



Fall 2015

## Spruce Glen Public School

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are all very happy that things are returning to regular routine around the school with labour issues behind us. All of the staff are looking forward to moving ahead in a positive way.

We are very excited to be hosting Andy Thibodeau on November 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. He travels all over the world sharing his message "Share your Care". We are looking forward to hearing his message.

Progress reports will be going home on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this report is to give parents and students a snapshot of how students are progressing with their learning skills and academics.

Please be aware that our school day ends at **3:25**. We would really appreciate parents and visitors staying out of the school until the end of the day to eliminate congestion in the hallways. If you are visiting the school, please sign in at the office, and wear a visitor's lanyard. Also a reminder that we do not have supervision on our school yard until **8:20** and the entry bell rings at **8:50**.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who spearheaded the Halloween activity for the primary grades and the intermediate dance. We had an amazing Remembrance Day Assembly as well. Hopefully, you had a chance to speak to your children around the significance of November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our character trait of the month is Citizenship. Mrs. Holtby's grade 7/8s having been sharing with us during assemblies around what that could/should look like.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Todd Truax  
Principal



***The Book Fair is Coming!!***  
What a great time to pick up those early Christmas gifts!  
Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Lots of great new titles, small gift items, posters and so much more!



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> | - Basketball HPS @ SG                                |
| Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> | - Basketball SG @ HPS B                              |
| Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> | - <b>PA DAY NO SCHOOL</b>                            |
| Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> | - Basketball St. Mary's @ SG                         |
| Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup> | - Basketball Irwin @ SG                              |
| Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> | - Basketball SG @ Riverside                          |
| Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> | - Andy Thibodeau Presentation                        |
| Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | - Basketball Playoffs at Riverside beginning at noon |
| Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> | - Christmas Concert                                  |
| Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> | - Progress Reports home                              |
| Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> | - Last Day of School in 2015                         |



## **HEAD LICE ALERT**

It's the time of year to be extra vigilant with respect to head lice. "Head Checks" are conducted on a regular basis at the school. Head Lice can transfer between people through sharing of hats, blankets, stuffed animals or even furniture. How can you help?

- Provide your child with his/her own brush
- Ask your child to keep outdoor clothing on their own hooks
- Put hats/mitts/scarves in their coat sleeves when hanging them up at school
- "Inspect" your child's hair at home on a regular basis
- "Treatment", select one of the many products used in the treatment of head lice (consult your pharmacist or physician if in doubt). Follow the directions carefully.

**Only after treatment and REMOVAL OF ALL NITS MAY THE STUDENT RETURN TO SCHOOL.** Someone at the school will check students before returning to class.

Dr. Moshe Ipp, from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, recommends the following treatment rather than one of the many products on the market :

- equal parts of mineral oil and vinegar massage into the hair
- cover for 1 hour with a shower cap
- shampoo out with your regular family shampoo (not pediculosis shampoo)

This treatment can be repeated as often as needed; it suffocates live lice and makes for easy and smooth combing out of detached nits and dead lice. For more information visit <http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/En/HealthAZ/ConditionsandDiseases/Dermatology/Pages/Headlice.aspx>

## **Stay Connected**

Remember that you can keep up to date with Spruce Glen through Facebook, Twitter and [www.sgp.tldsb.on.ca](http://www.sgp.tldsb.on.ca)



## **Lost and Found**

Remember to have students check the lost and found regularly. We seem to gather clothes quickly during the fall season when the weather can change so quickly.

## **PIZZA DAY AND MILK/JUICE**

Pizza day will continue to be Thursday and the cost remains at \$2.00 per slice. Pizza orders must be in on Wednesday - **late orders are NOT accepted**. Milk and 100% juice continue to be sold at both nutrition breaks for \$1.00 each. Prepaid Pizza tickets are also available at the school office.

## **NUT ALLERGIES**

**Students with a severe life threatening peanut allergy attend this school.** Please help us reduce the risk by refraining from sending food containing nuts or nut products to school. Thank-you for your help and understanding in creating a safe environment.



**A reminder to parents** that our school day runs from 8:50 to 3:25. As every moment of our learning day is precious, it is important that students arrive to, and leave from, school at the appropriate times. If you find it necessary to pick up your child early, please send a note in your child's agenda in the morning rather than calling at the end of the day, as last minute phone calls about pick-ups often interrupt class time. If it is an emergency and you are unable to leave that agenda note, please call before 3:00pm to allow the office time to inform students and teachers about the alternate arrangement.

Thank you for helping us maximize your child's time at school.