



SPRING VALLEY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents and Guardians

It is wonderful to see students back in school. The first week has gone very smoothly. We had an assembly on the first day to welcome everyone back and make introductions of new staff members. Welcome to **Mrs. Worona** in grade 5/6, **Ms. Draper** is temporarily in grade 2, for Mrs. Raymer, **Ms. Armstrong**, **Ms. Pattison** are our new ECE's and **Mr. Kelly** and **Ms. Klootra** are our new EA's. We are looking forward to another great year.

Thanks to **Mr. MacLeod** and **Mrs. Lucas**, our Custodians, for the amazing job they did over the summer cleaning our school. Our appreciation also goes to **Mrs. Peters**, our secretary, for helping us stay organized.

A number of forms came home today, including Student Verification, Information Release forms, and the Parent-Student Handbook (this may be in your child's agenda). Please take time to go over this information and send back sheets as required.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to call to speak to your child's teacher or myself.

M. Adams, Principal

OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

Please join us to meet your child's teacher and to have a bite to eat on **Thurs., Sept. 12th**.

Teachers will be in their classes from 6:00 to 7:00, food will be served, beginning at 5:30.

The **School Council** will have hot dogs, hamburgers, and corn available for all.

Donations are appreciated that will go towards the cost of the food. Pop and juice will be sold by the intermediates as a fundraiser. We are very pleased to have some Spring Valley hoodies and t-shirts for sale at the Open House.

Hoodies are \$30 and t-shirts are \$15. We hope to see you there.

NUT ALLERGIES:

We have several children in the school with allergies to nuts and nut products. Please refrain from sending these products to school so we can ensure a safe environment for all our students.

We are also a **SCENT-FREE** school. Many children and some of our staff are extremely sensitive to perfumes, colognes, and other scented products.



TERRY FOX

The Terry Fox run is scheduled for Thursday September 26, at the end of the day. Fundraising information will be sent out soon. Please join us in celebrating the life of a great Canadian and supporting the cause he ran for. Parent and Guardians are welcome to attend.

FREE KPR Parent Conference October 19

Calling all parents and caregivers: join us the morning of Sat., Oct. 19 at Port Hope High School for KPR's free, annual Parent Conference! **Dr. Michael Ungar**, world renowned expert on building resiliency in children and youth, will talk about **The Risk-Taker's Advantage: How to Make Kids More Resilient by Not Bubblewrapping Them**. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear his engaging advice, also enjoying free child minding, light refreshments and information booths staffed by local organizations serving families. Stay tuned for more info. and registration details later in Sept. at www.kprschoools.ca

HOMEWORK

Parents and Guardians enjoy learning about the work that their children are doing at school. In addition, they often like to help out with this work. One of the most important aspects of students working at home is that it is material that they have covered at school and that they understand. We never want a student to be frustrated or uncertain about the material they are reviewing at home. If a parent or guardian would like to work with their child we would suggest the following. Take some time each day to ask your child about what they learned in school. Reading is always something that can be done at home. Depending on the age and stage of your child you can read to them and they can read to you or both. In addition, fun games, such as cards, Monopoly, Scrabble that have literacy and numeracy skills built into them are encouraged. Parents should contact the teacher if they would like more information or suggestions for their child.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS:

WELCOME BACK!

Parents, guardians and community members...please plan to join us on **Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library for the first School Council meeting of the 2019/20 year. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary! There is always free childcare at every meeting. These meetings are an opportunity to be involved in what's happening at your child's school. Some topics that will be discussed at the September's meeting will be our fall fundraiser, meeting dates for the rest of the year and elections. This is your chance to get involved and make a difference in YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.

If you are interested in becoming part of the School Council Executive please complete and return the attached application section.

It is important to know that YOU DO NOT have to commit to being a voting member at these meetings! If you just wish to participate by attending, giving input or getting a better sense of what we do...FANTASTIC! We can't wait to welcome you and are excited to have both new and existing members join us this year! Whether you have a child that is new to the school, your child is in Grade 8 or even are someone in our community who would like to help out with various school and classroom needs or events...PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO A MEETING. The more people involved makes for a great council that will better enhance your child's school community.

If you cannot attend this first meeting, but are still interested in participating this year on council, call the school and leave a message for Dana Kinnear (2018/19 Chair).

VITO'S PIZZA IS BACK!

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 11, at first nutrition break, slices of cheese or pepperoni pizza will be sold. \$3 for full slice or \$1.50 for a half slice. There is no pre-ordering, students bring their money the day of, if they would like pizza. Please know that if buses are cancelled there is no pizza.

VISITORS TO OUR SCHOOL

Spring Valley has over 200 students from JK-grade 8! Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. With that in mind, we are asking **all parents and visitors**, when arriving at Spring Valley, to visit the office to **sign in and get your visitor/volunteer lanyard**. This will assist us in maintaining security for our students, as well as, assisting visitors with their requests. If you need to drop off any item for your child please LABEL the item clearly with your child's name and we will ensure that your child gets it at the next break. If you need to pick up your child Mrs. Peters will call them to the office for you.

