

Prescott Weekend Update



Apr. 6th, 2025

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

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https://www.facebook. com/PrescottPSD I hope you had a great break because, or in spite, of the unseasonable snow and weather. This week I need to touch on a rather serious topic that is, unfortunately, relevant to any parent or guardian whose child not only has a cell phone or laptop/ChromeBook, but a gaming platform such as Roblox and Minecraft. Before the break I received an email from a PLC parent (thank you) informing me of a recent bulletin from the RCMP regarding Violent Online Groups Exploiting Children and Youth; specifically, "the Com" or Community. The revelations in the bulletin pertaining to sextortion, self-harm, animal torture and a radicalization to violence are disheartening at best, disgusting at worst. And it is occurring in and around Spruce Grove.

A bit of background; since the Ministerial Order last June banning personal mobile devices (cell phones, tablets, headphones and such) from schools, we have experienced a noticeable and pronounced drop in incidents involving cyberbullying and online threats and intimidation. This is not to say that all incidents have disappeared. Rather, the vast majority of online harassment type activities we deal with invariably occur after hours and on weekends. Meaning that while there is much less of it at school, there are still students engaging in less than positive behaviors at home or in the community.

I need to caution you, the revelations in the bulletin are quite difficult to read and, I fear, too easily dismissed (...not my kid...). However, I can assure you that in my conversations with the RCMP, 'the Com' is very real and is active in the Parkland community. In order to protect our kids, whether they be eight years old or seventeen years old, we need to act. And the first step is to read the bulletin using or copying and pasting this link into your browser:

https://prescott.psd.ca/download/493069. Like you, I am guilty of giving my (grand)kids the iPad to play on while making supper or even finishing my memo to you. However, after reading the revelations in the bulletin, they no longer have access without my wife or me in close proximity, monitoring what they are viewing and accessing online.

In a completely coincidental but incredibly fortuitous bit of scheduling, the PLC School Council has invited Cst. Brody Dyson and Cst. Bobby Hinman for a special parent information evening on Weds. April 23rd from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm to discuss the topic of online safety for students. We will be sharing details

of the event this Wednesday at the April School Council meeting at 6:30 in our collaboration Centre. All are invited to attend. For more information on the bulletin, the information evening, and the council meeting, please refer to the 'New and Updated Information' section of the memo below. Here's what else is happening this week at PLC:

Important Events This Week				
Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
Classes Resume		PLC School	Hot Lunch (Dairy	Thursday
Smudging		Council Meeting	Queen)	Schedule
Returns!		@ 6:30	Gr. 7 Field Trip	
			Vertically Inclined	
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	
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Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th
Blizzard Day		Hot Lunch	Smudging	Good Friday
3Ma & 3P -		(Pizza Hut)		(No School)
Teachers Pet In-		3Mo and 3S -		
School Workshop		Teachers Pet In-		
- "Earth's Hidden		School Workshop		
Secrets"		- "Earth's Hidden		
		Secrets"		
		PLCFF Meeting		
		@ 6:30		

Athletics/Badminton Dates This Week*		
Monday	Jr Badminton Practice @ 3:00 – 4:30	
Tuesday	Sr Badminton Practice @ Noon	
Tuesday	Sr Badminton Game @ Greystone 4:00 pm	
Wednesday	Jr B Badminton Practice @ Noon	
Wednesday	Jr Badminton Game @ PLC vs. Greystone 4:00 pm	
Thursday	Sr Badminton Tournament @ Woodhaven	
Friday	Sr Badminton Tournament @ Woodhaven	
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

April School Council Meeting - The April PLC School Council meeting will take place in our Collaboration Centre on Weds. the 9th at 6:30 pm. <u>There will be childcare provided by PLC students who recently received their Red Cross Babysitting Certificate for guests two years and <u>older</u>.</u>

In addition to the usual agenda updates including from our guest, PSD Trustee Member Jill Osborne, we will have a discussion about planning for the 2025 - 2026 school year and the upcoming Online safety session with the RCMP (see below).. Virtual invitations will be in your inbox on Monday, Apr. 7th. I hope to see you (and the kids!) there on the 9th.

Violent Online Groups Exploiting Children and Youth - The RCMP Integrated National Security Enforcement Team has released a bulletin for public release Federal Policing Northwest Region addressing an emergent threat from violent online groups targeting youth via tactics that can include sextortion, self harm, animal torture and a radicalization to violence.

While many of these cases may be identified via calls for emergency services, there is always a possibility that some may not be reported to police due to the



call for service being classified as a medical emergency or a mental health-related intervention; this may result in the on-going abuse of a young person and an escalation of violence. To help law enforcement partners, government agencies/support services and the public better understand these violent groups, why these groups are a concern, where and how they operate, warning signs and additional resources please refer to the bulletin using this link https://prescott.psd.ca/download/493069

RCMP Information Evening: Online Safety and Adolescent Illicit Drug Use - In conjunction with the bulletin I've mentioned above - 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 (see above), with a focus on the 'language' and indicators of illicit drug conversations online. We hope you are able to join us next month.

Smudging Returns Tomorrow (Monday) - After a hiatus due to the labour action, we are happy to announce that smudging will return starting tomorrow in the main floor common area. We hope you are able to join us on alternating Monday and Thursday mornings.

Visual Arts Celebration - Parkland School Division's annual Visual Arts Celebration is returning this year from April 29th - 30th with an evening reception open to families. Artwork from across the division will be selected to represent and celebrate the talent our students and school communities build each year. Your child's teacher will be selecting artwork from each homeroom over the next two weeks and will inform you directly should your child's art be chosen. The host school location is still to be determined, so stay tuned for more upcoming information! If you would like to submit art on your child's behalf, please email Mrs. Smith directly at jennifer.smith@psd.ca ASAP. Thank you!

