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Spruce Glen Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is taking its time getting here this year! Please make sure your child brings home any winter gear that has accumulated over the school year.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Brushey, Lauren Oliver, Chloe Punkari, Josie Robinson, Keira Briesbois, Josh Bechtel, Cameron Gibson and Josh Andraos who represented Spruce Glen at the Regional Battle of the Books contest in Bracebridge this week. Our hockey team participated in the Winston Watson Memorial Tournament where they brought back the championship and demonstrated great character in winning. Our robotics team travelled to North Bay to see the FIRST Robotics Competition at Nipissing. The badminton team will be participating in a tournament on May 1st.

April, May and June are always very busy months at school. We have many special trips, activities and events happening. Please make sure you check out the calendar carefully and, as always, parents are welcome to come and be part of all of the great things going on at Spruce Glen.

As a staff, we continue to focus on math learning with students. In order to be confident, we want students to really understand the reasons behind math concepts and how numbers relate to each other so they can solve questions more efficiently. At home, talk with your child about how you solve everyday math problems.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Todd Truax
Principal

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on Twitter or Facebook yet??*



Battle of the Books:

Spruce Glen = 6th place wahooooo! They tied for 4th place with 4 other teams based on total points but then based on wins vs losses they are 6th of 15 teams.

Well Done Gator Girls !



The Cross Country Ski Team

had a great celebration day at Arrowhead Park!



A reminder to Parents to please look for Spruce Glen

Library books at home and return them to the school as soon as possible. It seems that winter is a good time to curl up with a good book, but spring is (almost) here and it's time to return them to school and get outside and play !

Keep your eyes open for our Buy 1 Get 1 FREE Book Fair coming in June!

How Can We Help At Home in Math?



- Let your children know you believe they can be successful in math.
- Encourage and support risk taking and celebrate perseverance.
- Encourage your children to solve problems with you. Help them identify different methods or strategies to use in finding solutions and resist the temptation to provide the answer or method. There is usually more than one way to solve a problem, and simpler strategies are often effective.
- Provide opportunities for your children to explain and justify their thinking.
- Connect mathematics to real life experiences. Emphasizing the mathematics around us helps to make mathematics education relevant.
- Be prepared for and supportive of different kinds of homework than what you experienced.
- Ask good questions of your children about their homework and be good listeners when your children respond.
- Encourage children to estimate answers before using the calculator and to check the reasonableness of their answers.

Mrs. Haskin's Class:

Grade 5 students in Mrs. Haskin's class have been learning about the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. These scientists are trying really hard to blow up a balloon sealed in a bottle, but air pressure inside is making it a tough job!

Mrs. Haskin's Grade 6's have been learning how electricity flows. They have been building circuits with switches, including series and parallel circuits.



Bonjour Parents!

As part of the AIM program that we use in the TLDSB, our younger classes have been learning and practicing a play in french to help with vocabulary acquisition. We plan to perform our plays on the following dates and we would like to invite you to attend if you can. Looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

- Mme Robson's 3/4 class presents - Les Trois Petits Cochons
2:45 to 3:15pm on Tues April 14 and Wed April 15, 2015
- Mme. Stephen's 4/5 class presents - Comment Y Aller?
2:05 to 2:45pm on Tues April 21, Wed April 22 and Thurs April 23, 2015
- Mme. Haskin's 5/6 class presents - Le Chat et la Lune
10:15 to 10:55am on Tues April 28 and Wed April 29, 2015



Mrs. Stephen's & Mrs. Robson's...

Classes went to Yearly to learn how animals adapt to their environment and to enjoy outdoor active living!

Lots of fun!



PTA updates

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OUR GROUP TODAY!



Breakfast Club has lost 2 volunteers in the last month. If anybody is able to help 1.5 hour a week, bi-weekly or a month, please contact Brigitte at 705-788-9910 brigitte.sjongers@sympatico.ca
We need help from 8:00am-9:20am. There is a group of 18 volunteers and we need a minimum of 3 volunteers a day. Students who are interested in helping with the dishes or working on the toaster, please come to the breakfast club area and see if you can help out that day. It would be greatly appreciated. **In the month of March we served 1,797 servings over 17 days.** The costs for this month was \$439.82

ORDER GIFT CARDS FROM SPRUCE GLEN FOR EVERYDAY PURCHASES & EARN MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL!! - Next Order due Friday, May 1st

Visit School Website www.sgps.tlidsb.on.ca for order forms and enrollment information under parents/fundraising. The fundraising \$\$ goes to purchase primary outdoor toys, new laptops and a variety of school programs for your children!

Make Cheques payable to: **Spruce Glen Public School** Or order online at www.fundscrip.com

Between 3-10% of our total order is paid back to the school at no additional cost to you!

Remaining order dates for the school year are Fridays May 1st and June 12th, 2015. Cards arrive the following Friday at the main office or have them direct shipped to your address for .87 cents online !



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 April Fools Day Int. BOB	2  Staff vs Teams Volleyball 2:30	3 Good Friday	4
5	6 Easter Monday	7	8 Grad Photo Retakes	9 	10	11
12	13	14	15 Ted Talks	16 	17	18
- Recyclable Container Challenge -						
19	20	21	22 Eco Summitt Mr. Tripp	23 	24 Heritage Place Gravenhurst Mr. Tripp	25
26	27	28	29 Cardboard boat races	30 	May 1 st Badminton Tournament	



HEALTH AND WELLNESS NIGHT ~ MAY 5TH

SAVE THE DATE for our 2nd annual Health & Wellness Night is on Tuesday, May 5th, 2015. Please keep that evening open to experience and learn about nutrition, mindful stretching, laughter yoga, and drum fitness. More details to follow in May's newsletter!