

Prescott Weekend Update



June 22nd, 2025

Good Afternoon PLC Families:

Prescott Learning Centre

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https://www.facebook. com/PrescottPSD I hope you had a great National Indigenous People's Day and enjoyed the longest day of the year yesterday. With it being the last week of school heading into the Summer Break, it's time for my annual 'Summer Reminders' edition of the Weekend Memo. I have details regarding many of these reminders in the 'New and Updated Information' section of the memo. As an overview here is what you need to know:

- Please be sure to check out our often neglected lost and found box located on the first floor. We will have items spread out on the main floor common area:
- Library books are now overdue. To avoid lost book fees on PowerSchool please return any books to the Collaboration Centre as soon as possible;
- To avoid having further charges added to your PowerSchool account please return any athletic jerseys to Mr. McNaughton this week;
- Report cards will go live, and the PowerSchool Parent Portal, will be open, at 3:00 pm this Thursday;
- The main office switchboard will be closing this Friday at 3:00 pm. The office will re-open again at noon on Weds. Aug. 20th. As of the end of the day on Friday, I have directed all staff to place their emails on vacation mode until they return on Aug. 26th. If you have an emergency or urgent message over the summer I'll ask that you reach out to PSD Centre for Education at 780-963-4010. If you have a general inquiry over the summer please email the school at prescott@psd.ca;
- Our school psychologist Mrs. Wilkinson provided her ideas and insights for a safe and healthy summer in last week's <u>June</u> <u>15th Update</u>. You can find some links and highlights on socialemotional wellness, and support for food insecurity from her article below. As well, you can access information and contact information for local community resources at the end of each and every Weekend Memo;
- With exams completed, field trips are in full swing this week. If your child is headed for an outdoor excursion next week please be sure to include a water bottle, hat, and sunblock in their backpack;
- Last week Grade Six, Seven, and Eight students were provided with the link to pick their choices for <u>Career and</u> <u>Technology Foundations (CTF) complementary (options) course</u>

- selections for next year. The form will be completed in class. Please have a discussion with your child over potential picks for next school year. Students will be placed in their courses in August;
- Due to potential staffing changes over the summer, student classroom placements will
 occur when school administration returns in August. While we have already done much
 legwork in this area leading up to the break, including gathering your input from the
 Parent Classroom Placement request form as well as input from school staff, we will
 hold off on finalizing class lists until we return in August. Last year, we hired three new
 teachers in August alone. To avoid disappointment, we will hold off sharing your
 child(ren)'s teacher(s) and CTF selections until we return in the fall;
- Free student passes for the opening day of K-Days on July 18th will be distributed to classes on Tuesday and Wednesday this week;
- We have a few 24-25 yearbooks available for purchase. If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Bradford at valerie.bradford@psd.ca.

And here's what's going on for the last week of school:

	Important Events This Week				
Monday 23 rd	Tuesday 24 th	th Wednesday 25 th Thursday 26 th		Friday 27 th	
Grade 7 Field Trip	Grade 2 Field	Gr. 8 & 9 Field	Last Day of	Staff Professional	
Landmark	Trip: Movie	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Development Day	
Cinema	Theatre			(No Students	
Grade 1 in school				Attend)	
Field trip 1-3pm				Summer Holidays	
		(Reschedule) Gr. 5 Field trip to		Begin for Students	
		QE Outdoor Pool &			
	Kinsmen Sports		Kinsmen Sports		
		Park			
Art Club	DLR – 3:15- 4:30			BBall @ 7:30am	
3:15 – 4:30			(Gr. 6-9)	(Gr. 6-9)	
		DLR – 3:15- 4:30			
	DnD 3:15-5:00				
	Important Events Next Week				
Monday 30 th	Tuesday 1 st	Wednesday 2 nd	Thursday	Friday 27 th	
Summer Holidays	Canada Day	Summer Holidays	Summer Holidays	Summer Holidays	

New and Updated Information

Summer Health, Wellness, and Safety - Here is a summary of resources shared by Mrs. Wilkinson in last week's memo to ensure your child(ren) has a safe and healthy summer.

