November 6, 2024

Dear Spring Glen families,

Thank you for your support of our **Duck Race fundraiser** sponsored by the Cardston Rotary Club! Our school has over \$8000 to put toward our goals in technology and gym equipment. We have already purchased some sorely needed volleyball equipment.

Attached to this letter is a list of the **options** that we have planned for the coming quarter. Please review it with your child. We will have students sign up on Thursday and these new classes will begin on Tuesday.

Tomorrow we will be going to our **Remembrance Day program** at Spring Glen Elementary. It will begin at 1 pm and families are welcome to join us.

Tuesday, November 26 is our **parent-teacher night.** We will be available from 3:30 until 6:30 that evening for in-person interviews. We are especially excited for you to have a chance to meet our exceptional new teachers, Mrs. Kendrick and Mrs. Leighton. Our Parent Council will be serving light refreshments and helping with PowerSchool and SchoolGuide signups. Families will sign up for each teacher they need to see when they arrive. We have had problems in the past with parents waiting for very long periods before seeing a teacher. In fairness to everyone, we will be observing a 10-minute limit per child, per teacher this time. As always, if you need more time to discuss concerns or needs, we will gladly arrange a different time with the appropriate staff members.

I've recently received the results from last year's Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests and they are exceptional. In every subject, our school beat or tied every other Grade 9 class in our school division! We have a significant percentage of our students who achieved above the provincial average as well as the standard of excellence. Our students know how to work hard and we have dedicated teachers who help them achieve their best.

Basketball Season is beginning! All students are welcome to play. You should have received an email and/or text message with the information and permission forms. Please contact Mr. Scott if you have questions.

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We hope to start sending out more frequent updates like this one. If you are ever looking for more information about what is happening at school, you have two great options. Our school website, sgjhs.westwind.ab.ca, has lots of news and resources available 24/7. The SchoolGuide app is also a useful option, particularly if you have students in multiple schools in Westwind. You can see all of the upcoming events for all schools in one place. Mrs. Demes works very hard to keep our school events and hot lunch calendars up-to-date so these resources stay accurate for you. A third resource is our Facebook page. We often will put alerts up here if last minute things are going on (surprise dress up days, snow days, etc) or to show you pictures of recent events. Our Parent School Council will be available on Parent Teacher night if you would like help getting

Please know that my door is always open if you have concerns or questions.

any of these set up, or call Mrs. Demes in the office and she will be glad to assist you.

"Be kind, work hard, play hard, lead the way."

Sincerely Mr. Jamie Barfuss, Principal