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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Despite the bitterly cold temperatures, Spruce Glen has been heating up with lots of action and opportunities for students. Electives are up and running and due to a cancellation, we will be holding our make-up elective day on **February 14**. Special thanks to all of the parents who are volunteering their time to help out with the electives.

We have two cross country ski races happening on February 7th and February 28th at Arrowhead Provincial Park. Spruce Glen will be taking a bus to the event. If there are parents who would like to volunteer for the day, please contact Mrs. Holtby or Mrs. Stephen at the school.

Our boys' and girls' volleyball teams are in full swing and looking forward to a great season. They will play every school once and then will take part in playoffs. Good luck Gators!

We continue to struggle with the parking/pick-up situation at the end of the day especially with all of the snow this year. If you are picking up your child after school, please use the courtyard by the basketball court as a turn around. If you would like to walk them into the school or get out of your car, please park in the parking lot and then come in. I am currently working with the board to try to come up with a better solution to the parking situation. Your patience is appreciated.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember to follow us on Twitter at [@SpruceGlenPS](https://twitter.com/SpruceGlenPS).

Sincerely,
Todd Truax



FREE DENTAL CLEANING!

February 14th - 9:00am sharp!
8 Chaffey Street, Huntsville

Doug Raynor has generously donated his office to three local dental hygienists, who will be

offering cleanings free of charge!

To receive a no-charge cleaning, please show up at the above address at 9am to fill out some required paperwork and you will be given an appointment time to come back for your cleaning.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Feb. 4 th | - No Volleyball |
| Feb. 6 th | - Olympic Kick Off Day |
| Feb. 6 th | - Volleyball St. Mary's @ SPG |
| Feb. 7 th | - X-Country Ski Race Arrowhead |
| Feb. 10 th | - Parent Council Mtg. 6:30pm |
| Feb. 11 th | - Volleyball VK @ SPG |
| Feb. 13 th | - Volleyball HPS @ SPG |
| | - Gr.3's Swim to Survive |
| Feb. 14 th | - Valentine's Day |
| | - Winter Elective back up date |
| | - Report Cards go home |
| Feb. 17 th | - Family Day Holiday |
| Feb. 18 th | - Volleyball SPG @ PG |
| Feb. 18 th , 19 th | - Dental Team JK, SK, 2 & 8 |
| Feb. 19 th | - 100 Day of School |
| Feb. 20 th | - Gr.3's Swim to Survive |
| Feb. 25 th | - Volleyball Playoffs – Girls |
| Feb. 26 th – 28 th | - Book Fair |
| Feb. 27 th | - Volleyball Playoffs – Boys |
| | - Gr.'s Swim to Survive |
| Feb. 28 th | - X-Country Ski Race |
| Mar.3 rd – 21 st | - BOB Finals |
| Mar. 4 th | - Grad Photos ! |
| Mar. 7 th | - PA DAY |

SPRUCE GLEN **PTA** UPDATES

SAC has pledged their financial support for the following items for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Scientists in the Classrooms Workshop for Primary Grades \$567
- Donation of \$1000 to replenish the book resource room
- Purchase of small outside toys for primary yard \$200
- Donated \$2000 towards the purchase of another Smartboard
- Purchase of Full Sized Soccer goals for rear yard in Spring 2014 \$2500
- Funds set aside for special classroom requests or trips \$650

Fundscrip: is again up and running for the year. Invitation code is 2A69LW. This program is the largest fundraiser for the school which allows SAC to sponsor events and purchase materials and equipment for the school to be utilized by all the students. Please support our campaign so we can continue to subsidize these special programs and meet these donations as listed above. This year we will have only three main dates (2 remaining), which are Friday March 7th and Friday June 6th.

You can order with paper order form or register and order online. Order and payment deadlines are Fridays and the cards arrive the following Friday to the school. Or they now have ship direct options which allow you to ship to addresses for as low as .73 per order. There are six methods of payments:

- EFT which is free but needs an application and void cheque.
- Interac Online with an .85 fee
- Credit Card (earnings are reduced) so you can keep collecting those reward points
- Online bill payment which is free but must be completed three days before order deadline.
- Paper order form and paper cheque.
- Order online and drop off paper cheque with copy of your paper order form.
- Any questions, please forward to Shannon at stockwood.ldpm@gmail.com

Breakfast Club Update:

Such a GREAT program to be able to offer to our students ! A big **Thank you** to the Clarke family, the Wood's family, Dr. Stager and Eastside Mario's for their donations to the program !! If you would like to donate you can give cash or write a cheque to Spruce Glen Public school / breakfast Club and drop it off at the school office anytime. If you have any questions please contact

Brigitte 's Jongers at 705-788-9910 or email brigitte.sjongers@sympatico.ca

Between September and December this year, the Breakfast Club has served 4,869 healthy breakfasts to our students, at a cost of \$2,403.00

We are also looking for Breakfast Club volunteers to help out in the mornings, to ensure all children have a healthy start to their day. Come out to a SAC Meeting and learn about what's happening in the Spruce Glen community and get involved. Everyone is welcome.

REMEMBER TO CALL SAFE ARRIVAL 789-6531
Better Together – Together We Grow

COPS CORNER

A safety message from our police partners

With the trails groomed and the weather cooperating, the snowmobile trails are very popular. Just like our roadways, the OPP and other enforcement agencies will be patrolling the trails to ensure that everyone is using them safely!

Remember to always have your documents with you – driver's license, ownership and insurance. Also, a trail permit is required. Please stay on the trails as entry onto private property is considered trespassing.

Impaired driving is a criminal offence, whether in a vehicle or vessel, or on a snowmobile. Be responsible, be safe...don't drink and sled.

Source: OPP Constable Carrie Lanning



Parent Engagement



Mental Health Minute — Relax

All children experience periods of stress so it is important to build their emotional resilience, or their ability to cope with their feelings. Helping your child learn to relax is an important coping skill.

Be a positive role model – look after yourself and take time to relax. Help your child find ways to relax, such as taking slow, deep breaths, relaxing muscles, listening to calming music, or being active.

To find out more about how to build your child's emotional resilience, call Your Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 and ask about Triple P – Positive Parenting Program or visit the Triple P Ontario website at www.triplepontario.ca.

Smoke-Free School Grounds

No smoking on school grounds by anyone, anywhere, anytime. School property is to be 100% smoke free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Be part of the majority – be tobacco free.

For more information, contact your local health unit at www.hkpr.on.ca (City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County) or www.simcoemuskokahealth.org (Muskoka).

Source: www.hkpr.on.ca and www.simcoemuskokahealth.org

Helping Your Child in Math

Math can be a scary subject for many students and even parents! As a parent, you play an important role in your child's mathematics education. Find ways to engage your child in thinking and talking about math. When your child understands math it builds confidence - be your child's role model for learning, and show your child that you believe they can learn! Here are a few tips to help you become the best partner in math you can be.

- Build strong, positive attitudes about math. When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding. Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.
- If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it. Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he or she knows best.

For more tips visit www.edu.gov.on.ca or www.mathies.com

Source: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy



Visit tldsbc.ca or call toll free 1.888.526.5552

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