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Catch the Spirit



Message from the Principal

To our Parents and Guardians,

I am honoured and excited to be serving the Principal Sparling Community. I have been spending lots of time in the classrooms getting to know our students who are kind, engaged, and curious learners. Over the past 20 years I've had the opportunity to work in a variety of schools and neighbourhoods and look forward to bringing my knowledge from those experiences. I am a passionate educator and want to ensure your children are receiving an educational experience that sparks wonder in learning while ensuring the students receive rigorous mathematics, reading, and writing programming. Investing in our classrooms is a primary focus to ensure our learning environments are deliberate and purposeful to foster exploratory learning. Creating a school community environment which honours and celebrates the students to feel safe, included, and take risks in their learning; whole class, in groups or individually. Replacing the heating system and the addition of air conditioning represents a significant investment in a building that has existed for over a century. I will advocate for greater accessibility including washrooms, grooming rooms, and an elevator. Parent Advisory will help me gain a better understanding of the community. I keep an open-door policy and welcome conversations or sharing of concerns over a cup of coffee/tea. Looking forward to a great year.

Thank you,
Matthew Adkins

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NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Join us for this important day. More
information on page 2.

HALLOWEEN

Please check important guidelines for
our Halloween celebration

CALENDAR

Don't forget to take a look at the
enclosed monthly calendar for
September and October



Winnipeg School
Division

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



Allergies

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.

Handwashing and Staying Healthy

As we begin a new school year, 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!

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.

This year we had a number of students who attended the divisional Pow Wow on Thursday September 24. Students explored Indigenous knowledge, teachings, and traditions through engaging learning experiences.

Principal Sparling School recognized the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Tuesday, September 29, with several school-wide initiatives, including a special gathering in our Turtle Garden.



October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6 No School Professional Development day for staff	7 Student Advisory Council Meeting @ Lunch	8 Bus Ridership - during school hours Soccer Tournament Tec-Voc (am) Grade 6	9 Soccer Tournament Tec-Voc (am) Grade 5
12 No School Thanksgiving Day	13 Picture Day Robotics Week Grade 6 STEAM	14 Student Advisory Council Meeting @ Lunch	15	16
19	20	21 Student Advisory Council Meeting @ Lunch	22	23 •No School Professional Development day for staff • Harstone Daycare is also closed
26	27	28 Student Advisory Council Meeting @ Lunch	29	30 Halloween Participation Day

