



Sister Mary Phillips School

Dear SMP Families,

Spring is here! And so are the puddles! Please keep this in my mind when choosing your child's footwear for the day. Another suggestion is to send in an extra set of clothing in case your child gets wet.

March was a fun and busy month with Alien In-Line, Science in Motion, Parent Teacher Interviews, Science Fair and so much more. April continues to be just as busy with EEP Open House, our monthly assembly, Easter Vacation, Easter liturgy, Rugby for all grades, Kindergarten Open House, Spring picture day and so much more!

Wishing you and your family a lovely Easter. Praying that your holidays are restful, safe and healthy. And may you remember the reason we celebrate Easter...Jesus and his love for us.

God bless...

Lou Ann Demers-Noble
Principal



Thank you to everyone who brought a stuffy to school in support of Koolen deVries Syndrome day. We raised \$425.00!

Congratulations to our boy's basketball team who played great and represented SMP at the Walter & Gladys Hill tournament!



Breakfast Program

Our breakfast program is available for everyone who needs it. We want to make sure our students get off to a good start! As well, a very big thank you to all our parents who have been helping get the cereal and breakfast items ready every day! We couldn't do it without you!

Join our Sister Mary Phillips Council Facebook page and our SMP Families Facebook page for up to date information on our school events and fundraising!

Please note that the EEP open house is only being held on Thursday, April 6th and not the 6th and 7th, as previously advertised.

Thank you to everyone who wore pjs to support Cerebral Palsy day. We raised \$291.00!

A big thank you to all the parents who have been parking in either the bus loop stalls, on Dickins Drive, or in the church parking lot! You are helping to keep our students safe!



Thank you to our school council for bringing in Science in Motion! Our students had a fun time learning.

Staff from Father Mercredi Community High School will be visiting our grade 6 students this week to give them information on registering for grade 7. They will be bringing registration packages for interested students. Tuesday-April 25th-Academy information and registration night at 7:00pm. Monday-May 1st-Grade 6 open house- 7:00pm.

Our lucky students enjoying their Pizza with the Principal!



April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Blue Day for Autism \$1	4 Rugby for some classes	5 Gr.6 Field Trip 6-7PM – Family Science Night (pls bring a box of cereal)	6 HL-Boston Pizza EEP Open House (No EEP Classes) Dress as a Saint (\$1) for Development & Peace	7 HL-Chez Max Today is a Tuesday Schedule 10:30-Assembly- Dress as an animal
10 NO SCHOOL (Easter Break from April 8 th to 17 th)	11 NO SCHOOL	12 NO SCHOOL	13 NO SCHOOL	14 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY
17 NO SCHOOL EASTER MONDAY	18 Welcome Back! More Rugby Smencils for sale Apr. 18 th to 21 st \$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3	19 8:30AM-Easter Liturgy 2F/5J 6PM-School Council meeting (FREE babysitting)	20 HL-Wok Box Afterschool Lego	21 HL-Pizza Hut It's a Monday Schedule Kindergarten Open House Gr.6 Merc Visit
24 Earth Day-Litterless Lunches	25	26 Picture Day-Spring Photos & Kinder Grad	27 HL-Subway More Rugby Afterschool Lego	28 NO SCHOOL

Interested in SMP School Clothing?
<http://sistermaryphillips.entripyshops.com/>

Triple P (Positive Parenting Programs) “After the Fire”

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is a "light touch" intervention providing brief one-time assistance to parents who are generally coping well but have one or two concerns with their child's behavior or development following a natural disaster, more specifically the Fort McMurray wildfire.

During this 1.5 – 2 hour seminar you will hear about common social and emotional reactions of children following a natural disaster, the natural course of children's responses, why some children are affected more than others, common parent traps, managing children's emotions following the disaster, how to answer children's questions, and what are my next steps. Take-home tip sheets are available for all those who attend.

There is no fee for the Triple P seminar. Parents are welcome to drop into any session.

This Triple P seminar is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs in the world, backed up by more than 30 years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple tips to help manage the big and small problems of family life.

If you feel this seminar may help you put into perspective what you and your family have experienced and continue to recover from, please drop by one of our seminar locations listed below.

February 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm @ St. Gabriel School
February 22, 9:00 - 11:00 am @ St. Gabriel School
February 23, 12:30 - 2:30 @ St. Anne School

March 14, 6:00- 7:30 @ Father Turcotte School
March 16, 12:30 - 2:30 @ St. Paul School
March 23, 7:00 - 9:00 @ Sister Mary Phillips School

April 18, 9:00 - 11:00 @ St. Martha School
April 20, 7:00- 9:00 @ Holy Trinity School

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FIRE SEASON STARTS MARCH 1



Do your part in preventing wildfires by following the necessary precautions:

- Never leave fires unattended. Completely extinguish fires and remember to **SOAK IT, STIR IT** and **SOAK IT AGAIN**.
- Keep a fire extinguisher, hose or source of water nearby when using your fire pit.
- Keep off-highway vehicles (OHV) clean and stop frequently to extinguish hot spots.
- Always fully extinguish cigarette butts.
- Ensure that wildfire hazards are low and that a fire ban has not been issued prior to using a fire pit or OHV www.albertafirebans.ca

Residents living in the Urban Service Area (Fort McMurray) are reminded that backyard fire pits require a permit. If you have recently installed a fire pit or are a new homeowner, you are required to submit an application to the Fire Prevention Branch, located at Fire Hall 5 (200 Saprae Creek Trail, T9H 4P1).

Fire pit permit applications can be obtained by visiting www.rmwb.ca/fireprevention. There is a \$35 permit fee, and all approved permits are valid as long as the applicant resides at the address listed on the permit.

Residents living outside of the Urban Service Area can obtain a free fire permits from March 1 to October 31 through the local Alberta Agriculture and Forestry office by contacting 780-743-7125.

For more information please visit:
www.wildfire.alberta.ca

TO REPORT A WILDFIRE CALL 310-FIRE (3473).

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HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS



Home fire sprinklers can provide affordable, reliable and effective protection for your family.

- Fire sprinklers save lives, reduce property loss and can even help cut homeowner insurance premiums.
- Installing both smoke alarms and fire sprinklers reduces the risk of death in a home fire by 82%.
- On average, home fire sprinklers cost \$1.35 per square foot (1-1.5% of the total cost of construction) of sprinklered space in new construction.
- Modern residential sprinklers can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings making them aesthetically pleasing.

FIRE SPRINKLER MYTHS

MYTH: If one goes off, they all go off.

FACT: Sprinklers activate independently; only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate.

MYTH: Sprinklers will leak.

FACT: Sprinkler mishaps are generally less likely and less severe than home plumbing system problems.

MYTH: Water damage from sprinklers is worse than fire damage.

FACT: The property loss in a sprinklered home fire is a small fraction of the typical loss in an unsprinklered home fire.

MYTH: Sprinklers will freeze in winter.

FACT: The national installation standard provides guidance for proper installation in cold regions.

MYTH: I have smoke alarms so I don't need fire sprinklers.

FACT: Smoke alarms are essential in every home. But they can only detect a fire, not control it. Fire sprinklers detect the fire and automatically control it, saving lives and property.

For more information about fire prevention visit www.rmwb.ca/fireprevention

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