



Spring Valley's Bulldog Bulletin

Wednesday March 31, 2021

Message from Mr. Cooper:

Welcome to Spring, Valley families. We have been enjoying the warming and sunny weather, of late, and are all looking forward to the extra-long weekend.

It is with grateful hearts that we say goodbye to Ms. Hutchinson, whose time with us as the school secretary has come to an end. We wish her well in her future endeavours. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome our amazing Ms. Peters back to the school, today.

Please continue to monitor your email for information from the School Board that will explain the implications of any Provincial announcements as they relate to KPR schools in general and Spring Valley school in particular.

Have an enjoyable extra-long weekend.

What you need to know:

- **Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs):** Please be reminded that if you allow your child to bring a PED, such as a *cell phone*, to school it is only to be used in the classroom to support learning under the direction of the classroom teacher. Devices are the student's responsibility and are not to be taken or used outside during recess or used indoors during nutrition breaks without teacher permission and supervision. Communication with home should only take place with teacher permission, through the office. See the [Board Policy Statement](#) for more details.
- **Student Pick-up procedure:** Just a reminder to send in a note to indicate if someone other than a parent or guardian is going to pick up your child. When picking up your child before the end of the day, please call the school phone number when you arrive and we will then call your child(ren) to come to the front entrance.
- **Updated COVID Protocol:** We recognize the strain and inconvenience that COVID symptoms protocols place on families. Since we are not medical professions, please be reminded that if your child reports themselves as ill at school we will call you to have your child and any siblings picked up. Please follow the protocol outlined in the updated letter and screening tool we will provide for you when you pick them up. Provincial Guidelines stipulate that all members of the household are expected to stay home until the conditions of the return to school/work screening are met. (See Screening link below)
- **Triple P Parenting seminars:** Learn how to help your child cope with their anxieties in these challenging times. Register for free! [Fear-Less seminar](#) (Apr. 19 available)
- **"Tick Talk" Season:** It's time for a 'tick talk' – a reminder to be on the lookout for black-legged (or deer) ticks that may spread Lyme disease. Take moment to read the linked article: [Lyme Disease](#) by the HKPR Health Unit.
- **Spirit days:** We had such a great response to our "Break from the Norm" Spirit days that we can't help ourselves from continuing. So, April 1st will be Spring colours day (no fooling) and April 6th will be Bold Blue Day as part of our Autism Awareness focus.
- **School Media Accounts:** Be sure to follow us on Twitter and/or Instagram, links below.

Important dates for the calendar:

Apr. 01 - Spring Colours Spirit day
Apr. 02 - Good Friday
Apr. 05 - Easter Monday
Apr. 06 - Autism Awareness and Bold Blue day
Apr. 12 - 16 - Spring Break (moved from March)
May 11 - School Council meeting @ 6:30 on WebEx
May 24 - Victoria Day long weekend.

Resources you can access:

1. [Daily COVID School Self-Screening tool](#)
2. [Enhanced Mask protocols](#): (click on the link for full details)
3. KPR's "[Important Information and Resources: COVID - 19](#)" - Frequently updated with timely information from the Board
4. KPR's "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" for parents and the larger community.
5. [STSCO Pandemic Guidelines for Parents](#)

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