



SEPTEMBER 2014

Spruce Glen Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year! Hopefully everyone had a relaxing summer and was able to spend some time with family and friends. We are right into the swing of things here at Spruce Glen with lots going on. Our Terry Fox campaign is in full gear with our Barbecue set for Wednesday, September 10 from 5:00 – 6:30 and our run is scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2:30. Come on out, meet your child's teacher and raise some money for a good cause.

Our numbers are extremely high in the Junior/Intermediate division. As a result, we have been given another classroom which means that some students will be moving classes. I will call you if your child is one of those affected by this change. It will bring down our class sizes which will positively impact the school.

We have a strong parent council at Spruce Glen so if you are interested in finding out how you can help, don't miss our first meeting on September 15th at 7:00pm in our library.

Don't forget to stay up-to-date with all the breaking news around Spruce Glen by following us on our Facebook page and on Twitter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to drop us a line.

Sincerely,
Mr. Todd Truax
Principal

New School Connects System

Please see the attachment at the back of the newsletter. This will allow us to communicate with parents through email, text and phone. **Please update your contact information and return the attached sheet to the school.**

2014-2015 STAFF LIST:

JK/SK	Mrs. Higgs/ Ms. King
JK/SK	Mrs. Pinckard/Ms. Culp
1	Ms. Smithies
1/2	Mrs. Gibson
2	Mr. Tripp
2/3	Mrs. Wright
3	Mrs. Peca
3/4	Mrs. Robson/Ms. Somerset
4/5	Mrs. Stephen
5/6	Mrs. Haskin
7/8	Mrs. Holtby
7/8	Mr. Kruger
Primary PE/Prep	Mrs. Jordan
Coaching Class	Mrs. Robb, Mr. Sopha, Mrs. Armstrong
Core French	Mrs. Sirek
Vice Principal	Mrs. Brunner
Instructional Leader	Mrs. Lyons
Resource	Mrs. Carlin
Secretarial	Mrs. Roffey / Mrs. Howe
Educational Assistants	Mrs. Harrison-Pierce, Mrs. Kruger, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Plant, Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Wilkin,
Caretakers	Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Groom
Principal	Mr. Truax

The Parents' Group oversees the running of two important programs within the school: The Safe Arrival program, in which we place calls to parents and caregivers of absent children, and the Breakfast Club, which is back at Spruce Glen 5 days a week! You will recognize the many volunteers in the new aprons, designed for this awesome program (**Thank-you** Parent Fundraising Committee).

Every school day (excluding snow days) before the 8:50 am bell rings, your child can pick up breakfast at the primary pod. They can choose toast, bagel, fruit, yogurt, cheese, apple juice, orange juice and/or milk. There is also **lactose-free** yoghurt and **gluten-free** products. Your child just has to ask for these options.

If you can help out at the Breakfast Club or if you would like to donate, please contact Brigitte 's Jongers 705-788-9910 or brigitte.sjongers@sympatico.ca

Parent Council Meeting – Monday, September 15th at 7:00pm in the school Library. Hope to see you there.

EGG ALLERGY

We have a student in our school with a severe allergy to eggs. Please stress the importance to your children about not sharing food and washing their hands after eating. These are good habits to follow, but in particular for our students with allergies. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Gator of the Week:

Each week at assembly we recognize students who do something extraordinary for others. This could be a random act of kindness or students being "caught" doing great things around the school.



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.



STUDENT AGENDAS

Please encourage your child to use their agenda daily to record homework and other important information. Also please read over the school routines and Code of Conduct section and return with your signature. Each Agenda is \$6.00; please send agenda money to school with your child and it will be collected by their teacher.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 10th - Dodge Ball against the Teachers! 1:15-1:45pm
\$2.00 to play
- Sept 10th - Terry Fox/Meet the Teacher BBQ 5:00-6:30pm
- Sept 12th - Terry Fox Run 2:30pm
- Sept 15th - Parent Council Meeting 7pm
- Sept 18th - Picture Day
- Sept 23rd - Cross Country Run at Arrowhead



Parents:

If you come across any Spruce Glen library books that you still have at home, *please* return them to the school as soon as possible.

Personal Cell Phones and Electronic Equipment

In our age of electronics, school staff cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items, nor can learning time be devoted to their recovery. However, we know that many children do have access to these devices and they need to be taught by staff and parents/guardians to use them respectfully and responsibly. All communication home during the school day needs to be made with the permission of the teacher through the school phone system. Electronic equipment is not allowed to be used during recess or instructional time unless a particular arrangement has been made with a teacher. It is very important that photos, videos and voice recordings of other students and staff not be taken or distributed as we have students whose pictures are not allowed to be taken for a variety of reasons. If there is a particular reason for photos, etc. for school use the teachers would be aware of who those students might be. Thank-you for your support with this as we continue to work through how to manage our increasingly technological world.



Our guest speaker sharing messages from the Terry Fox Foundation.

Terry Fox Lives at Spruce Glen

*Once again the staff and students of Spruce Glen are looking forward to participating wholeheartedly in the Terry Fox Foundation Fundraising Campaign. Last year we raised **\$5,122.75 !! ...Can we surpass \$4500.00 once again ?!***

Terry Fox & Meet the Teacher BBQ

Wednesday, Sept. 10 2013 5pm – 6:30p.m.

Our annual “Meet the Teacher BBQ” will be dedicated to raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Come & join us for delicious food and then join in on our spinoff of the “Mystery Bucket Challenge”.

Penny Drive

Mrs. Holtby’s class is collecting coins once again! Last year over \$800.00 was raised this way. Students are asked to bring in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies, whatever they can!

Heads or Tails

Students are invited to participate in our game of chance. There is a two dollar entry fee to participate. The game will take place during our Friday assembly on Sept 13th.



Pledge Sheets

We are asking students to collect pledges from friends and family for our Spruce Glen Terry Fox Run. Each and every student is asked to pledge their support in any way they can. All pledge sheets must be returned by Monday Sept 16th in order to be eligible for draw prizes.

If We Achieve Our Goal??

Last year we did the Gator Parade on the main street of Huntsville when we surpassed our fund goal ! This year we are challenging students to come up with this year’s staff challenge. Dream up something creative and enter them in the competition! Help raise money for a good cause and celebrate that Spruce Glen spirit which we are SO famous for !!!



Picture Day is
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 18th



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Welcome Back!	3	4	5 Terry Fox Speaker	6
7	8	9	10 Terry Fox/Meet the Teacher BBQ	11 	12 Terry Fox Run	13
14	15 Parent Council Mtg 7pm	16	17	18 Picture Day! 	19	20 PTA Playground Install Work Weekend
21	22	23 Arrowhead Hoya Hills X-Country Run	24	25 	26 Cowboy & Cowgirl Day!	27
28	30					

Call Safe Arrival when your child is LATE or ABSENT 705-789-6531