



Spring Valley's Bulldog Bulletin

January 24, 2025

Message from Mr. Cooper:

While it has been quite cold on several days since the Winter Break, it has been so nice to have the snow for the students to play in. We truly have a beautiful location with lots of room for students to spread out and enjoy. Please continue to ensure that your children have all the appropriate clothing they need to enjoy the outdoors.

As January draws to a close I want to thank our Positive School Climate Team, comprised of 3 staff members, a student, a community parent and our HKPR Health Nurse, for meeting with me in December and then again the month, to review our in-school Belonging Survey Data, more below, and helping me to start creating our Bullying Awareness Plan. Also, thanks to the teachers and parent volunteers who braved the very cold weather to help many of our Grades 4 to 8 students, enjoy a day at Brimacombe

Looking ahead, February is Black History Month and we are pleased to be able to have students continue their learning with Saidat's video series. It is a very busy month with Term 1 Reports and Term 2 IEPs coming home, dates below, ski trip # 2, Valentine's, Family Day and a skating trip at the end to help slide us into March.

What you need to know:

- **[February is Black History Month](#)**: I am pleased to let you know that all classrooms will have access to a Saidat video presentation series entitled, this year, "Black History J.O.Y!"
- **[Positive School Climate Team Handbook info](#)**: A week or so ago, SVPS students answered some survey questions about how they felt at school ([K to 3 survey](#), [4 to 8 survey](#)). The results of these surveys will help the PSC Team and staff develop a plan to continue supporting every student to feel welcome, included and safe at Spring Valley.
- **Valentines**: We will have some dances, by division, again this year as well as some other activities. More details will be communicated as they become available.
- **Game Board Drive**: If you have any simple board games that you would be willing to donate to the school, with all the pieces and instructions, we would be happy to distribute and use them to build positive social skills, especially on indoor recess days.
- **Webinar: EQAO Math Night for Parents and Guardians**
 - Join EQAO for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.
 - Available dates are:
 - January 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
 - February 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
 - Please register [here](#)



- **Kindergarten Registration is open!** Visit kprschools.ca/kindergarten for online registration information and to learn more about KPR's safe, inclusive classrooms, where children learn through play!
- **Winter wear:** Gloves and mitts are now in short supply at the school. If you can, please provide an extra pair of mitts/gloves, and socks in your child's backpack.
- **Mabel's Labels** The most effective way to help your child and us keep track of and return "lost" items is to ensure that their name (first and last) is marked inside them. Mabel's Labels provides customized labeling and they have partnered with us over several years to provide some fundraising support to our School Council when you make a purchase and identify Spring Valley as your home school.
- **Donation acknowledgements:** We would like to thank Brighton Clothing and Treasures for their generous donation to our Nutrition program again this school year. We would also like to thank the Brian Todd Foundation for yet another generous donation, this year towards our north field baseball diamond revitalization project. We are so fortunate to have such great organizations supporting the local community.
- **Allergy reminder:** Spring Valley has several students with various food allergies. Please continue to be understanding and mindful that we are a nut-free environment.
- **Morning Drop off:** If you have a child(ren) who needs a little more time and support to get out of your vehicle, please continue to join the morning vehicle lineup and, when it is your turn to unload, feel free to pull up to the pylons just past the entry gate, ahead of where the buses unload, to help your child(ren) disembark.
- **Bus cancellation days:** On days when buses are cancelled, pizza will not be available. Supervision and drop off starts at 9:05 am and students should be picked up by/at 3:40 pm.

Important dates for the calendar:

Jan. 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day acknowledged in classrooms

Jan. 31 PA Day

Feb. 5 Ski Trip # 2

Feb. 14 Valentine's Dances

Feb 17 Family Day Holiday

Feb 20 Term 1 Reports and T1 IEP Addendums go home/live (not the whole IEP)

Feb. 28 T2 IEP Goals go home by this date.

Feb. 28 Skating trip

Mar 7 March Break begins

Apr 11 PA Day

Apr 18 Good Friday Holiday

Apr 21 Easter Monday Holiday

Apr. 29 ENNS Play

Resources you can access:

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



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