

# PRINCIPAL SPARLING SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe, but we just completed our first month together! It was certainly an active September with students and staff adjusting to a new timetable, extended recess, breakfast program and daily physical education. We also welcomed University of Winnipeg Teacher Candidates, Clinicians and Volunteers into our building. The support we are receiving from all these adults, plus the support from our Principal Sparling Community has created a vibrant, active and healthy school.

As we settle into the rhythm of the school year, October brings with it exciting learning opportunities, school events, and a time to reflect on all the growth we've seen in our students so far.

Be sure to check over our October calendar to see all the exciting events coming up.

Actively yours,

Lloyd Rana  
Principal

# October

# 2024

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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5
					Life Touch GROUPS PHOTO DAY	
6	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12
		PAC Meeting (staff room) 5:30pm – 6:30pm	NO CLASSES all day (non-instructional day) Divisional Inservice			
13	14	15 Day 5	16 Day 6	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19
	Thanksgiving Day					
20	21 Day 3	22 Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26
					NO CLASSES all day (non-instructional day) PD Day	
27	28 Day 2  BUS RIDERSHIP	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	31 Day 5		

### Important Dates in November

- NOV 1 NO SCHOOL (PD Day)
- NOV 14 Life Touch Picture Retake



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# SAFE ARRIVAL

## Student Absence Reporting System

To report your child's absence, please call 1-855-278-4513 before 9:00 AM  
or visit [go.schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca)

Planned absences may be reported in advance



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

At Winnipeg School Division, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring all students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are in the process of introducing to all of our schools a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, makes it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. (see the regularly updated list below of schools using Safe Arrival).

Please note, if you as a parent or guardian have questions about Safe Arrival or School Messenger, please contact your child's school directly.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select **Attendance**, then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-855-278-4513 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.