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Catch the Spirit



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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,

November offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect on gratitude, community and the importance of learning together. Students have now settled into strong classroom routines, and their growth is visible. Thank you, families for fostering positive habits that support daily success at school.

This month, teachers will focus on strengthening foundational literacy and numeracy skills, while promoting student well-being and social responsibility.

Regular school attendance supports this development by providing consistent practice, timely feedback, and strong peer connections. This year we will encourage daily school attendance by celebrating top classroom attendance rates and perfect student attendance throughout the month.

We look forward to celebrating our school community through upcoming events including Remembrance Day observances and parent-teacher conferences. These moments allow us to honour traditions and engage in thoughtful conversations about student learning goals for the months ahead.

It is always a pleasure to see parents and guardians in our building, especially at morning drop-offs and after school pick-ups. Thank you for sharing your stories with us and what makes you and your children happy. Just a reminder to our families that visits during class time should start in the office. We need to be respectful of classroom learning time, professional teaching practice and the privacy of other children.

Actively yours,

Lloyd Rana

Principal

For Your Information

A Reminder About Bringing Toys to School

We kindly ask that students **do not bring toys to school**. Toys can be distracting during class time and may cause conflicts or become lost or damaged. We want to ensure that all students are focused on learning and that personal belongings remain safe. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a positive and focused learning environment.

Guess How Many Contest

Ms. Michelle would like to share some exciting news about what has been happening recently in Principal Sparling Library!

Throughout the month, students have been visiting the library to discover new books to enjoy, some even borrowed two! Many students used their shelf markers to find books on the shelves, while others renewed their books so they could finish reading their stories.

All classrooms, teachers, and educational assistants participated in the Second Annual “Guess How Many” Library Contest. How many gumballs were in the jar? How many jellybeans could there be? **Congratulations to the students of Room 15!** Their class made the closest estimate, excellent work on those math and observation skills!



Proper winter clothing is essential for keeping children safe, healthy, and comfortable during Winnipeg’s coldest months. With temperatures that can drop well below freezing, having warm coats, mitts, boots, and hats is not just about comfort it’s about safety.

If your child needs winter clothing items such as a warm coat, boots, mittens, or a hat, please contact the school. We want to ensure that all students are dressed appropriately for the cold weather and can enjoy outdoor activities safely and comfortably. Don’t hesitate to reach out if your family could use some support.



Soccer

Our Principal Sparling Soccer team has been practicing hard and showing great teamwork on the field. Players are improving their skills, building confidence, and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship during each practice. They will play again in the Inner City Soccer Game against King Edward on Thursday October 20th.





November

2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 • Volleyball Practice 3:30 5:00 PM	5	6	7
10 • Remembrance Day Service (11:00 AM)	11 • No School Remembrance Day	12	13 • Picture Re-takes • Volleyball Practice 3:30 5:00 PM	14
17 • Volleyball Practice 3:30 5:00 PM	18	19	20 • Parent/Teacher Evening • Inner City Soccer Game Vs King Edward	21 • No School Parent/Teacher Conference
24	25 • Volleyball Practice 3:30 5:00 PM • Hearing Screening	26 • Hearing Screening	27 • Hearing Screening	28

Every Day Counts

School attendance is **very important in elementary school** because those early years build the foundation for a child's learning, habits, and social development. Here's why it matters:

1. Learning Foundations

- Reading, writing, and math skills are built **step by step**. Missing even a few days can make it harder to keep up because each lesson builds on the last.
- Regular attendance helps children **understand concepts in order**, instead of feeling lost or behind.

2. Developing Good Habits

- Showing up on time and every day teaches **responsibility and consistency**, skills that will help throughout life.
- Kids who develop good attendance habits early are more likely to stay engaged and succeed in middle and high school.

3. Social and Emotional Growth

- School is where children **learn to work with others**, make friends, and build confidence.
- Frequent absences can lead to feelings of isolation or difficulty fitting in socially.

4. Teacher Support

- Teachers can **better track progress and provide help** when a student attends regularly.
- If a child misses a lot, teachers may not notice learning struggles until they become bigger problems.

5. Long-Term Success

- Studies show that children who regularly attend elementary school are **more likely to graduate high school** and perform better academically later on.

Remembrance Day Service

Principal Sparling School will be holding a Remembrance Day Service on November 10th at 11:00 AM in the music room. Families are welcome to join us for this event.



Principal Sparling Swag!

Get ready! An order form will be coming home soon for **Principal Sparling Swag!** Show your school spirit with our new **hoodies, T-shirts, and sweatpants** featuring the school logo!

Principal Sparling



Road Runners

The Annual Holiday Sale Is Back!

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

We are excited to invite our students to our annual Holiday Sale at Principal Sparling School, in support of Manitoba Harvest. This fun event gives students the chance to shop for affordable, thoughtful gifts — while helping our community and the planet by re-using great donations!

What We'll Be Collecting

Please bring in washed and gently-used items from home that students can purchase for their loved ones. Examples include:

- Toys (in good condition)
- Board games and puzzles (all pieces included)
- Small and fun home décor or knick-knacks
- Purses, jewellery, accessories
- Small electronics (in safe working order)
- Sports equipment
- Kitchenware
- Wrapping paper, ribbons, and bows

Please do not bring: clothing, large furniture, or items made of fabric.

Items can be brought to the office starting now!

Handwashing and Staying Healthy

As we head into the colder months, it's important to remind children about the importance of proper handwashing to help prevent the spread of germs. Encourage your child to wash their hands often, especially before eating and after using the washroom or coughing and sneezing.

If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home and consult your family doctor. Staying home when sick helps your child recover faster and keeps classmates and staff healthy too.

Working together, we can help everyone at school stay safe and well!

DRESSING UP FOR COLD WEATHER

