

Prescott Weekend Update



Mar. 9th, 2025

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

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https://prescott.psd.ca/

Facebook:

https://www.facebook. com/PrescottPSD I'm going to start this week by sharing a few reminders regarding changes to school routines and processes as a result of the support staff strike:

- The office is open daily from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, 11:45 to 12:45, and from 2:45 to 3:30. We are able to take phone calls/check messages during these times;
- For general inquiries and messages outside of the times I'll ask that you continue to email via the prescott@psd.ca address;
- For absences, please use the 'Report an Absence' webpage at: https://prescott.psd.ca/parents/absence. By using this page to report absences you have freed the admin team for other responsibilities. Thank you;
- If you drop your child off at the school after 9:00 am or 12:45 please wait with them in the main entrance foyer until they can be admitted into the office by the school administrator;
- If you come to the school I'll ask that you wait in the foyer as well:
- As a result of staffing shortage due to the ongoing strike, the decision has been made to postpone Parent/Teacher Interviews in all PSD schools until after Spring Break. Please see the blurb below for more information;
- Because of the aforementioned staffing shortages, families are encouraged to direct their questions and concerns to all three school administrators to ensure a quicker response. Please be sure to provide a brief description of your question or concern so it can be assigned to the appropriate administrator. Please refer to my comments at the conclusion of this update for more information.

In my conversations with many of you in the parking lot or in the office I have fielded numerous questions regarding how long the CUPE strike will last. Unfortunately, I don't have any information other than what has been posted to the PSD website. The site I am referring to is found at: https://www.psd.ca/employment/unions-and-negotiations/labour-action-updates. Answers to specific questions can be found in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section of the website.

If you have any other questions please reach out to both my assistant principals and me via the email addresses at the end of this memo. Thanks, and have a great week.

	Important Events This Week				
Monday 10 th	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th	Thursday 13 th	Friday 14 th	
Substitute Teacher/Casual Support Staff Appreciation Week Bannock Making	3Ma & 3P Aerials Gymnastics	PLC Fundraising Foundation Meeting @ 6:30	Gr. 2 Teacher's Pet in School Field Trip Hot Lunch (TacoTime)	Tuesday Schedule PLC Pi Day	
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)	
Imp		portant Events Next	Week		
Monday 17 th	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21st	
Choral/Choir Celebration		Kinder Teacher's Pet in School Field Trip CTF Term II Ends Hot Lunch (Love Pizza) PTIs (In Person) Postponed	Kinder Teacher's Pet in School Field Trip PTIs (Virtual) Postponed	Monday Schedule	

Athletics/Badminton Dates This Week*	
Monday	Jr B Boys Basketball Wind-Up @ Lunch (Both Teams)
Worlday	Jr (Gr 6-8) Badminton Tryouts II 3:00 - 4:30
Tuesday	Jr B Girls Basketball Wind-Up @ Lunch
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Wednesday	Sr & Jr A Boys Basketball Wind-Up @ Lunch (Both Teams)
weunesday	Jr Badminton Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Thursday	Sr & Jr A Girls Basketball Wind-Up @ Lunch (Both Teams)
Friday	
Saturday	

^{*}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

PLC Fundraising Foundation Meeting - This Wednesday at 6:30 pm, we will be holding our March fundraising foundation meeting. Our student volunteers who have recently completed their Red Cross Babysitting certification will be at the meeting to provide child care to children two years old and older to families in attendance. All members of the PLC community (that's you!) are invited to attend. You are able to attend any meeting, whether you are a member of the fundraising foundation executive or not. There is no requirement to have attended any

previous meetings so feel free to come check the fundraising foundation out. You are invited to attend either in person or virtually. Please see your inbox tomorrow for an invitation to attend virtually. The Council and I hope to see you on Wednesday

March Parent Teacher Interviews Postponed - Due to the ongoing <u>CUPE labour strike</u>, PSD schools are currently experiencing staffing shortages, which have required adjustments to regular operations. As a result, the parent-teacher interviews that typically take place at this time of year will be postponed. We understand the importance of these conversations and will reevaluate the situation in April.

In the meantime, we encourage families to use all the tools available to them to stay engaged in their student(s)' learning progress. The PowerSchool Parent Portal remains a valuable tool for monitoring grades (where applicable) and staying informed. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Did anyone order... Pi? March 14 is 3.14 and that means Pi Day! To celebrate all things numeracy related, there will be two school activities this Friday. The Pi Day Challenge and Pi Day Number Bingo. For the *Pi Day Challenge* students in homeroom classes from Kindergarten through Grade Six, and Math Classes in Grade Seven through Nine will compete to see who can remember the most digits of Pi (ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter). Each class's representatives will then compete against students within their grade level division (Gr. 1-3, Gr. 4-6, Gr. 7-9) to win gift cards for themselves, and freezies for their classmates.

