

# SPC Bulletin



## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are already into February 2021! It has certainly been an unusual school year and it looks like that will continue into this second part of the year. Weather-wise, we have been very lucky! The warmer winter weather has allowed us to enjoy the outdoors throughout the day. That being said, it looks like we will have a bit of a cold snap for a week or so. We keep a close eye on the weather during the day so that, whenever possible, our students can get outside to play, have some fresh air and/or participate in outdoor physical education classes. Part of being able to do that is making sure that our students are properly dressed for the weather, whether it is snowy, icy, rainy, cold or warmer than usual. Please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate winter wear. Layers are practical; kids playing hard like to remove the extra layers. Snow pants and winter boots provide padding and keep students warm and dry. Extra socks and mittens are useful for the younger students. On days that it is too icy to use our fields and playgrounds or too cold to be outside we will have indoor recess, but in recognizing how outdoor play is important to the health and well-being of our students, we will be outside as much as possible.

With the second term well under way, we want to take time to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, staff and school. All of us at SPC value the important contributions that families make towards our students' success in school. There is no question that success at school starts at home.

This year, more than any other, families are the most significant influence in a child's schooling. Families model both spoken and silent language in front of their children. One of the signs of a great school is the partnership between the school and families who work together for the best interest of all SPC students. Thank you for continuing to support your children during this global pandemic.

Thank you to all families who were able to join us during our Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences last week. If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to discuss progress and areas that may require some growth as we begin the last five months of this school year.

February is the month of our annual North Central Teacher's Convention: Ignite Inquire Innovate Inspire. Many outstanding sessions are being offered virtually. Teachers will be attending their virtual convention on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

As we move into the month of February and approach Valentine's Day, we remember to give thanks to the wonderful school community of Stony Plain Central. We are so fortunate to be part of such an inclusive, caring community and thank each of you for your ongoing, positive support.

On behalf of all of us here at SPC, we wish all of you a lovely Family Day weekend. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, I am only a phone call or email away.

Colleen Woloshyn  
cwoloshyn@psd70.ab.ca

## Reporting an Absence?

Please email

[spc@psd70.ab.ca](mailto: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



## ONLINE REGISTRATION/VERIFICATION FOR 2021-22

### School Council and Society Meeting.

The next Society virtual meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 4:30pm

Virtual School Council Meeting February 16, 2021 at 3:45pm

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. Currently many parents are using the teacher parking lot and this is very dangerous as well as a fire hazard.

All students from Early Education (3-4 Year Program) to Grade 12 will be able to either register (new students) or verify their existing data (returning students) online, beginning **February 8, 2021**.

To ensure that their child receives a bus pass prior to the start of the next school year, parents are required to complete registration by **4:30pm on March 25, 2021**. This deadline will facilitate the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating.

To register a Returning Student for school and/or busing, **please check your email beginning February 8, 2021** for a message from "PowerSchool Registration Support" <noreply@noreply.psr.support.com> and follow the instructions in that email to complete the registration process.

#### Please Note:

You should receive one email for every returning student in your family. Please complete the registration/verification process for each one.

If you do not receive an email, please check your Spam or Junk folder.

If you check and confirm this original correspondence has not been received, and your child attends a Parkland School Division School, please [contact your school](#). If your child attends at any other partner school divisions or schools in the Regional Transportation system, contact Parkland School Division's Transportation Services at **780-963-8452**. Staff will confirm your contact information and resend the email or letter with your live link.

#### Important Registration Dates

**February 8, 2021** - Registration opens. Follow the link to the New Student Registration form or check your email for a message from PowerSchool Registration Support with further instructions.

**March 25, 2021 at 4:30pm** - Registration deadline.

**June 2021** - Bus Pass route information distributed.

**July 2021** - Transportation [fees](#) due.

First day of school is TBD. The Board will approve the 2021-2022 school calendar at the February 2, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

**September 30, 2021** - [School fees](#) due.

## WINTER WALK DAY



Winter Walk Day will be held on Wednesday, February 3 (back up day is February 8). All of our staff and students at SPC will be participating in this event by taking a walk around our school grounds during phys. ed class this day. Please ensure that your child is dressed to brave the weather and to have a bit of 'snow' fun! Let's get outside and celebrate winter!!

# Kindergarten Registration and Open Houses 2021-22

## Kindergarten Virtual Open House

January 21, 2021 To follow public health measures, Kindergarten open houses for all schools in Parkland School Division that offer Kindergarten programming will be held online on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

These virtual sessions are designed as information nights, where parents and guardians can log on to a live session to meet the staff and learn more about their child's learning.

Virtual open house date and time:

**Stony Plain Central School**

Date: **Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Time: 6 - 7 pm

Location: [Online Google Meet](#)

## How to Register for Kindergarten

Fill out the online 2021-2022 New Student Registration Form once it becomes available beginning February 8, 2021. The student's birth certificate and proof of residence will be required as part of the registration process—you will be able to upload these when you fill out the form or you may submit copies of these documents to the school.

**Important:** Be sure to register using the 2021-2022 New Student Registration Form. The “New Student Registration Form” link currently live on the Division’s Registration page is only for students registering for the balance of the current 2020-2021 school year.

All parents are encouraged to complete the registration process **by 4:30pm on March 25, 2021**. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. Registrations will continue to be accepted after the deadline for those families who may be moving into the jurisdiction.

