



Prescott Weekend Update



Mar. 16th, 2025

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

Prescott Learning Centre

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<https://www.facebook.com/PrescottPSD>

Over the past three weeks, usually in the parking lot during morning pick up or afternoon drop off, I'll get a question about how student safety is impacted by the support staff strike. As I have mentioned before, student safety has not been compromised during the labour disruption. We are at or near the same level of supervision prior to the strike. I say 'near' because in some cases we have been able to shuffle staff without compromising safety. For example, one way we do this is to close off the bus lane after buses have arrived. When the last of the buses pulls out of the lane, we close it off which frees our crosswalk supervisor to work the phones in the office. As well, we have been fortunate that central office student support staff/seconded teachers have been re-deployed to the school allowing us to maintain the same level of supervision in the past.

Another area that has not been compromised is our attendance reporting. After the learning curve at the onset of the strike, and despite the usual glitches associated with late student arrivals, we are up and running. Your use of the new 'Report an Absence' webpage has been a game changer that I suspect will continue to be utilized long after this labour disruption has ended. You can report an absence at: <https://prescott.psd.ca/parents/absence>. Thanks for making the change.

Despite this, from an administration perspective, one area that has suffered is our communication between the office and home. With our office responsibilities my two assistant principals and I have considerably less time to both return your phone calls in a timely manner or find the time to sit down with families to discuss matters of concern. For this, I apologize and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. While it may seem counter intuitive, rather than picking up the phone or coming directly to the office, during the labour disruption the method that will allow the quickest response is to send an email to all three of us with a brief explanation of your question or concern. While we can't always return your call as we work late into the evening playing catch up, we can certainly 'schedule send' an email response for the next day. You can find our email addresses at the end of this memo.

And while we didn't need a labour disruption to learn the obvious, it sure has highlighted the importance of the processes

of communication. It is easy to take for granted that we have moved from the land lines, letters, and in person meetings to connect home and school in the past, to cell phones, emails, text messages, classroom platforms, social media, even meetings held virtually. But there remains one constant; the importance of communication with the classroom teacher. The easiest and most efficient point of contact for communication has always been, and likely will continue to be, the classroom teacher. Nine times out of ten, you'll be eliminating the middleman (my assistant principals and me) and get a response directly from the 'source'. I'll ask that you keep this in mind when reaching out to the school. Again, thank you for your patience as we work through this dispute.

Important Events This Week				
Monday 17 th	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21 st
Choral/Choir Celebration St. Patrick's Day!		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
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
SGCHS Gr. 9 Course Selection Final Visit			Hot Lunch (Subway)	Professional Development Staff Planning Day (No Students Attend)

Athletics/Badminton Dates This Week*	
Monday	Jr Badminton Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Tuesday	Sr Badminton Practice @ Noon
Wednesday	Jr B Badminton Practice @ Noon Jr Badminton Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Thursday	Sr Badminton Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
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

March Parent Teacher Interviews Postponed - Due to the ongoing [CUPE labour strike](#), PSD schools are currently experiencing staffing shortages, which have required adjustments to regular operations. As a result, parent-teacher interviews, which were scheduled to be held this Wednesday and Thursday, have been postponed. We understand the importance of these conversations and will re-evaluate 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.

Assurance Survey: Grade Four and Grade Seven Parents and Guardians (Last Week!)-

Alberta Education is 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.

Over the past two weeks the Grade Four and Grade Seven Parents and Guardians received a unique, single-use access code on behalf of Alberta Education via email that can be used to log in and complete the survey online confidentially. By completing the survey, you are helping Alberta Education, Parkland School Division and especially us here at the school identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. The last day to complete the survey is this Friday March 21st. If you are the parent of a Grade four or seven student please ensure that you have completed the survey by this Friday.

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.

School Council/RCMP Information Evening - Online Safety and Adolescent Illicit Drug Use - PLC School Council is asking that you save the date for another upcoming information evening for parents and guardians. Building on Cst. Gord Marshall's conversation last year on the topic of online safety, on **Weds. April 23rd**, Cst Brody Dyson and Cst. Bobby Hinman will be at the school to discuss online safety for children and teens, with a focus on the 'language' and indicators of illicit drug conversations online. We hope you are able to join us next month.

