



# SPRING VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Parents and Guardians

December goes by quickly and is so much fun. It was wonderful to see families at the Cookies and Craft Evening. Thank you to staff for their work on this event. We would like to thank **Mrs. Coxhead & Mrs. Butwell** our primary organizers of the Book Fair, along with **parent volunteers** and **student helpers** for assisting. We also want to thank **Mrs. Morford** and the **Student Council** for their work on our Spirit Days this month.

We were happy to have a December assembly which included **Mrs. Worona's gr. 5/6 class**, presenting a fun play, the **gr. 1's** students singing, coached by **Mrs. Budgell**, some students showing off their musical talent, and a slide show by **Paige R. and Mrs. Morford**.

**School Parent Council** organized our Cheese Fundraiser. Thanks to the Council and the families who supported this amazing Fundraiser.

Congratulations to our **VB teams**. They represented themselves well. Thank you to **Mrs. Pattison** and **Mrs. Ostrander** for coaching.

I would like to say thank you to the **many families** who donated to our Food Drive and who donated in other ways. It is particularly appreciated at this time of year.

Ms. Adams, Principal



## Bus Cancellations

Bus managers are the ones who determine bus cancellations. If a bus is cancelled in the morning it will not run in the afternoon. Please listen to your local radio stations or go to [www.stsco.ca](http://www.stsco.ca) to find information. **If the buses are cancelled there is no Vito's Pizza.**

THE STAFF AT  
SPRING VALLEY  
WISH EVERYONE A  
SAFE HOLIDAY  
AND A HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!

School is back in on  
Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020



## Legion Remembrance Day Poetry, Essay and Poster Competition

Thank you to all the students who participated. Congratulations to the Spring Valley students who placed as follows:

*Prim. Black & White Posters:* **Damon D. 1<sup>st</sup>, Cuan L. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mikaela W. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Prim. Colour Posters:* **Oliver F. 1<sup>st</sup>, Jackson R. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mackinley H. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Jun. Black & White Posters:* **Braydon T. 3<sup>rd</sup>,**

*Jun. Colour Posters:* **Ryan S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Paeton A. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Int. Black and White Posters:* **Kimberly H. 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Jun. and Int. Poetry:* **Lily B. 1<sup>st</sup>, Hunter S. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Two of our students got awards at the Zone level: Damon D 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oliver F. 3<sup>rd</sup> place.**

## School Council

Happy and Healthy New Year's Wishes from the entire Parent Council Committee!

We are looking forward to a wonderful and busy 2020 at Spring Valley and we hope we will see some new faces at our upcoming meetings and events! Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the library.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us. There is always free childcare services during meetings.

Some of the events that we will be discussing at the January meeting include planning for the Spring Valley Valentine's Dance and the Spring CAKE DECORATING CONTEST! These are activities that are full of spirit at the Valley. If you are interested in helping plan and/or execute either of these events, please leave your name and contact number at the school office [613-475-2578](tel:613-475-2578).

THANK YOU so much for all of the EMPIRE CHEESE orders! It was another very successful fundraiser for our school. We would like to thank Empire Cheese for working with us once again on our fall fundraiser. Stay tuned for the final amount raised!

### Dress Warmly!

Colder weather means students must dress warmly. Coats, hats, mitts, boots, and scarves are recommended apparel for the cold.

Students are expected to be outside for two twenty minute recesses each day, weather permitting. The fresh air can be "invigorating", but you need to be dressed for it.

**NOTE:** hats, mitts, gloves and scarves are easily mislaid. **PLEASE** help us return items of clothing to your children **by labeling them** with their name or initials.

### GRADE 8 GRADUATION PICUTRES



Just a reminder that 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.

### Safety First

Please remember to drive carefully when entering and exiting our parking lot. It is always wise to be cautious here at school. Please do not park in our bus lanes. Thank you for your co-operation in this very important safety concern.

### Contact Information

Please inform the school if you have had any changes to your personal contact information (e.g. change of address, change of phone numbers for home, work, or cell) or change in Emergency Contacts when you are not available. It is important that this information is current so we can contact you (or an alternate) quickly in the case of an emergency, especially if your child becomes ill and needs to go home.

### Safe Arrival: Absences & Late Arrival

With the cold and 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.



Thank you to the phenomenal parent/student support of our Book Fair. Through our sales we generate money to buy new books for the Library. Watch for the new books on the shelves in the New Year. Congratulations to Mackinley H. who won the Family Night Book Fair Draw. Thank you to Mrs. Coxhead, our Librarian, and Mrs. Butwell, parent volunteer, who helped run this event. We couldn't have done it without you.

### **Electronic Equipment**

Electronic equipment is very popular with students these days, and, therefore, reminders about appropriate usage are necessary. Due to the high cost of this equipment, we encourage students to keep it safely at home. If a student needs to make a phone call it can be made through the office. Cell phones are NOT to be used in school without staff permission. Students are not allowed to take photos unless they have permission from their teacher and only with school equipment. If a student uses any device inappropriately the device will be handed in, to be picked up at the end of the day. A parent may need to be contacted to pick it up from the office if this behaviour continues, or if further action is required.

### **Winter Safety**

Being safe is important at any time of the year, and winter brings its own special conditions. While building snow walls and snow people is a wonderful use of the snow, throwing snow balls is not allowed at school. This is an activity that requires the type of close supervision that a family can provide. We have let the students know at various times through announcements and teachers/principal reminders about the safety concerns of snow ball throwing.



First incident: Warning and immediate loss of recess.

Second incident: Student receives a recess detention and a letter home to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned.

Third incident: automatic full day in the office.

Subsequent incidents: suspension.

If injury occurs as a result of a snowball the situation will be dealt with accordingly.

Thank you for reviewing this with your child.

### **Pediculosis (Head Lice)**

We appreciate the assistance that parents are providing by checking their children's hair on a regular basis. Depending on the availability of parent volunteers, head checks at the school will be done as needed. When necessary, parents are contacted so that their child can be picked up and treatment can begin as soon as possible. Thank you for your support to control the spread of pediculosis.

### **Extended French Program At Brighton Public School**

Students going in to Grade 5 in 2020-2021 will be receiving a letter explaining what the program involves. An information night will be held at Brighton Public School on a date yet to be determined.

### **JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

If your child will be four years of age by December 2020, now is the time to register for Kindergarten starting in September 2020! Visit our website [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca), and click on School Registration to find your local school with our online maps and to learn more about how to register (e.g. proof of age, proof of address and immunization record). You can also register on-line on the KPR website.

# JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Classes Start</b>	7	8 <b>Vito's Pizza</b>	9	10	11
12	13 <b>Grade 8 Graduation Pictures</b>	14	15 <b>Vito's Pizza</b>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 <b>Vito's Pizza</b>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <b>Vito's Pizza</b>	30	31 <b>PA Day</b>	