All students will be able to participate in the *Pi Day Bingo*. All students will be provided with a math sheet with math questions. Rather than writing the numerical answer, students will have to write the name of the staff member who is wearing the number. Staff will be sporting a number on their clothing with the answer to a specific question on each students' sheet. Winners will be drawn from each respective division's correct answer sheets. Prizes have been generously donated by the PLC Fundraising Foundation.

Assurance Survey: Grade Four and Grade Seven Parents and Guardians - Alberta Education will again be conducting their annual survey of Grades Four, Seven, and Ten students and their parents or guardians. The survey will gather important information about students' and parents' school experiences and will help to inform continuous improvement in our education system.

Shortly, Grade Four and Grade Seven Parents and Guardians will be receiving via email a unique, single-use access code on behalf of Alberta Education that you can use to log in and complete the survey online confidentially. By completing the survey, you are helping both Alberta Education, Parkland School Division and your school identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. When the results are in, Alberta Education sends them to school authorities, who in turn share them with us here at the school where we use them to identify areas of growth and to inform our annual education plan.

Additional details about Alberta Education's quality assurance measures and framework for monitoring performance in the education system are available at:

www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

Your participation in this survey is vital in improving how we serve you and improve your child's learning outcomes. Please reach out to Mrs. van Beek or me at the school if you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in the survey.

(Updated!) Updated 2025 - 2026 Registration Information - Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. We need your help to complete the process earlier this year. With limited staffing due to the CUPE Strike, schools need more time to process registrations and in turn, coordinate with PSD's Transportation Services to build bus routes for next year. The process is more efficient this year if you are simply advancing grades at the same school and you haven't moved, or are planning to move. Your registration can be completed with just a few clicks.

To get started, please visit https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/ and log into your parent account. Once inside the Parent Portal:

- 1. Select your child's name in the blue bar at the top of the screen.
- 2. Select the RSVP icon on the left side of the screen.

For further assistance please click on this link for the registration video tutorial.



If you aren't able to retrieve your login credentials using the "Forgot Username or Password?" link on the Sign In page, please contact the school directly for assistance logging in to the Parent Portal. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at the office.

Please note: the school division has let me know that there have been glitches in the registration webpage. Specifically, the green 'RSVP' button has not worked for some families. Our IT department has been working through these concerns and will reach out to individual families shortly. If you have experienced this, or any other problems with the online registration process, please send me an email to let me know. Also, contingency plans from the school division for fee collections and refunds will be forthcoming. Again, thank you in advance for your patience.

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.

Tansi! Bannock Teachings at Prescott Learning Centre- Prescott Learning Centre is excited to welcome staff and students from Maskekosak Kiskinomatowikamik from Kitaskinaw for a special cultural learning experience! Our guests will be teaching select classes how to make bannock while sharing kinship stories that highlight the significance of bannock in their culture and families. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn through handson experience and storytelling, deepening our understanding of Indigenous traditions. We are grateful for this chance to connect, learn, and celebrate together! We look forward to welcoming our guests on Monday, March 10th.

Badminton Begins - Junior Badminton Tryouts for Grade Six through Eight students continue tomorrow (Monday, March 10th) from 3:00 pm to 4:30. You do not need your own racquet, but it is highly recommended you come with a change of clothes and athletic shoes. For more information please reach out to Mr. Adams (Sr.) at neal.adams@psd.ca or Ms. Schumm (Jr.) at neal.adams@psd.ca or Ms. Schumm (Jr.) at neal.adams@psd.ca

PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - Hot Lunch Update: Hot lunch this week is Taco Time on Thursday, March 13! Figure 13! If your child will be absent, please email hotlunch@plcff.com before 10 AM on Thursday to arrange a pickup or alternate plan.

Coffee Fundraiser Closed! A huge thank you to everyone who supported our coffee fundraiser! Thanks to your orders, we raised **\$168.73** to support Prescott programs. We appreciate your help in making this a success!

Monthly Meeting Reminder: Our monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 PM** in the **Collaboration Centre**. Child care will be provided, so bring the kids along! Everyone is welcome, and attending one meeting does not commit you to the rest of the year. Come see what the Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation is all about!

Cookbook Recipe Submissions Needed! We're creating a Prescott Cookbook, and we need your recipes! So far, submissions are trickling in, but we need at least **150 recipes** to make this project happen. Share your family's favorite dishes—traditional recipes, easy meals, or kid-friendly treats!

Here's how to submit: Online: https://tinyurl.com/3h899ujk

Email: Send your recipes to president@plcff.com

Handwritten: Prefer to write it out? Send your recipe in with your child, and we'll take care of the rest! The deadline for

submissions is **March 31, 2025**. Let's make this cookbook something special! Thank you for your continued support! Join our **Facebook page** for all the latest updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1922775007965264.

DID YOU KNOW... As a result of recent copyright infringement lawsuits in other institutions (currently schools can only use 10% of online content from services such as Amazon, YouTube, Netflix, etc. for educational content), for the last couple of years PLC now uses *Criterion on Demand*.