University of Alberta Landscape Form Research Study Follow Up - For families which provided written permission for their children to participate in the Landscape Form study, Dr. Masuda, Professor in the Dept. Psychology and his team have provided a follow up letter expressing his appreciation and details on the purpose of his study. You can access their letter here: <https://prescott.psd.ca/download/491762>

Music Notes from Mrs. Surrendi - The choir will be performing Monday at the Choral Celebration. Members, please wear your choir t-shirts. Unfortunately, Fenwyck Senior's Centre has had to cancel our visit in the afternoon; we will look to go at another date. Parent volunteers need to be at the school by 8:50 if riding the bus, or meet us at West Meadows Baptist Church - 9333-199 street in Edmonton by 9:20. Mrs. Surrendi

Tansi! Bannock Teachings at Prescott Learning Centre- Prescott Learning Centre was excited to welcome staff and students from Maskekosak Kiskinomatowikamik from Kitaskinaw. Students, teachers and elders from the school joined PLC students for a morning of learning and fellowship. It was some pretty darn good bannock as well. It was a great morning for all and we look forward to even more opportunities to connect in the future.

PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - Hot Lunch Update:

Hot lunch this week is on Wednesday, March 19, featuring Love Pizza! As this session wraps up, we're excited to announce the next session will begin the first week after Spring Break. Vendors will include Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, the Lunch Lady, and Edo Japan—yum!



Big news: we now accept e-transfers if online payment isn't an option.

We need your help to keep hot lunch running smoothly! Volunteers are essential for sorting, delivering, and cleaning bins. It's a fun and easy way to support the school. Sign up here: [Hot Lunch Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

- Duties: Sorting meals, delivering to K-3, distributing to Grades 7-9, and cleaning bins.
- Time: Wednesdays or Thursdays, 11:00 AM - 12:46 PM.

Cookbook Update: Recipes are rolling in, but we need more! Don't forget, students can participate by designing category divider pages and the front cover. Prizes will be awarded for the winning designs!

Blizzard Day Alert! Our first Blizzard Day is on April 14! Orders can be placed on Healthy Hunger.

Stay Connected: Follow us on Facebook to stay updated on all things fundraising: [Prescott Fundraising Facebook Page](#).

We Want to Hear from You! We're always looking for ways to improve communication with our amazing Prescott families.

Did you know? We now have a bulletin board in the foyer! It's a hub for important updates, but we want to make sure it's useful for YOU.

What kind of information would you like to see there? Hot lunch updates? Fundraiser details? Upcoming events? Something else?

Let us know your thoughts by emailing president@plcff.com. Your feedback helps us stay connected and make things better for everyone!

Thank you for supporting Prescott! Let's make the rest of the year amazing.

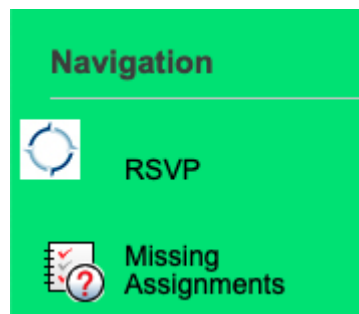
Previously Shared Information

Labour Action Updates - for the most updated information on the support staff strike please visit: <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.

(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.



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.

Here are the remaining dates for the term:

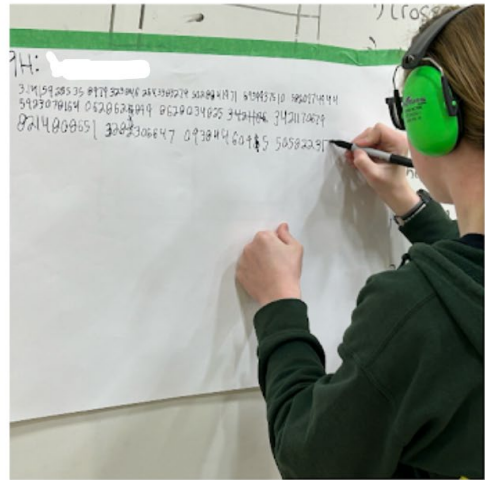
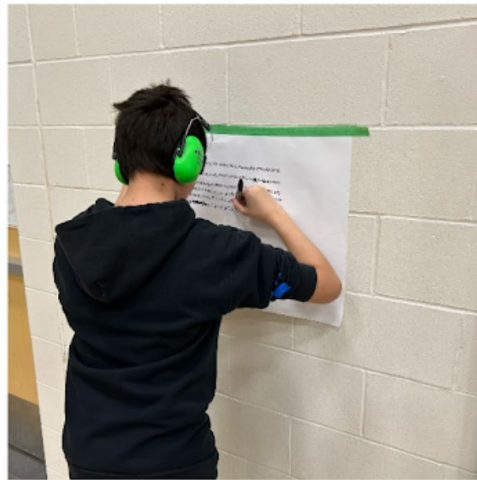
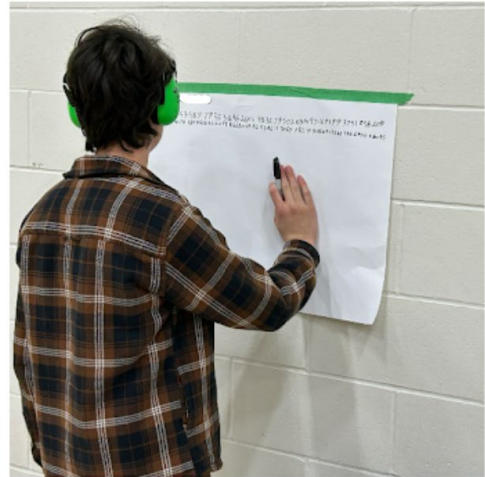
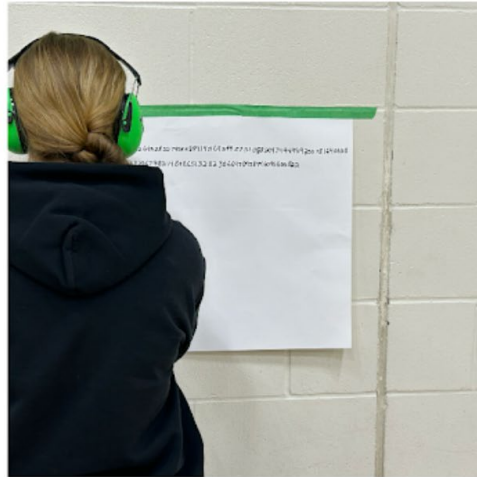
Weds. March 19 - Love Pizza

Thurs. March 27 - Subway

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

Final Thoughts

- Pi Day last Friday was an unmitigated success. Staff were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm (and perseverance!) from the students in trying to fill their math equation 'bingo cards'. Maybe even better was the Pi Day Challenge where students competed against peers from other grades to win prizes for themselves and for their respective classes. We hope to have the winners in next



week's newsletter. It was a great time by all and promises a 'new' tradition to celebrate numeracy for years to come. Thanks to all of the students who participated, all the staff who chipped in, and to Mrs. Strachan for all of her hard work. What a great day it was!

As always please email all three administrators using the address below for your questions and concerns.

heather.huisman@psd.ca

esther.vanbeek@psd.ca

chris.shaw@psd.ca.

Thanks again, and have a great week. 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

Did you know?

In the event of bus cancellations due to inclement weather, please be aware that learning opportunities are still available. While we prioritize safety and understand the challenges weather conditions may pose, our commitment to education continues. School activities are adjusted to ensure safety, but new instruction and learning experiences may still occur, depending on grade level, class and attendance.

For those unable to attend, online learning resources may be accessible. Stay informed, keep your child engaged and check with your school for more details on how we can help to ensure continuous learning.



Administrative Procedure 750: Severe Weather



PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION



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

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

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 (1st, 3rd Sat 10AM-1PM)
 49 Boulder Blvd., Stony Plain 780-963-3110
 Grace's Table (2nd 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