



SPRING VALLEY NEWSLETTER  
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## December 2018

### Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been a busy few months at Spring Valley. We had an assembly on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> to commemorate Remembrance Day. The assembly was organized by **Mrs. Budgell**. Thank you to all of the students, classes, teachers who contributed. Led by **Kimberly H.**, a number of students supported our Paint the Plow initiative. Keep your eyes open for our plow around town! We had a performance from the ENSS Razz Ma Jazz. This is a singing group from the high school. They were excellent! Our volleyball teams are participating in their tournaments in December. Thank you to **Mrs. Ostrander and Mr. Fanjoy** for their work with these students.

On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Sherri Mattson**, Indigenous consultant, visited our school. Thank you to Ms. Mattson for sharing her knowledge with the staff.

We are looking forward to the Cookies and Craft evening on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, we hope to see many families. Our librarian, **Mrs. Coxhead**, has arranged to have the Book Fair on the same time, so come on by and check out the selection.

As always, if you have a question or concern please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher or myself at the school.

M. Adams, Principal

### Cookies and Crafts Night - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6p.m. to 7:30p.m.



We are having a *Cookies and Crafts Night* for all students and families on Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. Join staff and students for this fun evening. The **BOOK FAIR** will be open, and you can pick up your **Cheese Orders!** Hope to see you there.

### Holiday Toy & Food Drive and Giving Tree

As we head into the holidays it is a good time to think of others who might not have as much as we do. **We are collecting non-perishable food items**, such as canned fruit, cereal, etc. All items collected will be donated to the Brighton Food Bank. In addition, we will have a **Giving Tree**, with multi-faith decorations, in the foyer. If you are shopping and are able to pick up a hat or a pair of mittens to go on the tree we will be giving these to our students this winter as they are needed. Finally, instead of gifts for staff please consider donating to the Giving Tree or donating a book to the library. Thank you for your support in these areas.



### SPIRIT WEEK DEC. 11 to 15

The Spring Valley Student Council has decided to do a Spirit Week, Dec. 17 to 21. Details to follow.



## SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Executive for the 2018 - 2019 School Council is as follows:

Chair - Dana Kinnear

Vice-Chair - Diana Scott

Treasure - Jaime Runions

Secretary - Emily Richens

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Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 in the school library.

There is NO December meeting.

Fresh from the Farm orders arrived in November. We had lots of positive comments on this program and hope people are enjoying their vegetables and fruits.

EMPIRE CHEESE FUNDRAISER ORDERS can be picked up on Wednesday, December 12th from 2 - 7 p.m. Please let us know if you cannot pick your orders at this time and we will make alternate arrangements with you. You can leave a message at the school office or email us at [springvalleypc@gmail.com](mailto:springvalleypc@gmail.com). Thanks so much for your support, and enjoy your cheese!

Do you ever forget to check the school's monthly newsletter online? Just send a quick email to the school council at [springvalleypc@gmail.com](mailto:springvalleypc@gmail.com) and every month we will send you an email reminder with a link to the newsletter!!

You can also **LIKE US** on **FACEBOOK**

([www.facebook.com/SpringValleyPublicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/SpringValleyPublicSchool))

And last, but not least, Spring Valley School Council wishes you and your family a wonderful and peaceful holiday season!

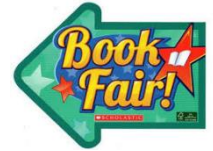
## NUT SAFE SCHOOL

A reminder that we are a nut safe school. Please do not send your child with items that may contain nuts of any kind. Thank you.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Once again we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in our Library. It will start on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and run until Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Every classroom will have an opportunity to visit the fair during school hours. It will also be open for our "Cookie and Craft Night" on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 7:30 pm. All of the proceeds from the book fair will go towards purchasing new books for our library. I hope you will come and support the library, and purchase a few Christmas gifts as well. A flyer will be sent home with your child soon. Keep Reading.



## SUPERVISION

Please note that we have teachers on the yard to supervise at 9:05. Please do not drop off your children earlier until there is someone there to supervise them. After school there is no yard supervision, unless a parent/guardian or babysitter stays to watch their children. Thank you for your co-operation.

## SAFE ARRIVAL: ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVAL

With the cold/flu season in full swing, we have many daily absences. Parents are reminded to call the **Student Absence Reporting System at 1-844-434-8119**. Students can be reported absent, late, early pick-up or vacation using this system 24hrs a day, 7 days a week. When reporting your child absent please make sure that you are calling the system before 9:30am on the day they will be absent. **Early Pick-up:** Parents wishing to pick up their child up during the school day should come to the office to sign their child out. We ask that parents wait at the office until their child comes down.



### ALTERNATIVE BUSING ARRANGEMENTS

Transportation is provided home to school to home. Parents need to arrange alternate transportation for children in the event of after school visits to friends, as per STSCO policy.

### SCHOOL BUS DELAYS/CANCELLATIONS

With the onset of winter, we can possibly expect some inclement weather days. Bus numbers for Spring Valley are: Century 231B, 234B, 235B, and 248B and Freeman 281B.

Please note that the morning buses are cancelled at the discretion of the bus company owners. The decision is made based on early morning road conditions and information from the weather bureau and local road departments. Bus cancellations will be posted on the [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) website. Also, area radio stations will broadcast information regarding cancellations MyFM 100.9, CJBQ 800 AM, COOL 100.1 FM, MIX 97 - 97.1 FM, ROCK 107 - 107.1 FM, Classic Hits - 95. The STSCO Telephone information line (1-866-433-4441) can also be used to check if there are any large scale bus cancellations (i.e. county or regional) on that day. Due to the volume of calls that the school office receives on any given morning, you will receive faster and more up to date information by following the steps outlined above.

### SAND PARENTS

We are thrilled that the Sand Parents are back with us at Spring Valley this year. This group comes into the school to read with our primary students. Organized by Mrs. Artkin, a former Kindergarten teacher from our board, the Sand Parents are parents and seniors, who volunteer their time to contribute to our school. The program is always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to join the program please call Pat at 613-242-4054 or email [sandparents.pat@gmail.com](mailto:sandparents.pat@gmail.com).

### LOST AND FOUND

We have many items of lost and found. Please help us return items of clothing to your children **by labeling them** with their name or initials. Periodically these items will be donated to a charitable organization.

### PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

We appreciate the assistance parents are providing by regularly checking their child's hair. Depending on the availability of parent volunteers, head checks will be done as needed. If needed, parents are contacted immediately so that their child can be picked up and treatment can begin as soon as possible. Students returning are checked again before being re-admitted to class. Thank you for your support.

### PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-20

KPR is seeking comments from students, parents, guardians, staff and community members regarding the proposed school year calendar for 2019-20. Please review the proposed calendar and comment using the online survey available on the home page of [www.kprschools.ca](http://www.kprschools.ca) by Monday, December 10, 2018. The dates being proposed for Winter Break next year are Monday, December 23, 2019, to Friday, January 3, 2020. Last day of classes before the break would be Friday, December 20, 2019, with students returning to class Monday, January 6, 2020. First and last days of school, March Break and PA Days can all be viewed on the proposed calendar.

Happy Holidays!



December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 VB Tournaments	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Cookies and Craft Event, Book Fair, & Cheese Order Pickup 6:00 to 7:30.	13 Book Fair	14 Book Fair	15
	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Spirit Week Book Fair				Last Day of School	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Happy Holidays See You On Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