- Keep a predictable routine.
- Encourage daily reading.
- Set healthy boundaries around screen time Check out the <u>Common Sense Media</u> <u>website</u> for insights and ideas
- Nurture independence The website www.letgrow.org has resources for parents who are interested in helping their children to be more independent.
- Check in on emotional well-being. The transitions from school to summer and back again can stir up emotions. Take the time to check in with your child, validate their feelings and offer support when they seem overwhelmed.

- If you or someone you know is struggling with food insecurity or need help with basic needs over the summer months here are some local resources:
- https://www.stonyplain.com/en/live/resources/Documents/Food-Resource -updated-2023-08.pdf
- Mental health problems do not take summer holidays. If you need support over the summer months there are a number of local options available.
 - https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/findhealth/Service.aspx?id=1001856&service/ eAtFacilityID=1131580#contentStart
 - o https://www.westviewpcn.ca/vouth-mental-health

Finally, in the event of a mental health crisis:

- If you or someone else is in **immediate danger**, **call 9-1-1** or go to the nearest hospital Emergency room.
- 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Help line available 24/7 Canada Wide
- AHS Children & Adolescent Mental Health Crisis line (780) 407-1000
- Kids Help Phone 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868

Thanks, and have a safe and restful summer

Farewell Mrs. Wilkinson - ... and speaking of Mrs. Wilkinson... It is with mixed feelings that I announce Mrs. Wilkinson, our school psychologist, will be leaving PLC at the end of this school year. Irene joined our school staff five short years ago after serving eight years as a psychologist at Alberta Health Services. She has been much more to our school than a counsellor. Not only has she done an incredible job supporting students, their families, and even staff with her insights and advice, when we have experienced a loss in the school or in our community her support has been beyond invaluable. She will be greatly missed.

I say 'mixed feelings' because while we are all sad to see her leave PLC, we are excited to announce that she will be moving on to serve the greater good in her new role as the school division psychologist for Parkland School Division. She will now oversee all of the school counsellors throughout PSD and will also support trauma response throughout the school division. PLC will be interviewing for a new school counselor over the summer months. But for now, thank you for five great years Irene, we know you are going to be incredible in your new role and will do great things for the Parkland School Division.

Grade 6-8 CTF Student Course Request Survey - Continuing our preparations and planning for 25 - 26, last week we provided Grade Six through Eight teachers with the link to our Career and Technology Foundations (CTF/Option) course selections for next year's Grade Seven, Eight, and Nine students. Students are in the process of choosing their courses in class both last week and next week. The survey includes a link to the course descriptions for next year's potential course offerings listed on the school website at:

https://prescott.psd.ca/programs/options.
Students will rank their top five choices, and we will look to accommodate their top requests in August before the school year starts. I'll ask that you take a moment to sit with your child to work through potential course selections as many courses have an additional fee attached. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



Free KDays Student Tickets - A shout to Mrs. Bradford for securing Free KDays Student Tickets for Opening Day - July 18, 2025. We will be distributing tickets to students to individual

classes this Tuesday and Wednesday. Any extras will be available for pick up in the office on Thursday. Unfortunately, we are unable to reserve extra tickets: first come first served

Athletic Jerseys Returns - A reminder to return any and all athletic Jerseys to Mr. McNaughton as soon as possible. The replacement cost for missing jerseys will be added to PowerSchool accounts shortly. Please have a look to see if there are any jerseys hiding under beds or in the back of closets. If you have any questions please reach out to Mr. McNaughton at carson.mcnaughton@psd.ca

Lost and Found - The end of the school means its time to donate the lost and found items to a local non-profit charity. If you suspect there may be an article of your child(ren)'s clothing in our lost and found bin, please check out our bin by the small gym doors. Be sure to check in at the office first for a visitor's sticker. We will be bagging and shipping any remaining items out by Friday, so please check in before the end of the day on Thursday this week.



National Indigenous Peoples Day - While the official day was on Saturday, on Friday we welcomed Kokum Linda and Linda Ross to share their knowledge with students. Students joined Kokum Linda in the Foods Lab who shared her insights on Medicine Wheels, ribbon skirts and shirts, the importance of Pow-Wows, and traditional stories about family and community. And it wasn't just her teachings that were shared, Kokum Linda provided her delicious bannock, bannock that we know well from our previous three Powwow practices, with PLC students.

