ GCMS - 6:00 PM
	Jr B Girls Practice @ Lunch
Thursday	Jr B Tournament @ PLC/Living Waters
	Sr Girls Playoff Game <u>TBD (if in on Tuesday)</u>
Friday	Jr B Tournament @ PLC/GCMS
Filliay	Jr A Tournament @ Riviere Qui Barre/Namao
Saturday	Jr A Tournament @ Riviere Qui Barre/Namao

*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

PSD Labour Action Updates - On Friday, Feb. 14th, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 5543, which represents PSD support workers, served a 72-hour strike notice and initiated a work to rule labour action at the school. The notice means that our support workers may go on strike with short notice. The school division has provided information and will be posting updates on the PSD website at:

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

Many common questions have been addressed in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section. However, as I mention at the end of every memo, if you have any other questions, please reach out to me at the school.

PINK Shirt Day, Weds. Feb 26th - Pink Shirt Day is an annual event intended to raise awareness about bullying. The event which started in Canada and is now recognized in over 25 other countries will be held this Wednesday. All members of the PLC community are encouraged to wear pink this Wednesday in order to bring awareness and attention to this issue.

University of Alberta Landscape Research Study - This Wednesday, PLC students who have returned their signed permission forms will 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 is completely voluntary and instruction and time to draw will take about 30 minutes.



In order to participate, signed permission forms need to be returned to your child's homeroom teacher by the end of the day tomorrow. 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

Ecole Broxton Park School Vive le Francais Mar. 6th - Celebrate the French Language with Us!

We're inviting families to join us for a special evening filled with fun, culture, and excitement as we celebrate the beauty of the French language! Whether you speak French or just want to experience the culture, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Fun French games and activities, French music, delicious French treats to taste and enjoy, a

bonfire and more. For more information please visit https://broxtonpark.psd.ca/home/ news/post/vive-le-fran-ais and refer to this flyer at the end of this memo.

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



March Stronger Together Newsletter - This month's Stronger Together Newsletter shares information on sleep and sleep hygiene. 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 https://www.psd.ca/download/489174 for this month's edition.

February Puma Pride: Dress in Your Canada Gear Thursday Feb 20th - It was great to see so many students dressed up in their Canada gear last Thursday. The results from the 4 Nations Final made the day even better. Fully one third of the classes guessed that Canada would win 3-2. Impressive. We will be announcing the winner of the class pizza party early this week. Big thanks to the Grade Two Team for organizing this event.

Free ADHD Online Parenting Summit -

Strategic Parenting is presenting a free online summit on practices relating to raising children with ADHD



The summit brings

together world-renowned experts in psychology, education, and occupational therapy. They will provide **groundbreaking knowledge and practical advice** to support you with raising kids with ADHD. For more information and to register please visit https://adhd-summit-op.strategicparenting.com/.



PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - Hot Lunch Update: Hot lunch this week is Love Pizza on Thursday, February 27! If your child will be absent, please email hotlunch@plcff.com before 10 AM on Thursday to arrange a pickup or alternate plan.

Last Week for Sparkplug Coffee Fundraiser! This is your final chance to order coffee and support our programs! While regular prices have gone up, our fundraiser prices remain the same, and we still earn 20% of all sales. Stock up now and save while helping our school! Place your order here:

https://sparkplug.coffee/support-plcff.

Cookbook Update: The cookbook name suggestions are in, and now it's time to vote! Head over to our Facebook page to choose your favorite: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1922775007965264. Stay tuned for the winning name!

Recipe Submissions Are Open! Share your family's favorite dishes for the Prescott Cookbook! Submit your recipes online here: https://tinyurl.com/3h899ujk, email them to president@plcff.com, or request a paper form. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2025. **Should We Get Instagram?** We're considering starting an Instagram page! Would you follow us there? Let us know what you think—reach out on Facebook or email president@plcff.com. Thank you for your continued support! Join our Facebook page to stay updated on all things PLCFF.

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:

Thurs. February 27 - Love Pizza Weds. March 5 - Subway Thurs. March 13 - TacoTime Weds. March 19 - Love Pizza Thurs. 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.

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.

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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 - With the change is weather (thank goodness) we will be reverting back to our 8:20 am door opening in the mornings. Please ensure your child(ren) enters through their usual designated door. As well, as we head back outside for recess, please ensure that for our smaller students you send boots, gloves, and especially snow pants.

Finally, in light of recent labour action, please check your email regularly for updates. As I mentioned at the onset of this memo, you can find updates from the school division at:

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

If you have any other questions or concerns about the labour action, or any other school related subject, please reach out to my very capable assistant principals or me at the school.

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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 selfpaced learning plus one week of travel with

Learn more about Travel for Credit at **Parkland** School Division

attached flyer

EF Educational

Tours.

Please see the



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

We invite you to an Information Session to learn more, covering everything you need to know about the travel

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

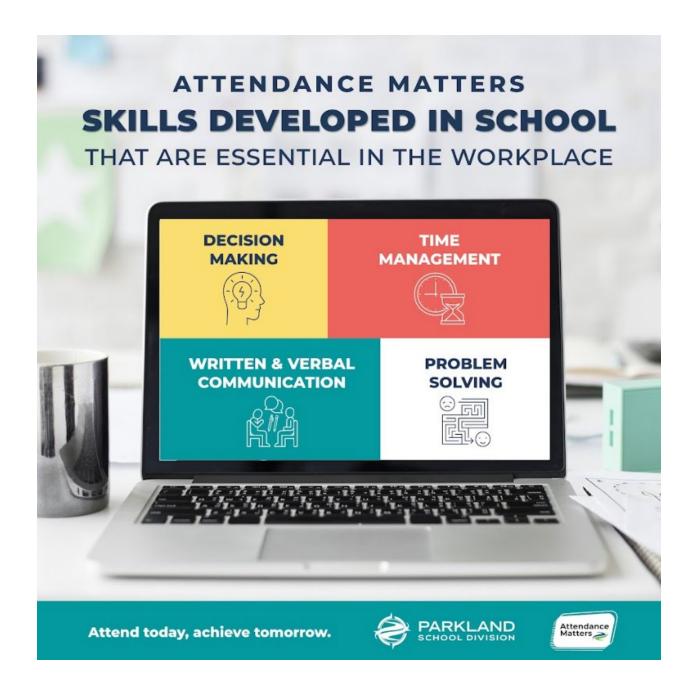
AV Post Production 1 - COM 2125 | Photography Communication - COM 2215

Photography - Photojournalism COM 3215

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



for details or head directly to the --click here-- to find travel dates, cost, FAQs and more.





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 780-482-4357(HELP)
Addiction Helpline1-866-332-2322
Child Mental Health (Bern-11:45pm) 780-407-1000
Kids Help Phone1-800-668-6868
Bullying Helpline1-888-456-2323
BriteLine (for 28LGBTQIA+) 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
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



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 Town of Stony Plain 780-963-8583







WHERE CAN I FIND A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT?
George Spady (men, women)
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)
I NEED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER
Alberta Council of Women's Shelters 24/71-866-331-3933

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

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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
	Food for the Soul (1st, 3sd Set 10AM-1PM) 19 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain
	Grace's Table (2 [™] Fri 5-630PM) 250 Century Road, Spruce Grove
	Community Table (lest Fri 5-7PM) 180 Century Road, Spruce Grove
	apfa Food Rescue Community Fridge M-F 8:30-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain 780-963-0549

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