

Spring Valley's Bulldog Bulletin

Friday, November 17, 2023

Message from Mr. Cooper:

Happy Fall season Valley Families,

What a difference a year can make. As I reviewed my BB from last November, there were still lingering concerns that COVID might shut schools down again. I'm so glad that those days are behind us and all events are in full swing.

I want to thank our teachers who put in so much additional time and effort to make your child's school experience so much more than just learning their ABCs and 123s. So, far Mr. Pemberton has organized another incredible Terry Fox Fundraising campaign, Mr. Fanjoy has taken cross-country runners to several events, Ms. Wheatcroft, Ms. Gram, Ms. Balog and Ms. Ostrander coached soccer, Ms. Brauer, Ms. Gram, and Ms. Wheatcrof coached Rugby, Ms. Flindall is engaging interested students in the Caribou Math Contests, Ms. Worona and Ms. Budgell are running the Spirit Club, the list goes on.

We were also pleased to have welcomed LCol. Mozzarella, who recount for us highlights from his 37 years of service in the Canadian Air Force, organized by Ms. Budgell, and a very memorable Remembrance Day service, organized by Ms. Budgell and Ms. Coxhead, and MC'd by Samantha Sparks and Ava Hagerman.

The school year has only just begun and there is so much more to come.

What you need to know:

- **Brighton Parade**: Be sure to line the streets of downtown Brighton and cheer loudly when you see the SVPS Student Council members marching past, this evening.
- **Progress Reports**: Paper copies are being sent home with each child, today. E-copies should be available through Edsby by 4:00 pm, Monday.
- **Interviews:** Teachers have or soon will reach out to make arrangements for interviews, in person, by phone or virtually, next week.
- Picture Retakes: Scheduled for November 28th
- **Cookies and Crafts** is scheduled for the evening of December 6th. More details to follow. Also, Empire Cheese orders will be ready for pick-up.
- Empire Cheese can be ordered online, through <u>School Cash Online</u>, or using the order forms that were sent home last week. <u>Cheese Gift Box info.</u>, <u>Empire Cheese Order</u> <u>form</u>. Get your orders in soon!
- Spring Valley Spirit Wear pick-up information will follow soon.
- Winter wear: Now that the weather has started to cool, we ask that you check to make sure your child is coming to school, dressed appropriately, including hats and mitts/gloves. We have a very limited supply of extra mitts/gloves in the office which has been depleting over the last few days. Thanks.

- **Brighton Christmas Hamper Program**: If you are interested but missed the in-person registration dates, you can reach out to Christine Bowman from "Brighton Community Care" at 613-475-4190
- <u>STSCO Winter Newsletter</u> Important information regarding their winter weather notification process and much more.
- From the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit.
 - Common Early Childhood Diseases reference chart.
 - Hand Foot and Mouth Disease Facts Sheet. We have had some cases in the school and thought this might be helpful for you.
 - Provincial Self-assessment tool "Anyone who is sick or has any symptoms of illness, including those not listed in this self-assessment tool, should stay home and seek assessment from a health care provider if needed.

Important dates for the calendar:

Nov. 17 Progress Reports are available to parents

- Brighton Parade night
- Nov. 21 After-hours interviews with parents
- Nov. 28 Picture Retakes
- Dec. 6. Cookies and Craft night
- Dec. 25 First Day of Christmas Break
- Jan. 8 First Day back of the New Year

Resources you can access:

- 1. KPR News Updates for Families
- 2. <u>Daily COVID School Self-Screening tool</u>
- 3. Volunteering: Volunteer Vulnerable Sectors Letter, KPR's vaccination attestation form.
- 4. KPR School Cash Online information
- 5. <u>STSCO</u>



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