It was a full house in the Collaboration Centre as Teressa Ross shared her beading talents and associated stories and symbolism with the Grade 4 to 6 classes. A big thanks to Kokum Linda and Ms. Ross for

always finding and taking the time to share their gifts, experience, and knowledge with our students and community.

End of the Year Report Cards - Report cards will be released on your Parent Portal on June 26th at 3:00pm. Please make sure you are able to log in, using a browser (NOT the app) to view them once they are released. As a result of staff compiling comments and final grades, access to the Parent and Student portals has been closed and will re-open this Thursday at 3:00 pm for report cards. If you have any questions or concerns regarding marks or missing assignments prior to Thursday afternoon please reach out to your child's teacher via their respective classroom platforms or via email. Staff email addresses can be found here: https://prescott.psd.ca/about/staff-directory.

Homemade Goodies and End of the Year Classroom Parties- Amongst many other events, June is a big month for classroom parties. A reminder to families that while we love it when families send treats from home, due to health and safety considerations homemade food items are not permitted to be shared at classroom parties. All food or drinks brought from home must be purchased from a store or retailer. My apologies in advance and thank you for your consideration.

Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation End-of-Year Message What a year it's been! As we wrap up another fantastic school year, we want to give a huge shout-out to everyone who made it such a success.

To Our Incredible Volunteers: Parents, friends, grandparents, and community heroes—you're the real MVPs! Whether you



flipped hot dogs at Field Day, sorted freezies like a pro, or helped us pull off those epic events, we couldn't have done it without you.

To Our Rockstar Staff: You didn't just show up—you showed out! From hot lunch distribution to after-hours dance supervision (we saw you grooving!), and everything in between, your efforts made this year unforgettable. A special nod to the office squad, who always seem to have the answer to everything, and our administrators, who put in the time and then some. **Farewell, Mr. Shaw:** We're really going to miss Mr. Shaw's quick wit and laugh-out-loud humour at our monthly meetings. Thank you for all you've done for Prescott—you've left your mark! Best of luck on your next adventure (and don't forget to visit!).

Write-On Stationery: Who needs the stress of back-to-school shopping? Not you! Write-On Stationery makes it easy—order online and have everything delivered to your door, complete with labels (because, let's be real, labeling everything is key).

How to Order:

- 1. Visit www.write-on.ca
- 2. Click "PARENTS Order Here."
- 3. Select Prescott Learning Centre SPRUCE GROVE.
- 4. Choose your grade and place your order.

A Big Thank You: Here's to another amazing year! Your dedication, energy, and smiles have made all the difference. Have a fantastic summer—we'll see you in the fall for even more fun and adventures!

Stay Tuned for What's Next: We've got something big on the horizon! Make sure to follow our Facebook page to catch our next exciting fundraising goal. You won't want to miss it!

Randie Dodman, President Prescott Learning Centre Fundraising Foundation

Previously Shared Information

- **24 25 Yearbook's Available -** We still have a few yearbooks left for purchasing. If you missed the opportunity to order please email valerie.bradford@psd.ca and she will add the fee to your account.
- 25 26 Terry Fox 24 Hour Marathon We are already planning ahead for our annual Terry Fox 24 Hour Marathon in September. We are looking for businesses who would be interested in supporting our kids as they run to help find a cure for cancer. At this time, we are asking for 'swag' as incentives for students that raise a significant amount towards our school goal. If you are interested in being involved at this level, please contact myself or Mrs. Lovsund at shauna.surrendi@psd.ca & cherie.lovsund@psd.ca. Thank you! Mrs. Surrendi

Final Call 2024 - 2025 Final School Fee Payment Deadline- Thank you to those who have paid the remainder of their school fees for this year. ***Please check your PowerSchool Parent Portal to ensure no additional fees have been added, as a result of year end field trip fees. The deadline for 2024 - 2025 school fees was Friday May 30th. If you have yet to do so, please pay your fees now. Fees can be paid in person to Mrs. Bradford or online via the parent portal on PowerSchool.

If you see any fees that should not be on your account, are having technical issues, would like to explore a payment plan to cover your fees, or have any other questions, please reach out to Mrs. Bradford at valerie.bradford@psd.ca.

