



VIKING NEWSLETTER

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March of the Penguins

Our Grade 1 class got to experience the Calgary Zoo King Penguin enrichment walk this month. This is the eighth year that the colony, who came from the sub-Antarctic, head out on

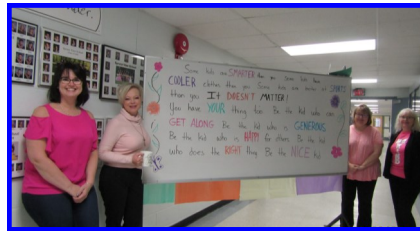
their daily walk around the grounds.

The students learned they that the penguins feed on small fish, like herring, smelt, and squid. An interesting fact is just before hatching, penguin chicks call to their parents from inside the egg.

The Grade One class has their paper Mache penguins on display in the library. We invite you to drop by and see their art work. Thank you to all the parent and Mrs. Ellingson for a great trip.



Celebrating Pink Shirt Day



This annual event all started by an act of kindness in a small town in Nova Scotia. It is now a movement celebrated across the globe. Staff and stu-

dents wore pink on Wednesday, February 26th to show we are against bullying.

Our focus this year was on kindness and why is kindness important to us. We had events in each wing. The elementary wing was "Be the I in Kindness". The middle wing was "Throw Kindness like Confetti". The high school had a project called "Undercover Kindness". Ask your child what they did for their event to help spread kindness in Spruce View.



Fifty Days of Learning

The kindergartens celebrated 50 days of learning with Mrs. Kraus and Mrs. Thompson. They made necklaces and bracelets. The main event was writing their names on the big balloons. Way to go Kindergarten!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPRUCE VIEW

Monday, MAR 9th

- Boys & Girls Club at Dinos Golf 3 pm to 7pm

Tuesday, MAR 10th

- K to 4 Theatre Field Trip
- Gr 11 Field Trip
- Dungeons & Dragons 3pm

Wednesday, MAR 11th

- Builders League 3 pm
- Vikings Drop-in Badminton 3 pm

Thursday, MAR 12th

- Hot Dog Day
- Dungeons & Dragons 3 pm

Friday, MAR 13th

- AET Dual Credit
- Middle Wing Ski Trip
- PAC Bingo

Monday, March 16th

- Welding Dual Credit
- Boys & Girls Club at Dinos Golf 3pm to 7pm

Tuesday, March 17th

- Leadership Meeting 8am
- Taco Day
- Dungeons & Dragons 3pm

Wednesday, March 18th

- Lego Club 3 pm
- Builder League 3 pm

Thursday, March 19th

- Hot Dog Day
- K to 8 Report Cards
- Dungeons & Dragons 3 pm

Friday, March 20th

- NO SCHOOL**
- Teacher Cohort Day

MARCH 2020 SPRUCE VIEW HEALTHY FAMILIES

Talking to Kids About

Fake News



WE HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION AND REFERENCES ONLINE

<http://edtechframework.com/support/talking-to-kids/>



Fake Info, Fake News & Discernment

Talking to kids about their online life and social media usage is not always easy. To assist students, parents and teachers in navigating this reality, we offer these key points to aid in determining if content found online is accurate or if it is false.

3 Categories of false information

- Misinformation and/or mistakes
- Disinformation - otherwise known as lies or hoaxes
- Gossip - while this content may be true, its intent is to cause harm.

7 Questions to ask to assist in determining if content is true

- Who produced the information and why?
- Where was it published?
- What does it really say?
- Who is it aimed at?
- What is it based on?
- Is there evidence within the site or graphic for it, or is it just someone's opinion?
- Can you verify the information elsewhere?

5 Hallmarks of fake news or false information

- It will likely contain more words related to sex, death or anxiety
- It may use overly emotional language
- It is likely to use words for exaggeration. Watch for "most", "worst", "brilliant", "terrible", and other descriptors that suggest exaggeration.
- Instead of using names, the content uses third person pronouns "he", "she", and/or "they" if the choice of words feels adversarial, emotional, patriotic or abrasive, keep your guard up

3 Sites to check your facts

- Factcheck.org
- Snopes.com
- Politifacts

Creators of false content are very skilled, and they do a fantastic job of making it look and seem real. It is always a good idea to check the validity of content found online. Those of us older than the millennial generation grew up with books as our primary source of information, and if something made it to publication, it was considered to be a fact. In 2020, it is very easy to publish content to the web and make it look professional and authentic. Fact checking has become the new normal.