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February 12, 2021

Important Dates

February 15 - **No Classes** (Family Day)
February 16 & 17 - **No Classes** (Vacation)
February 18 & 19 - **No Classes** (Teachers' Convention)

February 22 - Return to Classes

February 23 & 24 - Gr. 7 Anti Bullying Presentations

February 24 - **PINK SHIRT DAY** - all students are encouraged to wear pink

March 3 - Bottle Drop Off Bin On Site

March 8 - Professional Learning Day - **No Classes**

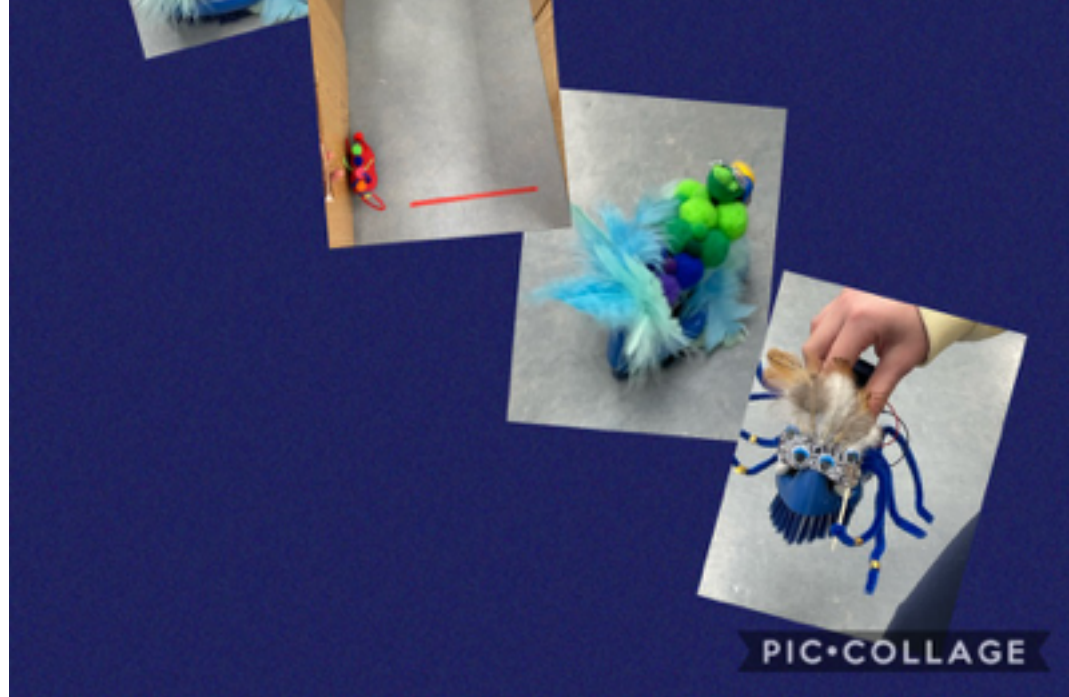
March 11 - 19 - Virtual Book Fair

What's Going On at SMS?

STEAM Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math

Scrub-Brush Bot Races.

Springbank Middle was the scene of the brush bot races earlier this week. Students in the STEAM option got to try out their brush bot inventions in head to head races. They used concepts from Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to create their machines.



House Teams!

It was a quiet week, with no organized Challenges, however Teams continued to contribute to our school spirit and to their Team bead collection! As of today (Friday), **Fire** 🔥 is in the lead but only by a small margin! **Fire** is followed by **Wind** 💨, **Rock** 🪨, and finally, **Water** 💧! We look forward to seeing everyone back on February 22nd with renewed energy and inspiration as the competition continues!

Fees

Fees for electives have now been applied and are due for Term 2. Please visit your SchoolCash account to pay any outstanding fees for Term 1 and/or 2. Please go to the following link to view instructions on how to set up your account if you're a first-time user; or to access your existing account.

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/assets/school-cash-online-fees-permission-forms/at_download/file

If you have any questions, please contact Bev Montieth in the main office.



Pink Shirt Day & Anti-Bullying Presentations

On February 23 & 24, our former school Psychologist, Dr. Crystal Ditttrick, and Ms. Borsato (CDA) will be visiting grade 7 classes for an Anti-Bullying Presentation. We are very fortunate that Dr. Ditttrick is able to come back to SMS for these presentations. She is so passionate about this topic that her PhD research was focused on prevention of bullying. These presentations coincide well with **Pink Shirt Day** on Feb.24th. Other grades will be doing in-class activities with their teacher.

Virtual Book Fair

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

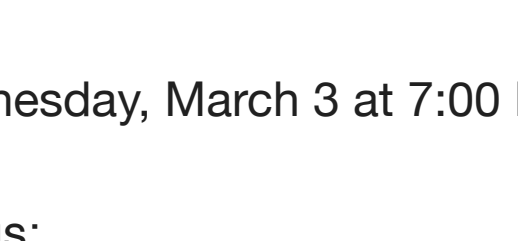
To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a Virtual Book Fair to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together. So save the date! Our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair will take place **Thursday, March 11th through to Friday, March 19th**.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5156388>

Before our Fair begins, click the link and: • SAVE it to your browser • WATCH videos of popular new titles • PREVIEW our Featured Books.