25 -26 Registration Reminder - If you have not completed your 2025-26 registration through the RSVP in Parent Portal, please do so right away so we can make sure your child/children are

added to next year's class lists. Should you need help logging on, please contact the office for assistance.



Library Book Round Up - Library book circulation began winding down the first week of June. This means all library books are now due back. Any books not returned by this Thursday, June 26, 2025, are subject to a PowerSchool charge at the replacement cost of the title. As always, we are happy to take a donation of a gently used book (of equal value) to replace lost books. Please help your child by

encouraging them to search common places where books may be hiding. A book scavenger-hunt might include searching:

- the family vehicle under the bed
- in the toybox in the shoe closet
- under the couch cushions
- time to tidy our rooms!!

Please note any overdue items from previous years are already on PowerSchool and won't be removed until paid for. If a student has an item from another school I cannot remove that. They will have to deal with that school.

To help you with your book hunt, please enjoy the FINAL musical interlude provided by our amazing librarian, Mrs. Briscoe. You can access the final gentle reminder here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zu27TqiEIDk (it's actually quite cute and it's worth a listen) Thanks, Mrs. Briscoe hannah.briscoe@psd.ca

Final Thoughts - We hosted two events last week that have grown to become an annual tradition here at the school. It was great to see so many parent, and even grandparent, volunteers at our third annual Grade One through Three Field day on Monday. I need to extend a big thank you to Mrs. Vasileff *et al.* for their efforts in organizing and hosting such a fantastic event for our students and school.

On Thursday we recognized our student-athletes after school on Thursday at our third annual Athletics awards. While it was great to celebrate our success in athletics over the past school year, it was equally important to honour the efforts of our coaches, both parent volunteers and staff, for providing so many of our students the opportunity to participate in inter-school athletics. A debt of gratitude to Mrs. Burgess and her Phys. Ed. crew Mr. Adams and Mr. McNaughton for making it such a great evening.

And with that, thanks everyone. It has been an honour and privilege to work with you and your children for the past three years at PLC and I will miss you and your kids. I have been beyond fortunate to work with a great group of educators and support staff here at the school, and I am both grateful and humbled for all we have accomplished together here at the school over the past three years.

I'll leave you with some pics from the Athletics Awards last Thursday and from the Co-Ed Soccer Championship game a couple of weeks ago. I wish nothing more for you and your family than a safe, fun, and restful summer.

Again, thanks everyone and take care. Chris







SING WITH US! REHEARSALS START SEPTEMBER 9

Edmonton Young Voices is now in St. Albert! Offering choral programs for K-Grade 6. No experience necessary!

Learn more or register: edmontonyoungvoices.ca or contact manager@eyv.ca



JUNIOR CHOIR (K-GRADE 3):

Tuesdays at Red Willow Community Church (15 Corriveau Ave) 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (GRADES 4-6)

Tuesdays at Red Willow Community Church (15 Corriveau Ave) 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

ABOUT US

Our choral program is uniquely designed to provide children and youth with their first introduction to the exciting art of choral singing and, as they learn and grow, a comprehensive choral and vocal education that challenges and inspires them.





Have you heard that a travel club has been established here at Prescott? We are traveling to Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa over spring break, 2026! **The sign-up deadline** is quickly approaching. If this opportunity interests you, please send an email to Sarah Saysana at sarah.saysana@psd.ca for further information. Thank you!



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

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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 (8em-11:45pm) 780-407-1000
Kids Help Phone1-800-668-6868
Bullying Helpline1-888-456-2323
BriteLine (for 2SLGBTQIA+) 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?

Auggi 131 Chu	es Café (Take out, Tues 11AM-1PM) rch Rd, Spruce Grove	780-962-5131
Food 49 Bould	for the Soul (1st, 3rd Sat 10AM-1PM) fer Blvd., Stony Plain	780-963-3110
Grace 250 Cen	e's Table (2 nd Fri 5-630PM) tury Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-4700
	nunity Table (last Fri 5-7PM) tury Road, Spruce Grove	780-962-5611
	Food Rescue Community Fri 0-4PM) 5600-50 Street, Stony Plain	

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