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February 5, 2021

Important Dates

- February 8 - In-school/Online Learning Transition
- February 11 - Paul Davis Presentations - Online Safety
- February 15 - **No Classes** (Family Day)
- February 16 & 17 - **No Classes** (Vacation)
- February 18 & 19 - **No Classes** (Teachers' Convention)
- February 22 - Return to Classes
- March 12th and 13th - FOSMSS Casino - **Canceled due to Covid**

What's Going On at SMS?

STEAM Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math

STEAM is a grade 7 elective instructed by Mme Martin. It's a great opportunity for students to learn by doing! It challenges students to use the five disciplines mentioned above to complete given projects. It helps students develop critical thinking skills and improve problem solving abilities through inquiry-based projects. Students explore, design, build, and perform fun experiments and make interesting discoveries. Some of the challenges include a hydraulic maze, the construction of games which include electrical systems, and an introduction to coding. This week students completed their exploration of electrical circuits by making their own brush bot. They transformed a simple cleaning brush into a robot that can move. These bots are now taking part in a race to be held next week!

After the February break, the students will be continuing their hydraulically-controlled maze project! During the first week of January, when students were learning from home, they learned how to design 3D prototypes that we have printed on our 3D printers. Several projects later, students have completed printing the parts for their maze!

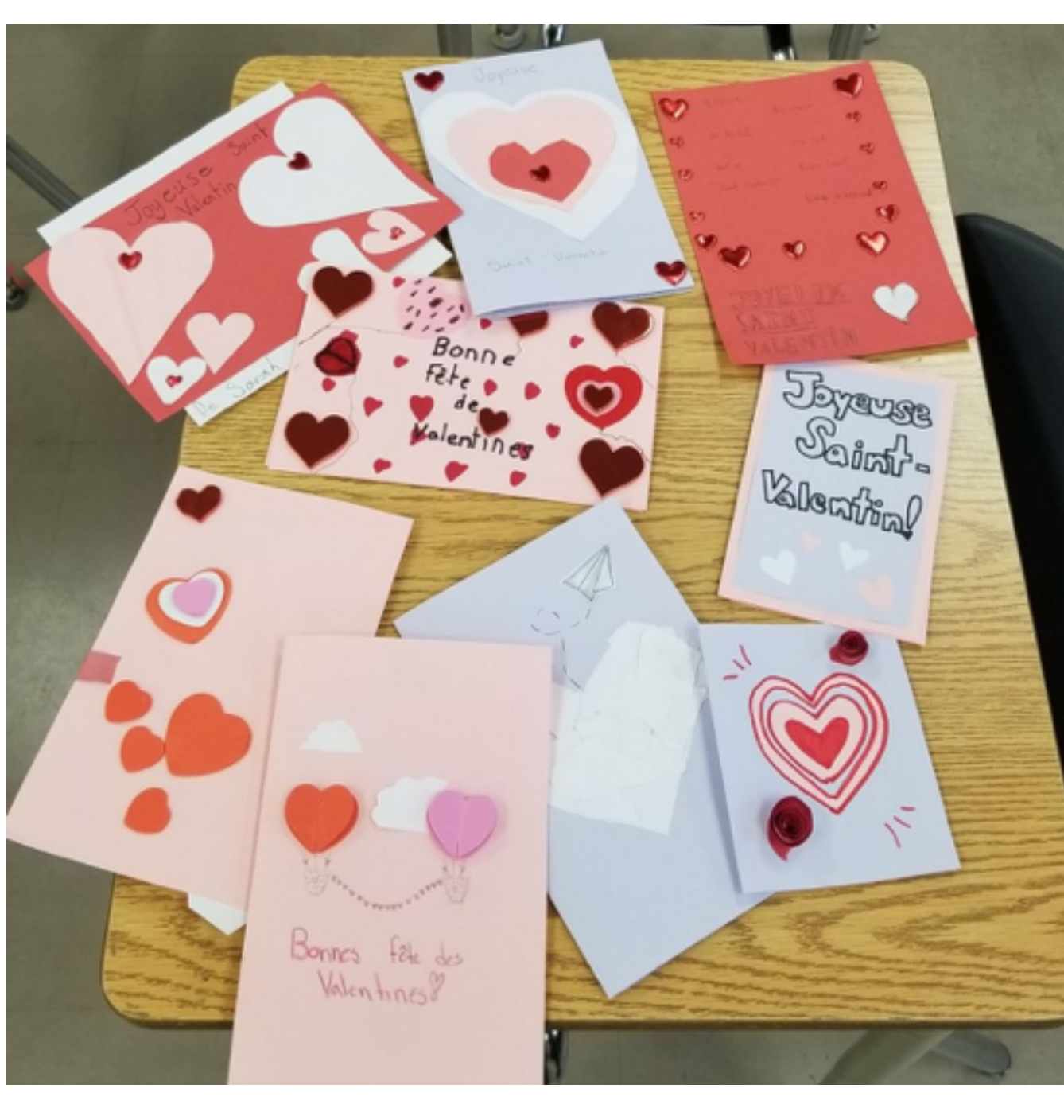


House Teams!

