ISSUE

November 2021

SPC Bulletin

Principal's Message

The past month was a full one at SPC that provided many great opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom. Our Junior High volleyball teams wrapped up their seasons and it was great to see them having the opportunity to compete again this year! Our Halloween celebrations throughout the school brought much excitement and there were amazing learning activities and fun to be had in every classroom. The Domino Run Food Bank Drive was also a success and the donations to the Parkland Food Bank were greatly appreciated. Thank you for participating in this event!

Our recent Grade 1-9 virtual parent teacher interviews were also a success and these interviews are such an important time to work together and share learning goals with parents. There was such positive feedback about these interviews! If you did not get a chance to meet with your child's teacher, please feel free to contact them to set up a time to meet. Our Early Education learning conferences will take place in the first week of November and Kindergarten interviews will be online later in November. Teachers are also working on capturing the learning over the first term and the culmination of ongoing assessments will be shared in the first term report card, which will be released in early December. Report cards are another form of communicating where students are at in their learning and an opportunity to celebrate strengths and set learning goals for the next term.

At SPC we will be recognizing Remembrance Day through a virtual Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 5th. The video will be viewed in classrooms school-wide and is a culmination of student, staff and community members honoring the significance of Remembrance Day through poems, laying of wreaths and a soldier's reflection. We will also show our respect by listening to "The Last Post" followed by a minute of silence and Revelry.



If you would like your child to have a poppy they can bring a donation into the school office and pick up a poppy.

As the weather has been getting cooler these past couple weeks, a reminder that our students play outside unless the temperature drops below -23 degrees celsius. Please ensure that your child has warm clothing including warm footwear, mittens or gloves and hat/toque. Recess times and Physical Education classes have students participating in activities outdoors and it is important that students are dressed for the weather.

Fall break is scheduled for November 8 through November 12 and staff have a PD day on November 15, with students returning to school on November 16th. The break is a wonderful time for everyone to rest, relax and maintain physical and emotional health. On behalf of the Stony Plain Central Staff, I wish each of you a safe and relaxing Fall Break.

Tanya Neuman Principal

SPC WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK

Please make sure that you visit our website at <u>stonyplaincentral.psd.ca</u>. It has an exciting new look and contains so much information about our school, from up and coming events to news from our Division Office! Calendar information and up to date bus status can be accessed on our website.

Reporting an Absence?

Please email <u>spc@psd.ca</u> 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. T. Neuman - Principal

Mrs. D. Villeneuve – Assistant Principal

Mr. W. Moody – Assistant Principal

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.

REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child has a reusable water bottle at school. Students are not to be drinking water from the water fountains due to Covid, and they get very thirsty during the day!!



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REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

This year the Remembrance Day Ceremony will be virtual and available for students on Friday, November 5, 2021. If your child would like to purchase a Poppy, please send them with a donation for Poppy Campaign and the office will provide them with the Poppy on Friday.

Parking Lot Concerns At Stony Plain Central

The parking lot out front of the school is for <u>staff only</u>. <u>Please do not park, drop off or</u> <u>pick up students in this lot</u>. We have had some near misses with smaller students being behind cars that are backing up and the driver can't see them. When you drop off your smaller children, please make sure you walk them to the sidewalk.

The parking lot, north of the school, beside the bus area, is available for parking as well as for dropping off your children for school, and will be cleared throughout the winter. Also be aware when parking on the streets that you do not block a personal driveway.





THE COLD WEATHER IS HERE!!! Please ensure that your child is dressed according to the weather....jackets, hats, warm mitts, boots!!!!!

The Castling Rooks

SPC has started a noon hour chess club. Students from grades 7-9 will be meeting on Mondays and Thursdays to learn, improve their skills and challenge each other's abilities. Chess is a great game that develops abstract reasoning, pattern recognition, patience and many more skills. See Mr. Winchester for more information or if you'd like to join the chess club.



Scholastic Book Fairs

Thank You!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a success! Thank you to all families, teachers, and students who participated, supporting our school while enhancing home libraries.

Your investment in your reader helped our school to earn valuable Rewards that can be redeemed for new books for our school and classroom libraries, as well as supplies and Education Resources to benefit our students.

We can't wait to hear all about the new stories you have added to your home libraries!

Thank you for participating in our Scholastic Book Fair!

Happy reading!



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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







Thank you everyone for help out with our food collection for the Parkland Food Bank. Our Domino run was a great success!! We had a lot of fun and helped out our community.





























Get Involved. Make a Difference.

Parent Council

Tuesday, November 16 @ 3:45pm.

This meeting will be held virtually. Please watch your email for the Google Meet link to join us.

These council meetings are a great way to connect with teachers, administrators and our school board trustee about what is happening in our school throughout the year. We hope to see you there!

Friends of SPC

Monday, November 1 @ 3:45pm

This meeting will be held virtually, if you would like to join us please send your email address to <u>spc.scchair@partner.psd.ca</u>. An invitation will be sent for you to join us! We hope to see you!

Please consider joining our fundraising committee, we are hard at work fundraising for playground equipment for the replacement school. The construction has begun on the replacement school and funds are still needed to go towards the playgrounds for our children. Your help is greatly appreciated and will go a long way. If you have any ideas to help our fundraising efforts please bring them forward to our meeting. We would love to hear everyone's ideas.

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 and the more voices we have the better both the Parent Council and our Fundraising Society will be. Even though we can't meet in person at this time we would still love to have you join us!

FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising efforts kicked off in September with Little Caesars Pizza Kits. What a start it was! Our school had a goal of 175 kits and with everyone's hard work we sold 293 kits! AMAZING!! This raised \$1758 for the school. The class that sold the most kits and received a pizza party was ECSA, selling 54 kits. Congratulations!

We are kicking off November with two different fundraisers. First off, we will be teaming up with **Kiwi Nurseries** to bring you a Christmas fundraiser. There are lots of items to choose from and it is a great way to get a head start on your holiday shopping. As always, thank you for any support you give us with our fundraising efforts. Even just a share on social media helps get the word out.

Kiwi Nurseries Spruce Grove

Runs: October 29 to November 20th

This Christmas fundraiser features a unique selection of Christmas ornaments and accessories, seasonal plants, DIY Christmas trees, Grinch trees and a variety of other houseplants for purchase with 10%-30% (varies per item) of the sales returned to the Friends of SPC Society. New this year they are adding an item called Plants for Seniors Program, where you can purchase a donated plant that is then delivered to residents at senior medical facilities and retirement centers to assist in spreading the Christmas cheer!

ORDER ONLINE:

Head to <u>https://fundraisin vbbbbbg.kiwinurseries.com</u> and select Friends of Stony Plain Central School. OUpon completion of your order, your contact information will be taken so that Kiwi Nursery can notify you when your purchases are available for pick up. **Pick up is done at Kiwi Nursery, located along highway 16 near Acheson.** Pick up times may vary depending on items selected, but all orders will be ready by the end of November.



We are running Purdy's Chocolates again this year. Please note that this year we will be doing online orders only.

ORDER ONLINE:

Sign in or create a new supporter account by visiting <u>https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx</u> If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number below on the registration page. If you're signing into an existing account, enter the number below into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in. Click on JOIN CAMPAIGN. **CUSTOMER NUMBER 37505.** When shopping, be sure to enter the student name and class in additional details. We will also need your phone number and email to connect with you about pick up.

Pick up will take place at the School on Wednesday, December 15th from 2:30-2:55 pm and 3:15-5:00 pm.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch is up and running. The response to our hot lunch has been amazing and we are so happy that we are able to offer it. Thank you all for your support! Ordering will be open from November 10-22 for December's hot lunch. Please familiarize yourself with the rules before ordering. 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. If you haven't signed up the directions are below.

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

 \checkmark Go to spc.hotlunches.net

✓ Click on "Click Here to Register"

 \checkmark Enter Access Code HLSP if asked

 \checkmark 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)

 \checkmark Click the "Register Now" button at the bottom

 \checkmark Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends SPC. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"

 \checkmark 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: spc.scchair@partner.psd.ca

November Strong Families Sessions for Families

Check out these great Strong Families upcoming sessions!!



Emotional Regulation - Tips Tricks and Discussion November 16th - Josee Huston PSD Divisional Psychologist (via zoom 6:30-8)

In this constant state of change and unknown it is normal to be feeling overwhelmed. We are all carrying a lot of stress and heavy emotions. During such times, parenting and supporting our children through these emotions can be extra challenging as everyone's stress levels are heightened. When able to regulate our emotions children and adults alike are able to feel empowered and problem solve much more effectively, let's meet and discuss ways on which

to achieve this in a supportive and non judgemental way. Date: **November 16, 2021 Time: 6:30-8:00 - Online** Please register soon at: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/185150097927</u> (image from "We Are Teachers")

Bedtime Yoga for the whole family. Facilitator: Kristi Sikorski Facilitator: Kristi Sikorski Join us for an hour of calming, mindful movement to unwind from the day and regulate our bodies for a peaceful sleep. Tuesday, **Nov 23, 2021 6:30pm – 7:30 pm**

Ages: Kindergarten to Grade 2 Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021 7pm – 8 pm Ages: Grade 3 + https://www.parenting.com/child/bedtime-yoga-kids/

Please register soon at: <u>https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bedtime-yoga-for-the-whole-family-children-kindergarten-to-grade-2-re gistration-183012303727 https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bedtime-yoga-for-the-whole-family-children-grade-3-registration-183016 305697</u>

ADHD and OT (Occupational Therapy) Presenter: Nicole Kluthe, Woven Blessings Date: November 17 6:30-8pm via zoom

• Hypersensitivities • Fine Motor Skills for things such as handwriting. • Motor Coordination. • Time Management. • Disorganization and how to strengthen these through Executive Function.

Please register soon at: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/183009746077

Vicky Mamczasz Family Supports Facilitator Email: vicky.mamczasz@psd.ca

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 1
WCJHAA Junior Volleyball Finals	Picture Retake Day 9:00 am	Virtual Take Our Kids To Work (Gr 9)		Remembrance Day Assembly
WCJHAA Senior Volleyball Championship		WCJHAA Senior Volleyball Finals		
Friends of SPC Mtg 3:45				
8	9	10	11	12
Fall Break	Fall Break	Fall Break	Fall Break	Fall Break
			Remembrance Day	
15	16	17	18	19
	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
PD Day	Parent Council Mtg 3:45 pm			Early Years/Kinder PD Day
No School for EE & K-9	Gr 3 Farm Safety Pres. 1-2pm			No School for EE/ECS/EYSP/MYSP
				Gr 3S - Stony Public Library Visit 9-10am
22	23	24	25	26
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
29	30			
Day 1	Day 2			