

# Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #5 November 7, 2024



## Message From Principal

Dear Springwood Community

As we approach Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11th, a holiday dedicated to honoring those who served, we encourage you to take some time to talk with your children about the significance of this day. Understanding the sacrifices made by veterans and those who have served is an important lesson in empathy, respect, and gratitude. These conversations can help children appreciate the freedoms we enjoy today.

Please also note that **Tuesday, November 12th, is a conference adjustment day**, so there will be no school, and students do not attend. Students are back to school Wednesday November 13th

## Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our school will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 8th, at 10:45 a.m. This assembly is school-based, but we are able to accommodate a few parents who would like to attend. If you're interested, please let us know.

In preparation, we kindly ask that you talk with your child about the importance of showing respect during this ceremony. This is a solemn occasion where we honor the sacrifices of those who served, and it is an opportunity for students to reflect on values like peace and gratitude. Thank you for your support.

Jesse Witte  
Principal

Winter Choir

Mrs. Burn is starting a Winter Choir for students in grades 2,3,4,5, 6 and 7, on Wednesday mornings and some Friday lunch times until the Christmas Concert. All students from these classes are welcome to attend. The choir will be held in the band/music room from 8:15 – 8:47. or when you can get here. All students in these grades are welcome to join us. Choir starts on Wed. Nov. 13. Please drop your backpacks and coats outside the band/music room in the hallway. Welcome to choir! Come and have a great singing time.  
Mrs. Burn



ADST

Parents! We need your help! We are looking for donations!!  
The ADST program is in need of resources, namely consumables. This is where you come in. I know many families have access to some of the resources listed below for free or at a reduced cost. If you're able to donate these materials, please feel free to drop them off at the office into the tote labelled ADST/SHOP with a BIG thank you! We appreciate being able to make our school community learn more meaningfully.

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**WRITE A CHECK!!!** We'll happily purchase some of these for you!

Wood-

- 1"x4"
- 2"x4" - cut into 6"-12" pieces
- 5/4"x4"

Dowels- variety of sizes

- 5/16" 3/8" 1/2" 5/8"
- 3/4" 1" 1 1/4"

Standard mason jars- see example

Sandpaper- variety of grits from 60-400- thicker the better!

Finest Scroll saw blades (for a Dremel)- strong enough for a 2x4!

Palm Sander (not orbital)

CD's/DVD's

Pop bottles and lids- both sanitized

Duct tape

Parchment paper

Carpenter's glue

Fishing line

Boxes of Cavetti spaghetti

Large high-temp glue sticks

Leather crimping- 5/7 mm wide

Write a CHECK!!!

Wooden Mouse traps (yes, for fun, and no animals will be harmed in the use of these)- see example

Pullyn- needs the mount to glue onto projects- something similar to these

1. <https://www.amazon.ca/Tramedollies>
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Food and Beverages in Schools

In accordance with the **Ministry of Education's new 'healthy food' policy** we actively discourage 'junk food' at school. This includes all high sugar, high fat, high salt foods (eg. pop, candy, chocolate bars, potato chips). Our district recognizes that schools must at all times be in compliance with both the 'Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in Schools' as well as the 'Public Health Act - Food Premises Regulation' and associated guidelines established by our local Health Authority (VIHA); therefore our district has instituted a procedure that all food that is available to students comes from a Food Safe kitchen. This means that any food available to students via sales or celebrations **must be prepared in a Food Safe kitchen**, therefore **homemade food is no longer to be distributed at school**.

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!

- Nov 7 - Hot lunch - Boston Pizza
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - student do not attend
- Nov 12 - Conferencing Adjustment Non-instructional day - student do not attend
- Nov 21 - Hot lunch - Extreme Eatery
- Nov 29 - District Wide Planning Day - students do not attend
- Dec 5 - Hot lunch - Dominos Pizza
- Dec 23-Jan 3- Winter Vacation

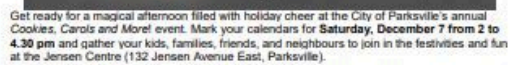






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**Celebrate with the City at Cookies, Carols and More!**



Parkville Council is pleased to host this free event for a second year and look forward to seeing you there, spreading joy and holiday cheer! This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with your community, forge new friendships, and create lasting memories. Everyone welcome!

Here are some of the activities we have planned:

- **Live music and entertainment:** Delight in the music of Easy Street Duo and local song leader, Sylvia Humble, for a carol singalong.
- **Crafts and games for kids and parents:** Unleash your creativity with an array of holiday-themed crafts. Kids and parents can collaborate to create beautiful decorations, charming ornaments and other delightful projects to take home and treasure. We've added some fun games to keep little ones entertained.
- **Visit from Santa:** Santa Claus himself will make a special appearance! Bring your cameras for a magical photo opportunity with Santa and share your wish lists with the jolly old man. We will have everything needed to write a letter to Santa, mailed just in time.
- **Christmas cookies and hot chocolate bar:** Savour a delectable assortment of cookies and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate from our hot chocolate bar, customized with marshmallows, whipped cream and other scrumptious toppings.
- **Festive Fun and Photography:** Holiday-themed facemasking. Whether you wish to transform into a reindeer, a sparkling snowflake, or a twinkling Christmas tree, our talented face painters will bring your holiday spirit to life.

We look forward to welcoming you to *Cookies, Carols and More!* on December 7. Should you wish, donations of non-perishable items will be accepted for the Salvation Army foodbank. Everyone is welcome at this free holiday event.

After November 20, the **North Pole mailbox** will be at 100 Jensen Avenue East ready to collect letters for Santa. Once again, kids can bring letters or write one here, envelopes ready and no postage necessary!

**For more information:**  
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