



Prescott Weekend Update

Mar. 23rd, 2025

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

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Well, like you I'm sure, I'm awfully glad that's all over. Last Thursday morning we welcomed back our school support staff. It felt good to be back together again for everyone, the students in particular. Our EAs are back in class working with students, our secretaries are back in the office, and Mrs. Briscoe is back in the Collaboration Centre checking books in and out and reading stories to and with children. Here are a few items that will affect you as we return to full operations:

Office Hours - We are back to full office hours, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm. The switch board is open throughout the day as well. That said, while we are able to again manage impromptu pick-ups and drop-offs, over the course of labour disruption we found it quite efficient when you gave us the time that you will be picking up or dropping off your child. We could either meet you at the door or have your child ready for you at the office when you arrived. If at all possible please continue to send an email or give us a call letting us know what time you will be in the building.

Registration - Last Friday the secretaries began sorting through the backlog of your registration questions and issues. If you haven't heard back, I'll ask that you wait until this Wednesday before reaching out. And if you haven't heard by then, please call or email the office at prescott@psd.ca. If you have yet to register your child for next year, whether it be for Prescott, Spruce Grove Composite, or any other PSD school, please note that the deadline is this Friday, March 28th. For more information, please refer to the 'Previously Shared Information' section of this memo below.

Refunds - As I mentioned above, with the deadline approaching, the focus in the office will be to process registrations before Friday. When this is done, our Head Secretary, Mrs. Bradford, will begin processing refunds and school fees. Thanks in advance for your patience and understanding.

Attendance - Your use of the new 'Report an Absence' webpage has been one of the few positives that has emerged from the strike. I'll ask that you continue to report your child's absence at: <https://prescott.psd.ca/parents/absence>. Again, thanks for making this change.

Bus Lane - On mornings during the strike, we closed the bus lane after the last bus arrived in the morning. For student safety

reasons we are going to continue this practice. We will reopen the bus lane after the morning rush around 9:00 am.

Finally, two unrelated matters; with spring upon us, our school yard is melting and has become very wet and muddy! Please save yourself an extra trip to the school and send an extra change of clothes with your younger child(ren) just in case they end up in the mud, and; for no other reason than it's the last day for students before Spring Break, we've had a request from a staff member to declare this Thursday Pajama Day. No prizes, no pizza, no Freezies, no gift cards for the class with the most students in PJs, it's just going to be a day to be comfy. Thanks for taking the time to read this week's memo. Here's what else is happening this week at PLC:

Important Events This Week				
Monday 24 th	Tuesday 25 th	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th
SGCHS Gr. 9 Course Selection Final Visit (am)		Gr. 1 In-School Field Trip Soap Stone CTF Term III Begins	Hot Lunch (Subway) PJ Day	Professional Development Staff Planning Day (No Students Attend)
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 31 st	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
Spring Break (No School)	Spring Break (No School)	Spring Break (No School)	Spring Break (No School)	Spring Break (No School)

Athletics/Badminton Dates This Week*	
Monday	Jr Badminton Game @ PLC vs. SML After School
Tuesday	Sr Badminton Practice @ Noon Sr Badminton Game @ PLC vs. Blueberry After School
Wednesday	Jr B Badminton Practice @ Noon Jr Badminton Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Thursday	Sr Badminton Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30
Friday	PD Day No School
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

PowWow Practice: Save the Date April 25th 6:00 - 8:00 pm After two wildly successful events last year, we are happy to announce, with the support of Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Society, the return of the PLC PowWow Practice at the end of April. If you didn't get the chance

to attend last year, you missed a great event. Please pencil in the 25th on your calendar. More information will be forthcoming in future Weekend Updates.

PI Day Winners - As promised, here are the winners from March 14th's Pi Day Challenge competition:

Grade 1- Julia 1R	Grade 2- Youngae 2C	Grade 3- Natalija 3S
Grade 4 - Seth 4 SS	Grade 5 - Luke 5B	Grade 6 - Declan 6L
Grade 7 - Gabe 7H	Grade 8 - Jazlyn 8K	Grade 9 - Madden 9H

Each grade winner received a \$25-dollar gift card courtesy of the PLC Fundraising Foundation: Thank you. The following students won their respective divisions;

Natalija 3S Div I 95 digits memorized! Seth 4SS Div II 109 digits memorized!
Madden 9H with 145 digits memorized!

Each Division Winner has earned Freezies for their respective homerooms. Congratulations! And the Winners for the Pi Day Bingo were:

Div 1 Olivia 3M	Div 2 Hailee 4C Cote	Div 3 Savannah 8K
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Bingo winners were provided with \$10 gift cards, again by the PLCFF. All in all, it was a great day for numeracy at PLC. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and made 3.14 a great day for our school.



Music Notes from Mrs. Surrendi - Choral Celebration is an event where choirs from PSD schools get together and share songs with each other. Our Puma Performers sang "Wakati, Wa Amani", the Swahili song we sang at our November Remembrance Day Assembly. It was a lot of fun; congratulations, choir!

Badminton Season - The Junior and Senior Badminton teams are hosting their first Games here at the PLC this week. The Juniors will be hosting St. Matthew Lutheran on Monday. For the Seniors, the Blueberry Blaze will be visiting on Tuesday. The players and coaches have

expressed that they would love to have some spectators come out to the games. Feel free to join us after school.

