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## SPRING VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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**December 2019**

### 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 & Mrs. Dodgson**. Thank you to all of the students, classes, teachers who contributed. We had a performance from the ENSS Razz Ma Jazz. This is a musical group from the high school. They were excellent! Our volleyball teams are participating in their tournaments in December. Thank you to **Mrs. Ostrander and Mrs. Pattison** for their work with these students.

We are looking forward to the Cookies and Craft evening on Dec. 11<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. 11<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. 11<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.

### **Watch for the January Newsletter that will come home on December 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **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.



#### **Safety Reminder**

Safety is the most important thing we deal with as parents/guardians and as educators. Please remember that at the beginning and the end of the day are busy times at school. If you are dropping off your child, there is no supervision before 9:05 and you need to stay with your children until that time. At the end of the day we need to have parents and guardians come to pick up their children. If you would like to pick your child up before the buses please come into the school to sign them out and they will be called to the office. Thank you for your efforts on this very important safety area.

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## 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.

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION PICUTRES

Grade 8 graduation picture will be taken on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and retakes will be done on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

## SPIRIT DAYS DEC. 13 & 20th

The Spring Valley Student Council has decided to do Spirit Days on Dec., 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Details are on the attached calendar.



## SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be hold on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm in the school library, there is NO December meeting.

EMPIRE CHEESE FUNDRAISER ORDERS can be picked up on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm and also 6-7pm during the Cookie and Craft night. 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 [springvalleyipc@gmail.com](mailto:springvalleyipc@gmail.com). Thanks so much for your support, and enjoy your cheese!

Did you know that we are on Facebook? LIKE US on [www.facebook.com/SpringValleyPublicSchool](https://www.facebook.com/SpringValleyPublicSchool) and you will get reminders for school events, special days and even snow days!

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

Once again we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair in our Library. It will start on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and run until Friday, December 16<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 11<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.



## 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 local 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. Thank you for your support.

Happy Holidays!



December 2019

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY          | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY     | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|------------------|---|--------------|---|----------|
| 1      | 2      | 3 VB Tournaments | 4   | 5            | 6 Crazy Sock Day                                    | 7        |
| 8      | 9      | 10               | 11<br>Cookies and<br>Craft Event,<br>Book Fair, &<br>Cheese Order<br>Pickup 3pm-5pm<br>& 6pm-7pm. | 12 Book Fair | 13 Book Fair<br>Red and<br>Green/Christmas<br>Crazy | 14       |
| 15     | 16     | 17               | 18  | 19           | 20<br>Last Day of School<br>PJ/Bedhead Day          | 21       |
|        | 23     | 24               | 25  | 26           | 27  | 28       |
|        | 30     | 31               | Jan 1   | 2            | 3   | 4        |



Happy Holidays See You On Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020