

Principal Sparling School

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Catch the Spirit



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WELCOME BACK BARBECUE

Strathcona staff and families had the chance to come together before the start of the school year. Families were able to meet the teachers, tour the school, and enjoy a delicious barbecue. Check out the pictures on page 2!

NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Please refer to page 2 to see how Principal Sparling School will be recognizing this day

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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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back to a brand-new school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday, and it was great to see many of you at our "Welcome Back Barbecue". Apologies for the late message, but we have had some changes at our school. It is my pleasure to officially welcome the following new staff members to our school:

1. Peter Grozdanovic – Learning support teacher
2. Shannon Lotecki – STEAM teacher
3. Matthew Baron - Music Teacher
4. Rui-Sheng Wang – Food Coordinator

There are still a few more additions, and I will officially announce them when the time comes.

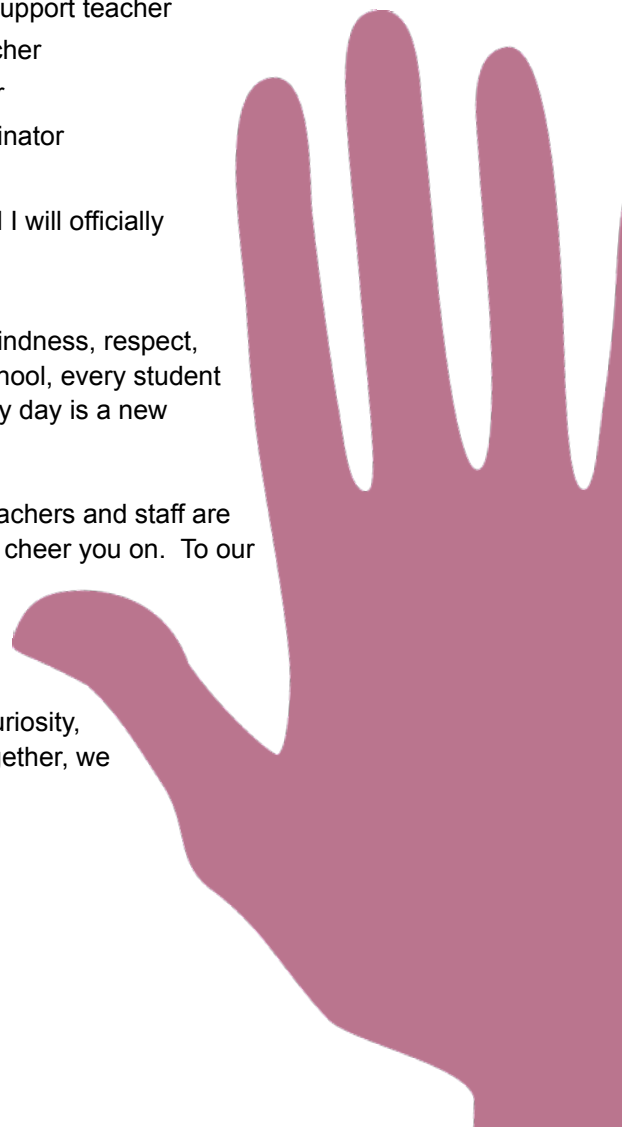
This year, we will continue to focus on kindness, respect, and teamwork. At Principal Sparling School, every student matters, every voice is valued, and every day is a new opportunity to grow and shine!

To our students: remember that your teachers and staff are here to support you, challenge you, and cheer you on. To our families: thank you for being our partners in helping your children learn, dream and succeed.

Let's make this year, a year filled with curiosity, creativity, and care for one another. Together, we will achieve amazing things!

Actively yours,

Lloyd Rana
Principal



For Your Information

The Nutrition Program

Breakfast - Snack - Lunch

At Principal Sparling School, we believe students learn best when they start the day ready and energized. That's why we offer a variety of nutrition programs to support their learning. Our breakfast program begins at 8:30 AM and is free for all students. In addition, every morning students receive a nutritious snack at no cost. At lunchtime, students are

welcome bring their lunch and eat in a supervised area where they can enjoy their meal and spend time with friends.



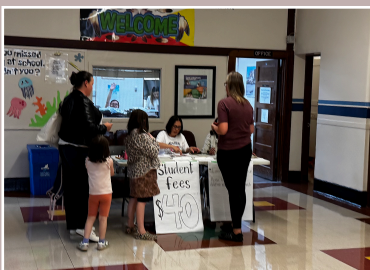
National Day For Truth & Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is observed on **September 30** each year to honour the Survivors of residential schools, along with their families and communities. It is a day for reflection, education, and action toward understanding the lasting impacts of residential schools in Canada. By wearing orange and taking time to learn, we show our commitment to truth, reconciliation, and building a more inclusive future for everyone.

Principal Sparling School will recognize the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** on **Monday, September 29**, with several school-wide initiatives, including a special gathering in our **Turtle Garden from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** Families are warmly invited to attend.



Welcome Back Barbecue



School Fees

Reminder: There is a \$40.00 fee for student school supplies, which covers everything your child will need for the entire school year. Please make the payment directly to your child's teacher, who will provide you with a receipt upon payment.

Shoes

We kindly ask that all students bring both indoor and outdoor shoes to school. Having a separate pair for indoors helps keep classrooms clean, especially on wet or muddy days. It also supports a safer learning environment by reducing slips and maintaining dry, tidy floors.

September 2025



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1 Labour Day	2 School Opens Non-Instructional	3 First Day of School	4	5	6	7
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29 Truth & Reconciliation Recognition 9:30-10:30	30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Non-Instructional					





SCHOOLMESSENGER®

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

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.