Criterion on Demand is an online digital delivery platform designed for educational institutions, which streams more than 6,500 titles on a bilingual interface (think National Geographic, Magic School Bus, etc.). This is a HUGE benefit to every single student at the school. However, this of course comes with a cost, which PLCFF has been able to cover with the help of fundraising efforts through **YOU** - our amazing families, volunteers and staff at our school.

Last year, the cost was donated by a very generous family at our school ! THANK YOU for your continued support!

Previously Shared Information

Basketball Season Comes to a Close - On Wednesday the 26th I had the privilege of watching our Jr. Boys take the PCAA Championship game 55 to 43 over Broxton Park. What made the victory even sweeter was that last year, in the same Greystone gym, I saw the Jr. Boys lose a heartbreaker to Greystone (are you listening, Oilers?). While it's always nice to bring home the banner, the bigger success in all of our programs is the sheer number of students who are able to participate. We are now in a positive cycle of the more players who participate, the greater the success we have. And the greater the success we have, the more players who want to participate. This success is directly attributable to the efforts of our volunteer school and community coaches. So, to give credit where credit is due, a heartfelt thank you to the efforts of our incredible coaches:

Jr B Girls - Randi Dodman, Sarah McQuay, Michelle Yeung

- Jr B Boys White and Blue Teams Adam McArthur, Liz Mrdjenovich, Mike Rogers and Jonna Rogers-Borchman
- Jr A Girls Jesse Wells, Laura Gagnon
- Jr A Boys Carson McNaughton, Andrew Brooks
- Sr Girls Breanne Burgess, Kendra Long
- Sr Boys Michael Pittman, Ben Greenbank

On behalf of the players and the PLC families, thank you.

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. March 13 - TacoTime Weds. March 19 - Love Pizza Thurs. March 27 - Subway Sign up today and take the hassle out of hot lunch days!

Final Thoughts - As we head into the third week of the support staff strike we continue to work through and refine our processes at the school. I again need to express my appreciation for your continued patience, understanding, and support. Our contingency plan has allowed us to prioritize your child's safety and to keep school operations, for the most part, running smoothly.

However, with a third of our staff on the picket line you can well imagine all of us at the school are quite busy. And one of the bigger struggles that has been difficult to overcome is responding to your questions and concerns in a timely manner. Though I share this bit of information at the conclusion of every weekend memo, this week I need to stress that you need to include my two very exceptional assistant principals in your emails or phone messages to me. While there is overlap, each of us has different areas of responsibility for the school. A brief description of your question or concerns will go a long way to ensure a timelier response. While I can't promise that we will get back to you as quickly as we did before the strike, I'll assure you that the response will be much quicker than if you email or leave a message for me alone. You can reach all three of us at:

heather.huisman@psd.ca

esther.vanbeek@psd.ca

chris.shaw@psd.ca.

Thanks again, and have a great week. Chris





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 **EF Educational**

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

Tours.

Please see the attached flyer



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

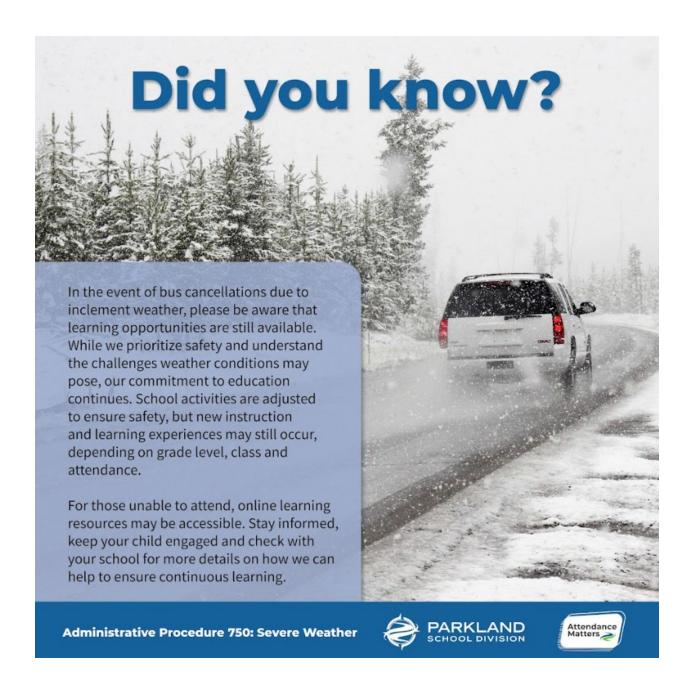
Visual Composition - COM 1005 | Web Design 1 - COM 1055 | Audio/Video COM 1105 COM Project A - COM 1910 | Photography Introduction - COM 1205 | AV Production 1 - COM 2115 AV Post Production 1 - COM 2125 | Photography Communication - COM 2215

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?

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	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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