

SPC Bulletin

Reporting an Absence?

Please email

spc@psd70.ab.ca or call 780-

963-2203 anytime and leave a

message. Please be sure to

include your child's complete

name and grade and details of

the absence!

Stony Plain Central Administrators

Mrs. C. Woloshyn – Principal

Mrs. T. Neuman – Assistant
Principal

Mrs. D. Villeneuve – Assistant
Principal

Principal's Message



Silent nights, gently falling snow, crisp winter air, crunching snow underfoot, tree cutting, the smell of burning birch, and the beautiful music; we all have our big reasons for enjoying Christmas. So, in spite of the hustle and bustle of December, let's not forget to walk slowly, breathe deeply, and reflect on the incredible gifts of the season. This will be particularly important this year, as we all face the challenges presented by the global pandemic and work to navigate the holiday season while adhering to the Alberta Health Services and Alberta Government restrictions.

It really is hard to believe that we are already into the month of December. As we continue to teach and learn in this challenging year, I am grateful for the resilience of our staff and students in managing these challenges.

I want to thank all of our parents and guardians who have been communicating with us about students who do not feel well, keeping their children home when they are sick or letting us know of any situations as it relates to COVID19. These actions really help mitigate the effects on our students, teachers and staff. The kids have been tremendous at adapting to this "new normal" and I am hopeful that we will be able to return to a sense of normalcy in the near future. We are continuing to do all we can here to ensure the school and classrooms are as safe as possible.

Just a reminder that winter is here so it is time to send in extra mittens and socks! We love our outdoor time at SPC and we will be going outside for recess and physical education classes unless the temperature is extreme. It is important that students dress for the cold conditions. Remember there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing!

As I close this final newsletter of 2020, I am proud of how much our community gives during this time of the year. We have many programs that reflect the caring community culture that is growing through our population. Our students collected gift cards for our annual Christmas Hamper drive. Our school council and fundraising society continues to raise funds for our school through the Purdy's fundraiser, Kiwi Nurseries fundraiser, 50/50 raffle, and Mom's Pantry fundraiser. We always welcome and appreciate your support in all the endeavors we take on.

As we close out the last few weeks of 2020, on behalf of our Stony Plain Central family, we wish our students, our parents, our staff and the community a happy holiday and a celebration filled with joy and peace. It is moments like this, when we can pause, catch our breath and look back that we realize how privileged and lucky we are to be part of this vibrant learning community.

C. Woloshyn

STONY PLAIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please keep your eyes opened for more information about our Christmas Concert Video!



School Council and Society Meeting.

Friends of SPC next meeting will be December 10th @ 4:30pm via Google meet.

The next School Council will be December 15th, 2020 @ 3:45pm via Google meet.

All SPC Parents are welcome!!!!

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Please remember that all student drop off and pick up is to be done in the parking lot by the bus area.

REPORT CARDS—December 4, 2020

Your child's report card will be available online on December 4, 2020. Using the link below, you will sign into your PowerSchool account. On the left side of the screen you will locate "Report Card K-9". Then you will select the 2020-2021 school year and then the term! If you require a paper copy be sent home with your child, please send an email to your child's homeroom teacher.

<https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public>



Below are two links that have been provided by AHS and our local Health Unit Nurses to help you through this difficult time. Please take a few minutes to explore these websites for some very important and useful information.



Information for Families with Children in Isolation

Information for families with children in isolation is now available on this webpage: ahs.ca/isolation



Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School – Translated versions

- The AHS Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School and/or Childcare found at ahs.ca/parentcovidguide

Get Involved. Make a Difference.

Both Parent Council and Friends of SPC Society would like to invite you to the next meeting!

Parent Council

Tuesday December 15 @ 3:45pm

This meeting will be held virtually through a Google meet. Please watch your email for an invite from Mrs. Woloshyn so you can join us for the meeting. We hope to see you there!

Friends of SPC

Thursday December 10 @ 4:30pm

This meeting will be over google meet, if you would like to join us please send your email address to spscchair@psd70.ab.ca. An invitation will be sent for you to join us! We hope to see you!