POLICE RECORD CHECKS

****Do you need to update your police check**

In order to accompany your children on school trips or to volunteer in the school, parents/grandparents need to have a current police record check on file with the school. A record check is valid for **12 months**. Parents can pick up a letter at the school and will then take it to the police station. **You will need to BRING TWO PIECES OF ID**, driver's licence, passport or birth certificate, hunting licence, outdoors card are appropriate. Please note social insurance and health cards are not accepted. When you receive the completed check in the mail, please bring it to the school so that the board-wide database can be updated. If you have children attending multiple schools only one check is required.

SPRING VALLEY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

As this is the first newsletter of the year a hard copy is being sent home with to each family. Future newsletters will be posted on-line at <http://springvalley.kprdsb.ca> each month. If you still wish a paper copy, please return the survey form that is attached. Thank you.

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

We cannot stress enough how important it is that this information be current for each student. Information regarding any medical issues or allergies must be updated each year. If your child has any medical issues or a severe allergy, please let us know so that proper documentation is on file in the office. Please ensure the information is accurate, that the back is filled out, and that the sheet is returned asap. Should changes in your contact information occur during the school year, please be sure to let the school office know. Any medication that comes into the school must be in the original packaging and be brought to the office by an adult with the appropriate documentation. **Students cannot bring ANY medication to school in their backpacks unless it is an Epi Pen or Inhaler.**

INSURE MY KIDS STUDENT INSURANCE

A Board approved insurance company, offers a package which may offer coverage that your own plan does not. This coverage is optional, but parents are urged to consider this insurance. All arrangements are made between you and the company. Each child will receive a package for your consideration. The toll free number should you need assistance, is 1-800-463-5437.

PICTURE DAY

Edge Imaging will be photographing students for individual and class pictures this year on **Tuesday 1st of October**. A proof plan is used so no fee is required on Photo day.

BUS ROUTES: NOTICE OF VIDEO CAMERA

USE:

In accordance with School Board Policy, from time to time during the year, it may be necessary for a video camera to be installed on a bus to deal with concerns regarding route operation or student behaviour. The information recorded is reviewed by the Principal and supports their investigation of the concerns. The information is treated confidentially and the Principal oversees use of the same. Students and families are hereby given notice of the fact that such recording equipment may be installed on the bus serving their route and used for the stated purposes during the school year.

Grade 7 Immunization Programs

The Health Unit offers free Hepatitis B (HB) dose #1, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) dose #1, and Menactra for all Grade 7 students through school clinics. Consent forms will be sent home to parents. If you wish your child to receive these vaccines please return the signed consent forms to the school. Any grade 8's who missed any of the above can contact the Health Unit for further information, 1-866-888-4577. The

Health Unit will be at the school on October 4th. Please make sure all consent forms are sent back to the office by September 30th

Violence Threat Risk Assessment

The KPR Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all. When students behave inappropriately, principals use progressive discipline to change behaviour. When student behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm, KPR's Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) protocol helps principals take immediate steps to protect student well-being. While such incidents are rare, the VTRA outlines how we work with local police, mental health providers and community agencies to keep students safe. [Read more about the protocol](#), including notification requirements, in the Safe, Caring and Restorative Schools section of kprschools.ca. As always, student safety is our first priority. Should you have any questions, please speak with your principal.

Dates for your Calendar

<u>Tuesday Sept. 10th</u>	<u>Parent Council meeting 6:30 in the library</u>
<u>Wednesday, Sept. 11th</u>	<u>VITOS Pizza Lunch - Cheese or pepperoni</u> <u>Full slice \$3, half slice \$1:50</u>
<u>Thursday, Sept. 12th</u>	<u>Open House Spring Valley at 5:30</u>
<u>Thursday, Sept. 26th</u>	<u>Terry Fox Run at Spring Valley end of the day</u>
<u>Friday, Sept. 27th</u>	<u>PA Day, no school for students</u>
<u>Monday, Sept. 30th</u>	<u>Orange Shirt Day</u>
<u>Tuesday, , Oct.1st</u>	<u>Picture Day</u>

Newsletter Survey - please return to the school

The school newsletter is produced at the beginning of each month and it's a great way to stay informed. The newsletter is available on the school website or a paper copy can be sent home. Please let us know your family's preference by completing the following and returning it to the school

I will view the newsletter online at <http://springvalley.kprdsb.ca>

I would like an e-mail reminder when a newsletter is posted, please provide my e-mail address (below) to the school council so they can notify me

_____ @ _____

I require a paper copy of the newsletter, please send one home with my child

Child(ren)'s name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Council Executive Elections

I am interested in being part of the Parent Council Elections to join the Parent Council Executive. Please add my name to the applicants for the position of:

Chair _____

Vice Chair _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

Name (s) of Children _____