Watch for news leading up to our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!



School Council

The next meeting of School Council is Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 P.M. Until further notice, there will be no in-person attendance.

Zoom link for March 3 and all future meetings:

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/99791340042>

Meeting ID: 997 9134 0042

Passcode: 896396

Please email Council in advance with any items you'd like to be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

If you're interested in volunteering, please email sms_volunteers@outlook.com

Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa

On behalf of the SMS Council

FRIENDS OF SPRINGBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIETY (FOSMSS)

Unfortunately, due to Covid, the Casino has been canceled. This is a fundraiser that typically brings in \$60,000+ for SMS. We've been very grateful for these funds as they've enabled us to accomplish so many wonderful things and purchase much needed equipment and resources.

If you're able, and wish to support our continued efforts, donations can be made directly to the school, via the RVS donation link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/592/donation>. Please select Springbank Middle under the Fund dropdown menu.

FLIPGIVE!

We also encourage everyone to join our **FlipGive** fundraising campaign:

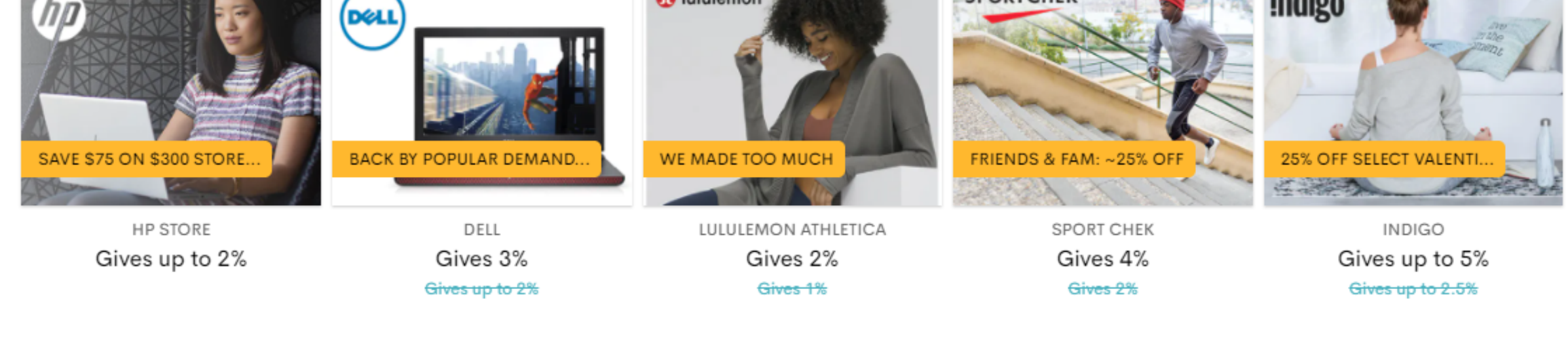
All you need to do is shop for your everyday household items, groceries, gifts, etc. through **FLIPGIVE!** Every time you make a purchase Springbank Middle gets a percentage in the form of a rebate. **You pay nothing extra.** Shop from the comfort of home using the app or any other preferred device. There are hundreds of vendors available, e.g. Safeway, Sobey's, Sportcheck, Indigo, Sephora, Tim Horton's, and more! Most vendors offer rebates on both merchandise and gift cards. All you need to do is create an account and start shopping!!!

Please join the Springbank Middle School team and encourage your friends and family to do so as well. Join today by clicking on the following link:

https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Springbank+Middle+School+&joincode=7V9MZM

If you're prompted for a "Join Code" please enter this code: **7V9MZM**

Brands Giving More



Bottle Drive

The next date for the bin to be at the school is Wednesday, March 3rd. The bin will be dropped off at approximately 7:45 A.M. and picked up at 4:15 P.M. You can also take bottles to Springbank Bottle Depot and ask to have the proceeds credited to Springbank Middle School's account.



Springbank Middle School Online Store!



We are very excited to announce the launch of the new Springbank Middle School Online Store! In partnership with Tuxedo Sports, we are offering a wide variety of items in assorted colours and styles, sporting the Springbank Middle School logos. Please ensure your order is correct before submitting, as there are no exchanges or returns. Go to the following link to start shopping! The school earns \$3 for each item purchased.

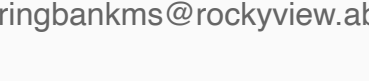
<https://tuxedo.itemorder.com/sale>

Access Code: springbank

Alberta Health Services Community Education Service

Please click on the following link for a list of upcoming, free webinars offered by AHS, Community Education Service.

<https://community.hmhc.ca/sessions/?p=online>



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