Wear Purple on Wednesday March 26th - Throughout Canada, in each and every year, the 26th day of March is to be known as "Purple Day". On the 26th day of March, people are encouraged to wear the colour purple to indicate their support for people with epilepsy and to increase public awareness of this disorder.



CTF Clay Creations - This Wednesday marks the beginning of the third, and final term for Career Technology Studies Courses pertaining to Grades Seven through Nine students. Mrs. Haggarty's Clay Creations class (yes, we have our own kiln!) made all sorts of items this term, but below are a few shots of their final projects. Enjoy.



April Stronger Together Newsletter - Each month, Parkland School Division's Student Services team compiles the Stronger Together 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 including information about mental health and ways to support your family. This month's newsletter discusses the season of renewal. Click <https://www.psd.ca/download/492554> for this month's edition.



City of Spruce Grove Free Short-Term Counseling - The City of Spruce Grove, Community and Social Development department offers walk-in & scheduled short term counselling for residents +16 years. This is a free service and no referral is needed. Community Social Development (CSD) – Bridging Connections, offers short-term counselling sessions, in-person and virtual to residents 16+ living in Spruce Grove or Parkland County. This is a free service and residents are encouraged to schedule an appointment; however, walk-in sessions

can be accommodated based on availability. The counselling session will use solution-focused strategies and will be facilitated by a certified Registered Social Worker. Residents are invited to call 780-962-7618 for more information or to book an appointment. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.sprucegrove.org/community/resources-support/counselling/>

PLC Fundraising Foundation Update - Hot Lunch This Week:

Hot lunch is on **Thursday, March 27**, and its **Subway!** As Friday is a PD day and the start of Spring Break, any lunches not picked up by **1:00 PM** will be thrown out.

Session 3 Hot Lunch Orders Now Open: The next session begins the first week after Spring Break. Head to healthyhunger.com to check out the new menus featuring Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, The Lunch Lady, and Edo Japan. You can now pay via e-transfer if online payment isn't an option.

The scheduled dates for term three are: April 10, 16, 24, 30 - May 14, 22, 28 - June 5, 11, 19 Please refer to the **Healthy Hunger** in the 'Previously Shared Information' section below for how you can sign your child up for Hot Lunch

We need your help to keep hot lunch running smoothly! Duties include sorting meals into bins, delivering them to K–3 classes, distributing to Grades 7–9, and cleaning bins after. Sign up here: [Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet](#). Volunteers are needed from **11:00 AM to 12:46 PM** on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Vote for the Cookbook Name! Thank you to everyone who submitted name suggestions! Voting is now open—head to our [Facebook page](#) to vote for your favorite. The PLCFF reserves the right to veto the popular choice.

Cookbook Update: We're still collecting recipes! Submit yours at www.familycookbookproject.com/l/?0D5C32130710020D173027030E2D4D185550525145115F202B0E09012B4E0A545B. Please use the **Jane D., Grade #** format for the Contributor name. Students are invited to design the **cover page** and **category divider pages** for the cookbook! All designs must fit on a **5.5" x 8.5" page**. Be sure to include bold colors, clear artwork, and ensure the design is entirely original (no copyrighted characters or images). The deadline for submissions is **April 17, 2025**. Thank you to those who have already submitted designs—your creativity is amazing! Category Assignments for Designs:

- **Kindergarten** - Cookies and Cakes
- **Grade 1** - Desserts and Pies
- **Grade 2** - Breads and Muffins
- **Grade 3** - Vegetables and Vegetarian Dishes
- **Grade 4** - Sandwiches, Salads, and Sauces
- **Grade 5** - Soups and Stews
- **Grade 6** - Appetizers and Beverages
- **Grade 7** - Main Courses: Beef, Pork, Lamb
- **Grade 8** - Main Courses: Seafood, Poultry, Pasta, Casseroles
- **Grade 9** - Miscellaneous (e.g., Playdough, snack mix, pickles, seasoning mixes, etc.)

Prizes will be awarded for the winning designs in each category! Thank you for supporting the PLCFF and our ongoing efforts to enhance the Prescott Learning Centre experience!



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

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.

(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.

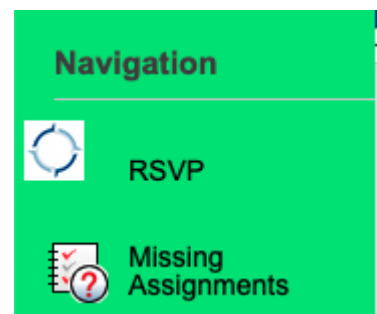
To get started, please visit <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/> and log into your parent account. Once inside the Parent Portal:

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.

Our last date for the term is this Thursday, March 27 - Subway

Final Thoughts - In the coming few weeks or so, the school division will put out the job posting advertising for a new principal for Prescott Learning Centre starting this August. I will be retiring at the end of June. After 30 years in education, it is time to step aside for some new energy and fresh ideas. I'll have more on this in future Weekend Updates, but for now I just want to say thanks for your support and all of your kind words over what will soon be my three years at PLC.

We have a Staff Development/Professional Development Day this Friday, there is no school for students. The following week, there is no school from March 31st through April 4th as it is Spring Break. The Weekend Update will be back on Sunday, April 6th. Students return to classes on Monday, April 7th.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out, but be sure to include my two very capable assistant principals in your email.

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Have a great week and a relaxing and restful Spring Break. 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: prescottonesmallthing@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



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