On Thursday afternoon, students completed new challenges to earn points/beads for their House Teams! They were asked to wear their Team touques (sp?), toques (sp?), tuques (sp?) and points were awarded to each team based on the number of students wearing their hats! Just for fun, students watched an informative video about how there is no consensus on the correct spelling of "toque"!

Students then took part in the "Balloon Up Challenge"! Each team, in each class, was given a balloon in the coordinating colour of their House. The challenge was to see which team could keep the balloon afloat the longest. Students had to work together to keep their balloons contained and off the ground!

Finally, students watched a series of videos outlining the loneliness and isolation many residents of long term care facilities may be experiencing. Students then made Valentine's Day cards which will be forwarded to Agecare Skypointe Residence, to be distributed among the residents.



Paul Davis - Online Safety Presentation

In collaboration with Elbow Valley Elementary, we're pleased to be hosting Paul Davis, a renowned speaker on online safety. Mr. Davis will be doing in-class presentations via Zoom, to our students on Thursday, February 11th and a **virtual presentation for parents in the evening at 7:00p.m. If you saw Paul at Springbank High two years ago, he let us know that 40% of his material is new.**

Paul Davis has spoken to over 620,000 students in Canada and the US in the past nine years. The following is his mission statement: "Protecting children and empowering parents on the topic of online safety"

With 28 years of experience in information technology/cyber and a father of two teenage daughters, his message is factual, direct, and caring.

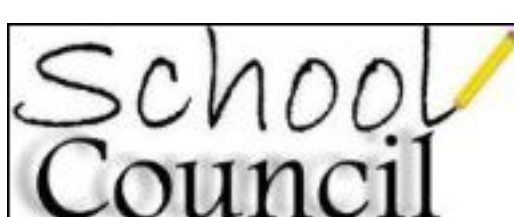
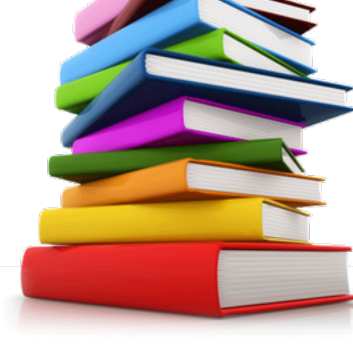
Please go to the following link to purchase tickets to the parent virtual event:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/paul-davis-social-networking-online-safety-tickets-137641741153>

To read more on Mr. Davis, please go to the following website:
<http://socialnetworkingsafety.net>

Battle of the Books

"Battle of the Books" continues!

- Students are busy reading the selection of novels.
- The Battle takes place on April 23 so students must make sure they are available on this date.



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. (Last time, it was \$65,000)

If you wish to make a donation directly to the school, it can be done via the RVS donation link (select Springbank Middle under the Fund dropdown menu:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/592/donation>

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

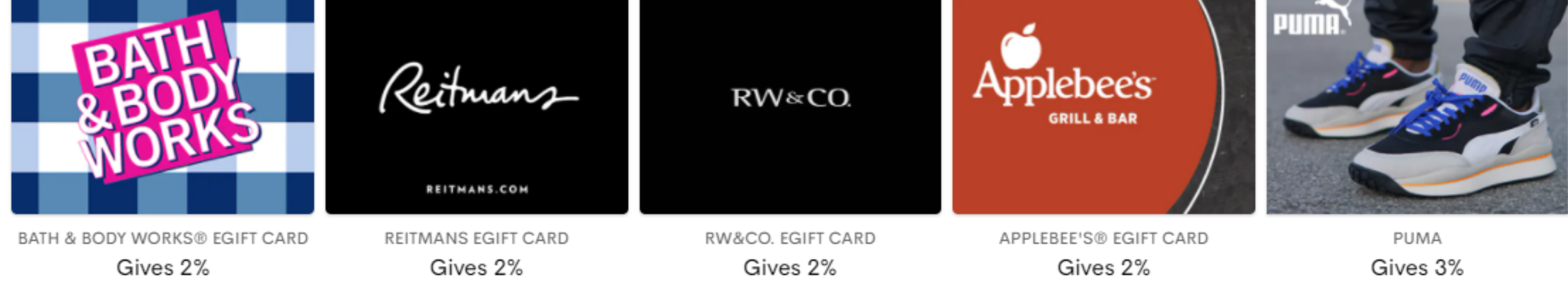
Thank you to those families who have already signed up for Flipgive! We continue to see new members joining who are taking advantage of the convenience of shopping from home while helping raise funds for our school! So far we have \$953 in rebates!
<https://flipgive.app.link/r?code=1375907>

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**

What's New

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Bottle Drive

Our Leadership students and Parent Council have coordinated to set up a bottle drive campaign with the proceeds going to Springbank Middle. The funds will primarily be used to purchase sports equipment for the school. In an effort to make donating more convenient, the **Springbank Bottle Depot will be dropping off a bin once a month, to be set up in the NE corner of the parking lot. The next date for the bin is Wednesday, March 3rd. The bin will be dropped off at approximately 7:45 A.M. and picked up at 4:15 P.M.** If you are unable to bring your bottles to the school during that time, you can still take them in to the bottle depot during their regular operating hours 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. **The next deadline for ordering is January 29, 2021.** 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>

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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>

