



Spring Valley's Bulldog Bulletin

September 28th, 2020

Message from Mr. Cooper:

Welcome back for our 2nd full week of face to face learning here at Spring Valley. We had a great day, as a school, learning about and participating in our annual Terry Fox walk/run, on Friday. We have some great pictures that we hope to be able to share once we have all the verification/permissions completed and returned.

If you happen to know someone in our school community who has not been getting these or other electronic notifications, please have them contact the office or go to our school web page, [Spring Valley P. S.](#) to sign up for School Messenger. If that does not work for them, please encourage them to notify us, thank you.

Thanks for your cooperation and patience in helping to make things run so smoothly with the drop-off and pick-up routines. Please be advised that, in order to honour valuable instruction time (minutes) at the end of the day, we will start loading the busses about 5 minutes later than we have been. This should not affect departure times, which have been very close to 4:45 pm, as last week came to a close.

What you need to know:

- Parent Council is holding its first meeting, on the evening of Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 pm via Zoom or WebEx (TBD). Click the following links to see the [Agenda](#), express an [interest in a role/office](#), and or [participate in the meeting](#) (links to be sent out at 6:00 pm on Tuesday)
- Lanyards. There has been a change in Board policy regarding lanyards and facemasks at school. Your child may wear a “tearaway” lanyard, at school, to help keep their mask clean and off the ground when not in use. It must come apart with a gentle “yank” and refasten, easily.
- While some COVID-19 protocols have changed, at school, all health-related [KPR Illness Protocols](#) and procedures have been developed in conjunction with the [HKPR Health Unit](#). Please note that, if your child develops/shows symptoms, at school, we are obligated to contact you and send them home. You will be asked to consult with a healthcare professional (your family Dr. or the Health Unity). Once at home, your child must stay at home for a minimum of 24 hours to allow symptoms to subside.
- Feel free to use the Province’s anonymous [School Screening tool](#) as often as needed to help you determine if your child is able to attend school.
- Learning this week:
 - Rowan’s Law week: Focus on preventing concussions.
 - Orange Shirt Day (Wed.): Focus on the devastating impact of Canada’s Residential School System on Indigenous people, their communities and their way of life. [“Why our kids need to learn about residential schools.”](#) (Today’s Parent)
 - Math: Continued focus on “Patterning” - ask your child what they are doing in Math. For more info: [“New Mathematics Curriculum 2020”](#) Parent resource.
- If your child has an Individualized Education Plan, consultations should start soon, if they haven’t already.
- Our Fall “Open House” will be quite different this year. More details to be announced, soon.

Important dates for the calendar: (also check our [Spring Valley School Events Calendar](#))

Monday, September 28th - Start of Rowan's Law learning week & I. E. P. consultations.

Tuesday, September 29th - Parent Council "virtual" meeting @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 30th - Orange shirt day

Monday, October 12th - Thanksgiving Monday

Resources you can access:

1. Provincial COVID -19 [Screening Tool](#)
2. KPR's "[Back to School Protocol Package](#)" for families
3. KPR's "[Important Information and Resources: COVID - 19](#)" - Frequently updated with timely information from the Board
4. [STSCO Pandemic Guidelines for Parents](#)



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