

# Principal Sparling School

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Catch the Spirit



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe, but our first month together is in the books! It was certainly an active September with students and staff adjusting to a new timetable, new adult faces, and new STEAM program. We will be observing Truth and Reconciliation Day on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am on our school grounds. We will begin with a school march led by our Drum Group and followed with some words from staff and students. Children will sing a song led by Mr. Baron and we will conclude with tying orange ribbons on our fence. We invite members of our school community to join us.

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



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Lean about STEAM education at Principal Sparling School. STEAM Education is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

#### HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Safety tips to keep your family safe and sound during the festivities

#### CALENDAR

Don't forget to take a look at the monthly calendar so you're up to date on what's happening at our school!



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# For Your Information

## Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is the time of the year for tricks, treats and good-humoured frights. Follow these safety tips to keep your family safe and sound during the festivities



**Plan a route**  
Stick to familiar areas that are well-lit



**Stay in groups**  
Children should trick or treat in groups, not alone

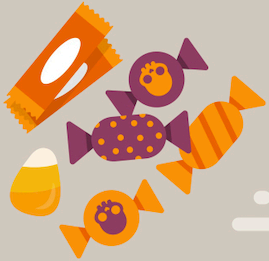


**Avoid costumes that may block vision.**



**Make your kid visible in the dark**

See and be seen. Reflective tape, flashlights or glow sticks make children visible to drivers.



**Remind children to wait until home to eat**

## Go Red for Dyslexia

World Dyslexia Day takes place on Wednesday, October 8th. For World Dyslexia Day, we encourage everyone to wear a red t-shirt at school on Tuesday October 7th.

**So why is it so important to recognize Dyslexia Awareness Day?**

**Raise Awareness:** It helps increase public understanding of dyslexia, a common learning difference that affects reading and language processing. This awareness can reduce stigma and misconceptions.

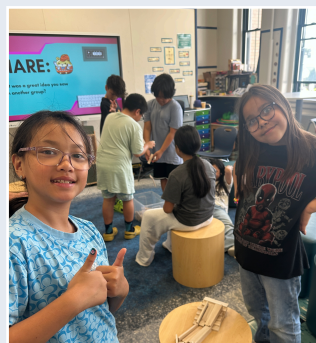
**Empower Individuals:** By acknowledging dyslexia, we empower individuals with dyslexia to embrace their strengths and seek support and accommodations to succeed in education and life.

**Education:** It provides an opportunity to educate teachers, parents, and the community about dyslexia, leading to better-informed approaches in schools and at home.

**Advocacy:** Dyslexia Awareness often involves advocacy efforts to push for improved services, resources, and policies that benefit individuals with dyslexia.

## STEAM

STEAM Education is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. Room 9 is loving STEAM!





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# Allergies

A Reminder to Families,

As we update our student health records, we kindly ask that you inform the school of any allergies, asthma, or other medical concerns your child may have. Keeping this information current helps us ensure your child's safety and allows us to provide the best possible support while they are at school.

## Welcome to the Principal Sparling Library!

We're excited to share that our school library is now staffed by Library Technician **Michelle Brosch**. Michelle will be supporting students with book exchanges, encouraging a love of reading, and promoting the many services our library has to offer.

Coming soon, Michelle will be hosting her annual **"Guess How Many Gumballs"** contest! The winning student and their classroom will receive **\$25 in new books** for their class library, along with the gumballs and a special Halloween chocolate cake.

We're also thrilled to announce that **new books** are on their way to our shelves! Be sure to stop by the library often to see what's new. Some of the exciting additions include:

- The Bad Guys
- Cat Kid Comic Club
- Wings of Fire
- Baby-Sitters Little Sister



We're also updating popular series that students love, such as Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dork Diaries, and The Baby-Sitters Club. In addition, many students have expressed interest in **manga**, so we'll be adding select titles to our collection. (Please note that once orders arrive, it takes a little time for books to be covered, catalogued, and ready for borrowing.)

A big thank you to **Room 9's Grade 5 & 6 students**, who are helping with important library tasks to keep everything running smoothly and looking great! At the end of October, we'll welcome a new group of student helpers from another classroom. We look forward to seeing our students and families in the library, discovering new books, and building a strong reading community together!

# Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox embodied the very best of what it means to be Canadian: courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. Principal Sparling School proudly demonstrated its school spirit by taking part in the Terry Fox Run.



## Picture Day

Dear Families,

This is a friendly reminder that Picture Day will take place on Friday October 3rd. Please ensure your child comes to school ready for their photo. Order forms will be sent home, and online ordering is also available.

We look forward to seeing everyone's bright smiles!