

Springwood Elementary School

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Message From Principal

Hi folks. It's that time of year when many of us are getting run down and getting sick. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick, as germs easily spread and can cause others to get sick! Saying this, we also need your child in attendance as much as possible to help them be as successful as they can be. With Halloween activities happening this week, please try your best to keep regular routines and limit the amount of candy that your child is bringing to school. Also, the stormy weather is around the corner. Talk with your children about road safety in regards to riding bikes and walking. It's always tough for drivers to see everything. As always, please communicate with your child's teacher around any concerns or questions. Have a happy and safe Halloween Trick or Treating!

Jesse Witte
Principal

Happy Halloween

As you know, Halloween is on Thursday, October 31st. We are planning some safe, fun activities for students to do at school on that day. Students may wear a costume on Thursday, October 31st. If your child does not want to wear a costume, we encourage students to wear black and/or orange. We do have some costume guidelines that must be followed to ensure everyone has a safe and fun day:



- The costume parade will start at 9:30 am. Parents are welcome to come watch. This should be a great activity for SES students. Please watch from the school front foyer as we will be parading through the halls.
- Masks are NOT to be worn outside on the playground or in the hallways and washrooms.
- Masks can be worn during the parade. Teachers will give direction on the expectations in classrooms.
- No heavy make-up. Leave all costume "weapons" at home (swords, knives, guns, etc.).
- Bring a change of clothes (some students have PE class and may be asked to change if the costume interferes with mobility).
- Please make sure your child avoids costumes portraying extreme violence. After Halloween, we ask you to please limit the amount of candy you let your child take to school. Generally, we ask students to eat something healthy first before consuming a treat.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight saving time 2024 will come to an end on Nov. 3, so consider this your one-month warning. Canadians in most time zones can "fall back" on Saturday, Nov. 2 this year before they head to bed, as the clocks roll back in the wee morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 3, while most people are sleeping.



District PRO-D Day - Nov 1, 2024

Friday November 1, 2024 is District Pro-D Day. Students do not attend.

Remembrance Day Ceremony - November 8th

We will be having our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 8th at 10:45 am. There will be limited space for the community, please only choir parents and guardians.

Traffic Concerns

Traffic Concerns: Whenever possible, please use the nearby dog park parking lot to park your vehicle and walk to the school for drop-off and pick-up. As we work to support safety, we ask that you follow these guidelines for pick-up and drop-off procedures if you are choosing to use the school's front loop. Please ensure that your child is ready to exit the vehicle in an efficient manner at the drop-off loop at the school's main doors in the morning.

Please do not let children out of your vehicle while you wait in line to get to the front doors/drop-off loop.

Do not park in front of the building before the end of the day. We will ask parents to **"take a loop around"** to keep traffic moving steadily.

When possible, arrive at 2:55 if you are using the front loop to pick up your child.

This will ensure your child is ready to go and it will alleviate some congestion immediately at dismissal. Thank you for your cooperation in creating a safe and efficient environment for everyone.

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct 31 - Halloween Parade 9:30 am around the halls

Nov 1st - School Based Professional Day - students do not attend

Nov 11th - Statutory Holiday (Remembrance Day)

Nov 12th - Conferencing Adjustment Day - students do not attend

Nov 29th - District Wide Planning Day - students do not attend

Dec 23-Jan 3- Winter Vacation



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