



Spring Valley's Bulldog Bulletin

October 9th Edition

Message from Mr. Cooper:

Thanksgiving is here! We have continued to refine and in some instances carefully relax our routines at the school as we continue to explore ways in which we can keep your child safe while staying active, learning and enjoying school. There have been a number of developments since the last Bulletin on the 28th of September and you can read about them, below.

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable Thanksgiving long weekend.

Mr. Cooper

What you need to know:

- Student Registration Verification and the Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement (AUG) forms have been sent out, digitally by the Board. Please complete and "submit" them as soon as possible. If you have not received this information please contact the school office.
- The first School Council meeting was held, via WebEx, on Tuesday, September 29th. Those parents who expressed interest in being voting members of the Council will be contacted soon, if not already, and the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th @ 6:30 pm, again via WebEx. Just click on this [WebEx link](#) to participate.
- As you are most likely aware, the Ministry of Health revised its online screening tool, last Thursday, to better help you make decisions about sending your child to school and whether or not to have your ill child tested for COVID -19. [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#). Please use the screening tool, daily.
- This week has been "Fire Prevention Week" and this year's focus has been on "Safety in the kitchen." Ask your child about the fire safety practices they have been discussing in their classrooms and promoted over the announcements.
- October has been dubbed our "Attitude of Gratitude" month. We know that people who are thankful and express their gratitude in a variety of ways tend to be happier, mentally healthier and more resilient learners. For some ideas to try at home, consider reading: [7 crafty ways to get your kids to express gratitude](#) (Today's Parent)
- Sadly, we will not be able to have an "Open House" event as we have had in previous years. However, we encourage you to get connected to your child's learning and classroom through Edsby. Contact the school if you need support to get connected.
- October 30th will be an Orange and Black Spring Valley Spirit day instead of a Halloween costume day. Your child may bring a few treats for themselves. Unfortunately, the sharing of treats cannot take place, this year.
- November 18th is our "Picture Day" Edge Imaging has developed a number of COVID related protocols and procedures designed to keep your children safe. There will only be individual portraits taken, this year. Read more here: [School Photo Day](#)
- If you are considering moving your child to KPR's virtual school, please contact us before October 23rd.

Important dates for the calendar:

Monday, October 12th - Thanksgiving - no school

Tuesday, October 13th - School Council meeting

Saturday, October 17th - [KPR's Parent Conference](#) - virtual

Friday, October 23rd - Last day to opt to move to VES in October

Friday, October 30th - Orange and Black school spirit day

Wednesday, November 18th - Picture Day

Friday, November 20th - Progress Reports come home.

Resources you can access:

1. KPR's "[Important Information and Resources: COVID - 19](#)" - Frequently updated with timely information from the Board
2. KPR's "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" for parents and the larger community.
3. [STSCO Pandemic Guidelines for Parents](#)

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