For more detailed information on the online registration process, visit PSD’s [Registration page](#).

## Good to Know:

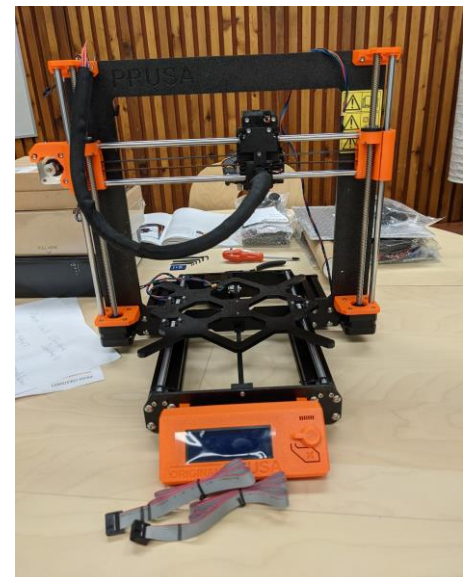
Registration requirements for Kindergarten are the same as those for Grades 1 through 12.

A child entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by the last day of December of the school year in which he or she begins Kindergarten. For example, a child registering for Kindergarten in September 2021 needs to be 5 years old by December 31, 2021. A child entering Grade 1 must be 6 years old by the last day of December of the school year in which he or she begins Grade 1. For example, a child registering for Grade 1 in September 2021 needs to be 6 years old by December 31, 2021.

Kindergarten programs are offered on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday with alternating Fridays.

# 3D Printer!

A heartfelt thanks to \*Friends of Stony Plain\* for their generous gift of a brand new 3D printer for our school! We ordered the printer in November, but with the transition to online learning in December, it wasn't until mid January that two grade nine students, Emily Mattson and Chase Jackman, had the chance to spend a day and a half building our school's first ever 3D printer from bags of screws and parts. They worked their way through complicated instructions to build the printer and had the great satisfaction of seeing it work perfectly on the very first try! We are very grateful for the opportunity to incorporate this incredibly versatile new technology into our school programming! Thank you!



## 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 February 16, 2021 @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!

Our meeting dates for the rest of the year will be- March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15

### Friends of SPC

**Tuesday February 9, 2021 @4:30pm**

This meeting will be over Google Meet, if you would like to join us please send your email address to [spcschair@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:spcschair@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

Thank you for all your support on our fall fundraisers. We hope for support in our Spring fundraisers. Our major fundraising goal is the playgrounds for the new school, so every purchase you make from a fundraiser helps us get that much closer to our goal!

We will be starting with Purdys chocolates towards the end of February with delivery before Easter. Supporting this fundraiser is an easy way to buy some Easter treats and support the school. Please watch our social media page for more information on the fundraiser.

### Hot Lunch

Hot lunch started up again in January, our volunteers are so excited to be able to offer it again for the kids. While it does look a little different than in years past there are still some yummy options available. Hot lunch is only available on Mondays this year and only from vendors. Orders for March will open up on February 10 and close on February 21. If you haven't already, please sign up through our hot lunch system to get the updates. Before you place an order please make sure you are aware of our new rules. 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. Full details of the policy are on the hot lunch website. By ordering hot lunch for your child it is a win-win, you get a day off of packing a lunch and you also support our school! Hot lunch is volunteer run and is used as a small fundraiser for the needs of the school, which includes the new playgrounds for the new school.

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](http://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)
- ✓ 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: [spcschair@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:spcschair@psd70.ab.ca)





## HELP! NEEDED!!

We are in need of extra mittens, gloves and scarves of all sizes. If you have an extras in your closets that you don't need any more, we would love to have them here. Please contact Mrs. Watson at 780-963-2203 or [awatson@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:awatson@psd70.ab.ca) and make arrangements for drop off.

**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!!!!

## 2020-21 YEARBOOK



If you are interested in ordering a yearbook for the current 2020-21 year, you can do so through the Parent Portal and select the fees screen.

## STONY PLAIN CENTRAL LIONS SPIRIT WEAR

Show your Stony Plain Central Lions pride through custom SPC Spirit Wear.

Shop the online apparel store for a wide selection of clothing, sportswear, merchandise and accessories, including masks. You can shop, customize logos and color, order and pay online. Orders will be shipped directly to your home.

Order today at <https://urstore.ca/stony-plain-central-school-527117>



# FEBRUARY 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Day 1	<b>2</b> Day 2	<b>3</b> Day 3 Winter Walk Day	<b>4</b> Teachers' Convention No School	<b>5</b> Teachers' Convention No School
<b>8</b> Day 4 High School Counselors Visit Gr 9	<b>9</b> Day 5 Friends of SPC Virtual Mtg 4:30pm	<b>10</b> Day 1	<b>11</b> Day 2 Pink/Red and White Day	<b>12</b>  PD No School
<b>15</b>  Family Day No School	<b>16</b> Day 3 School Council Virtual Mtg 3:45 pm	<b>17</b> Day 4 Kindergarten Open House Virtual 6 - 7 pm	<b>18</b> Day 5	<b>18</b> Day 1
<b>22</b> Day 2	<b>23</b> Day 3	<b>24</b> Day 4	<b>25</b> Day 5	<b>26</b> Day 1 Random Acts of Kindness Day