Involvement in school groups is a meaningful, hands-on way to have a direct, positive impact on your child's educational experience. Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's education, the level of student achievement increases. Our meetings are a great way to connect with others and even make new friends! Please consider attending as our numbers are very small right now and the group is in danger of collapsing! Even though we can't meet in person this year we would still love to have you join us!

FUNDRAISING

With December upon us the fundraising committee has wrapped up our fall fundraisers. We want to express our gratitude for those that supported us in these fundraisers. It is so greatly appreciated and every little bit helps to support our playground fund for the new school.

- Moms Pantry wrapped up on November 6, our total profit was \$588.16! Again thank you to all those that purchased.
- Purdys Chocolate wrapped up on November 17, thanks to everyone who supported us through this one we ended up with a profit of \$770.05!
- Kiwi Nurseries wrapped up on November 24, thank you to everyone who supported and we will update in next month's newsletter with our total profit.
- Our online raffle ends on December 1! The draw will take place December 15 @ 1pm at Stony Plain Central School. Thank you to all who have purchased tickets and Good Luck!!

Hot Lunch

We have been given the go ahead to start Hot Lunch again! We know things are ever changing and that means things are going to look different. Starting in January, we will be offering two hot lunch days, by vendor only. We have a new set of rules with purchases, and essentially the most important one for you to know is that this is a purchase at your own risk. We will not be offering any refunds unless closures are mandated by the Government, in which case those will be done at the end of the year, minus any banking fees. We anticipate all students will be returning to in person classes come January. If any grades do not, and you have made a purchase, you will receive a credit to be used for when they do return. This credit will carry forward until they return, and the refunds will be activated as mentioned above should they never return come June. Full details of the policy are on the hot lunch website.

Here's how to get started...(you must register again regardless if you've had an account in the past)

- ✓ Go to spc.hotlunches.net
- ✓ Click on "Click Here to Register"
- ✓ Enter Access Code HLSP if asked
- ✓ Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week)

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- ✓ Click the "Register Now" button at the bottom
- ✓ Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends SPC. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"
- ✓ Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

ALL orders and payments must be electronic.

Stay in touch!

We regularly update our Social Media
 Facebook: SPC School Council & Fundraising Society
 Instagram: SPC Council & Society
 Email: spescchair@psd70.ab.ca

WINTER IS HERE!!!

Remember that the cold weather is now here! Please ensure that your child is dressed according to the weather.....hats, warm mitts, boots!!!!

Christmas Break

Christmas Break is fast approaching. Students are not at school from Decmeber 21 – January 1. At-home learning will resume from January 4 – 8, 2021..

Hello Families,



This winter, we are once again working to make Christmas brighter for local families struggling with a limited income by collecting donations for the Kinsmen Christmas Hampers.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, there will be major changes to the Christmas Hamper program this year, and we will NOT be collecting non-perishable food items. We will still be running the gift portion of the program as usual and will collect unopened gifts, gift cards, and monetary donations for children 17 and under. To ensure a diverse selection of age-appropriate gifts, we are asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts or gift cards that are based on your child's gender and age. For children 10 and older, gift cards are ideal.

If your child is in Grade 7-9, we will still be collecting donations at the school. If you would like to drop something off, please feel free to stop by and we will gratefully accept your donations. If your child is in the K-6 age category, donations may be collected at the school until Friday, December 11th.

Please refer to stonyplainkinsmen.ca for additional information and gift ideas. Last year, we helped the Kinsmen to provide gifts to 750 children in our area! Thank you for your support in this community project!

Sincerely

SPC Staff

DECEMBER 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5
				Report cards available online Term 1 Ends
7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5
			Friends of SPC Virtual 4:30pm	Favourite Book or Movie Character Day
				Donations for Kinsmen Hamper Deadline
14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5
	School Council Virtual 3:45pm			Christmas Sweater Day
21 Christmas Break	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Break
28 Christmas Break	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break	