



Friday, August 31, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians of Spruce View School,

We hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement as we gear up for the 2024-2025 school year. We are thrilled to welcome you all back to Spruce View School, where we continue to foster a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students to learn and grow. We also welcome some new members to the Spruce View family this year! Ms Linda Lapere joins us as vice-principal; Mrs. Tess Griffith will be teaching Grade 1; Mrs Deb McKinlay will be teaching Grade 6; Mr Caleb Froese will be found teaching in the music room; Ms Cheyenne Klassen will be leading the learning in Grade 8; Mr Kendall Kloss will take the reins in high school English; and Ms Natalie Varga will be leading our high school Social Studies.

As some of you may be aware, a Ministerial Order set out a clear cell phone policy for all schools over the summer. In summary:

Kindergarten to Grade 8: Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices at school and or during school hours.

Grades 9 - 12: Students are not permitted to use personal mobile devices (cell phones, smart watches and tablets) during instructional time, but may have access before school, during spares and class transitions, at lunch and after school.

Spruce View School will be taking an "Out of Sight, Out of Mind" approach to this policy and will be supporting our students to make the best use of their learning and instructional time in school. Please see the [Spruce View Unplugged Again...](#) document linked for further details.

At Spruce View School, we strongly believe in the values of pride - Pride in Self, Pride in Others, and Pride in Community. These values are the foundation of our school's culture and will guide us throughout the upcoming academic year.

Pride in Self: Each and every one of our students is unique and has their own set of strengths and talents. We encourage our students to discover and embrace their individuality, to believe in themselves, and to strive for personal excellence. Our dedicated team of educators is here to support you in your academic and personal journey, helping you develop the skills and confidence needed to reach your full potential.



Pride in Others: We are a close-knit community here at Spruce View School, and we believe in the power of empathy, kindness, and teamwork. We encourage our students to lift each other up, celebrate one another's successes, and lend a helping hand to those in need. Together, we create a positive learning environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

Pride in Community: Spruce View School is more than just a place of learning; it's a hub of our vibrant community. We are committed to fostering a strong sense of belonging and connectedness among our students, parents, and staff. As a community, we take pride in our collective achievements and work together to make a positive impact on our surroundings.

As we embark on this new school year, let's remember that pride is not just a word; it's a way of life. It's about setting high standards for ourselves, showing respect and kindness to others, and actively participating in building a better community. Together, we can make Spruce View School an even more exceptional place to learn and grow.

We look forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and shared accomplishments. If you ever have questions, concerns, or ideas to contribute, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Our doors are always open. Together, we can make this school year truly remarkable.

Welcome back, Spruce View School family! Let's make this year one to remember, filled with pride in ourselves, pride in others, and pride in our wonderful community.

Let's go Vikings!

Claire Funk

Claire Funk (Principal)

Linda Lapere

Linda Lapere (Vice-Principal)