PowWow Practice: 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. We will be joined by last year's dance instructors Mariah Dumont, Charlie Quintal, and Edmonton's Young Scouts Singers. This is a free family event for all ages with soup and bannock for the first 75



guests. Please pencil in the 25th on your calendar. Unlike last year, we are only hosting one PowWow practice this year, so come out for a great night of learning, laughing and

dancing.



Share Your Feedback: Kickstand Youth Integrated Service Site Survey - Spruce Grove is still seeking feedback from young people regarding the development of the Kickstand Youth Integrated Service site — a "one-stop shop" designed to reduce barriers and enhance comfort when accessing services. What services do you want in the space? How can we make it a comfortable environment?

Your feedback will help make this space truly unique and tailored to youth in the Tri-Region!

This short survey includes pictures of the proposed space, for those who were unable to attend our in-person engagement sessions. Please feel free to share it with families, youth, and colleagues you work with.

This is a great opportunity to have your

This is a great opportunity to have your say in shaping the future of the Kickstand hub!



https://forms.gle/RGipwbXrJYWKpKgC8



Student Vote 2025 - The Federal election offers a great opportunity for students to investigate current issues and participate in democratic processes. Research shows that students who participate in the Student Vote are more likely to become active voters as adults!

STUDENT VOTE. Student Vote uses the election as a teachable moment and enables teachers to bring democracy alive in the classroom. This hands-on learning program empowers students to experience the voting process firsthand and cast ballots for the official candidates running in the election. The Student Vote program provides teacher resources for elementary and junior high levels, which are extremely appropriate and vetted well.

The student vote will be occurring on Friday, April 25th, prior to the actual Federal Election. This year, Mrs. Haggarty's Grade Nine Students will be both

organizing and, as 'elections officers' will be running the show. It's a great leadership opportunity for our 9s! Interestingly the Student Votes results are often a predictor of federal electoral results! Because of this, both PLC school election results, as well as Provincial Student vote results, will be shared AFTER the actual Federal Election. Please visit https://studentvote.ca/ for information about the program.

PLC Fundraising Foundation - Hot Lunch Update: Hot lunch is back! Our next one will be **Dairy Queen on Thursday, April 10**. Don't forget to log in at [healthyhunger.com]

(https://www.healthyhunger.com) to place your orders. As always, we need volunteers to help make hot lunch possible—if you can lend a hand, please sign up here:

(https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qlfYohjkMmFrcBypdy T9BL9NNVd2Osl8rH970mSlgwo/edit?usp=sharing)



The name of our cookbook is **The Prescott Pantry**. Recipe submissions are still open, but we need more to reach our goal! Share your family's favorite dishes using the following link: (https://www.familycookbookproject.com/l/?0D5C32130710020D173027030E2D4D185550525145115F202B0E09012B4E0A545B). Be sure to enter your child's name as the contributor in the following format: *Jane D., Grade #*.

We're also collecting student artwork for the cover and category divider pages! Designs must include **The Prescott Pantry** and the year **2025** on the cover. Divider pages must be **5.5" x 8.5"** and fit within one side of the page. Each grade has been assigned a category:

- 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 (Playdough, snack mix, pickles, canning, spice mixes, etc.)

A huge thank you to everyone who has already submitted a design! The deadline for all designs is **April 17**.

Blizzard Day is Coming! Mark your calendars—our first Blizzard Day is happening on **April 14**. Orders can be placed through [healthyhunger.com] (https://www.healthyhunger.com).

We Want Your Feedback! We're always looking for ways to improve communication. We now have a bulletin board in the school foyer— check it out for hot lunch dates, and current fundraisers.



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Stay Connected: For all fundraiser updates, recipe news, and more, join our Facebook group: [PLCFF Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1922775007965264)

Previously Shared Information

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

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!

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

<u>https://www.psd.ca/download/492554</u> 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, inperson 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/



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 - Thanks for making the time to read this week's memo. 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.

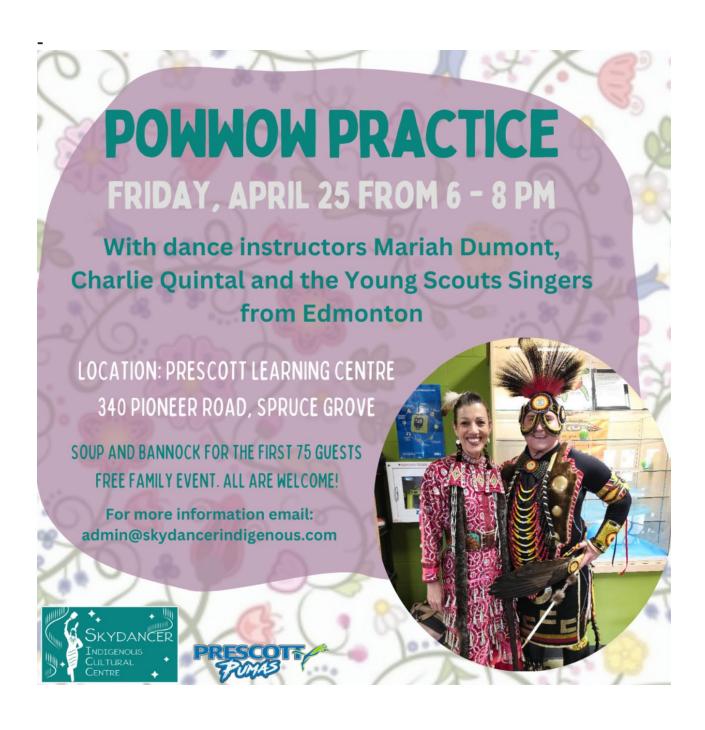
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Have a great week. Chris









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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