



Spring Valley's "Welcome Back" Bulldog Bulletin

Thursday, August 29, 2024

Message from Mr. Cooper:

It's hard to believe that the summer break is almost over and school starts again on Tuesday. We are all looking forward to welcoming our returning and new Spring Valley students, and their families, to what promises to be another amazing year of learning and growing, here in the Valley. The staff have been preparing engaging and thought-provoking learning experiences for each of our students and we cannot wait to see their smiling faces when they arrive.

There have been a few staff changes and we are excited to welcome the students and staff who are launching our new Primary Communication Class (PCC). We encourage you to check on Edsby, to review your child's classroom placement and teacher. If you do not have access to Edsby, call the school. You will likely receive some communication from your child's teacher, soon. We also encourage you to ensure you are signed up to "Messenger" and have given permission for notifications so that you have access to schoolwide communications.

Have a wonderful Labour Day weekend.
Mr. Cooper.

What grades are the teachers teaching?

JK/SK	Rm. 118	Ms. Lonergan and Ms. Bates	4/5	Rm. 104	Ms. Budgell
SK/1	Rm. 117	Ms. Coxhead (EIT)	5/6	Rm. 105	Ms. Brauer
1/2	Rm. 120	Ms. Wheatcroft	6/7	Rm. 103	Ms. Worona
2/3	Rm. 119	Ms. Ostrander	7/8	Rm. 102	Mr. Pemberton
3/4	Rm. 122	Ms. Gram	French & Music	Rm. B01	Ms. Balog
PCC	Rm. 121	Ms. Clitherow	SERT	Rm. 106	Mr. Fanjoy
			Planning & Library	Rm. 108	Ms. Flindall

Who else is on staff?

Secretary	Ms. Hall	E. A.	Ms. Koczekan
C. Y. W.	Ms. Delgarno	E. A.	Ms. Degroot
C, Y W.	Ms. Gilbert (PCC)	P. C. A.	Ms. Golias
E. A.	TBD (PCC)	Head Custodian	Mr. MacLeod
E. A.	Ms. Doxater	Evening Custodian	Ms. Zimmer

School schedule:

9:05 bell: Yard supervision and student entry to the schoolyard begins

9:20 bell: The school entry bell

11:00 - 11:40 1st Break

Nutrition and Recess Breaks: All students, grades K to 8, will eat for the first 20 minutes and then be outside for recess for the second 20 minutes for both breaks.

1:20 - 2:00 2nd Break

3:40 dismissal bell

Morning drop-off:

There will only be one entry point to the schoolyard, the South gate. Buses and other vehicles are to line up and wait to unload when staff are on duty. If you are driving your child(ren), please join the vehicle cue and wait until you reach the pylon walk zone to let your child(ren) out. Please assist your child(ren) if they need assistance to get out of car seats, etc., More about STSCO's "Opt-in" bussing is below.

Where will my child go when they first arrive?

Your child will walk in the south gate and then to the back of the school where they can play in the south yard. Support staff will be outside to meet and greet them.

New to Spring Valley, this fall?

If your child(ren) is new to the school, please follow the morning drop-off routine, explained above. There will be staff members just inside the South gate who will ensure they get to their teacher.

Absences:

Please download the School Messenger app or use one of the [School Messenger](#) options provided by KPR.

School or schoolyard access:

School doors are locked during the day so, please use the door buzzer to gain access and start your visit at the office. The *schoolyard is closed* to the public during the school day.

Running late?

Stop at the front entrance and either send your child or accompany a Kindergartener, to the front door, "buzz" the office. We will let them in and record their attendance.

End of the day:

Each class will walk to the bus loading area, out through the south gate, accompanied by their classroom teacher. Parents who are picking up their children in their vehicles are to park on the outer edges of the parking lot in a line behind the buses until the buses have departed. Children will walk to their parent's vehicle. Parents can meet their children at the south yard gate.

Rainy day routine:

The drop-off and/or pick-up point will be the front doors, following the same routine as if at the South gate.

Early pick-up routine:

If you know that you will be signing your child out early, we ask that you provide notice to your child's teacher and the office. When you arrive at the school to collect your child, call the school number (613-475-2578) and we will call your child to the office. Children will not be called down to the office prior to your arrival. To avoid being "trapped" behind the buses, we recommend that you arrive to pick up your child by 3:20 pm

Bussing:

Please ensure that you have used STSCO's new "Opt-in" process on their website <http://www.stsco.ca>

All bus protocols and procedures are developed by STSCO and are done completely separate from the school. For bussing routes/times, click on the link provided above and have your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) handy.

First Riders Program for all riders new to taking the bus to school:

<https://www.stsco.ca/firstrider.asp>

YMCA before and after school care:

You can find out more information by clicking on this link; [YMCA Before and After school care programme](#).

Important dates for the calendar:

Aug. 29 PA Day - [Info about staff learning](#)

Sept. 3 First day of school for students. (Staggered start for JK's)

Sept. 12 Open House and School Council BBQ

Sept. 26 Terry Fox Run at SVPS

Sept. 27 PA Day

Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day

Oct. 14 Thanksgiving

Oct. 25 PA Day

Nov. 22 PA Day

Dec. 23 First Day of the Winter Break

Resources you can access:

1. KPR News [Updates for Families](#)
2. [Daily COVID School Self-Screening tool](#)
3. Volunteering: [Volunteer Vulnerable Sectors Letter](#), [KPR's vaccination attestation form](#).
4. [KPR School Cash Online information](#)
5. [STSCO](#)

**School Contacts:**

Principal email: steven_cooper@kprdsb.ca

Office Administrator email: julie_hall@kprdsb.ca

School Staff: [Spring Valley Staff Directory](#)

School Phone: 613-475-2578

School web page: [Spring Valley P. S.](#)

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