



École Springfield Elementary News



Important Dates to Remember:

May 3rd-

PD Day - No School

May 4th -

Star Wars Day

May 5th-

Hats On!

For Mental Health

May 9th-

Mothers Day

May 12th-

Jump Rope for Heart

May 14th-

No school for kindergarten

May 19th-

School Council Meeting

May 21st & 24th-

No School

May 28th-

Wacky Hair Day

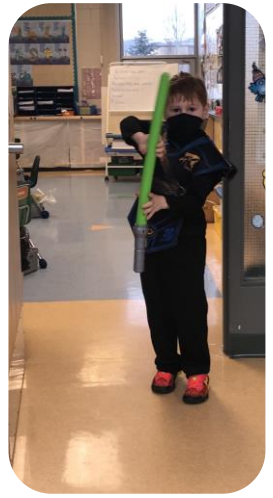
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today!

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www.prsd.ab.ca

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Call us at 780-624-2143 to learn about our full and part-time programs, French Immersion and English programs options, and our First Steps Early Learning Program.

Daily
Screening
Checklist





Disney / Storybook Character Day!



Superintendent's Message

Education and Mental Health Awareness Week

May 3 – 9, 2021 marks Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week – a celebration of education and recognition of the importance of positive mental health.

In Peace River School Division we are committed to teach, support and nurture the whole student - through engaging classrooms, qualified and caring staff, focus on emotional, social and physical wellness, leadership and mentorship programs, positive behavior and character programs, and the support of Youth Education Workers and Success Coaches. We are proud of the dynamic learning communities within our schools and we strive to support our students in any way we possibly can. By incorporating wellness into classrooms and curriculum we acknowledge the link between education and mental health which better enables our students to reach their full potential.

We understand it takes a village to raise a child and both the educational and mental health needs are crucial aspects of learning, well-being and success. We are very thankful for the various partnerships we share with agencies, community members and organizations in our school communities. These community partnerships not only provide increased supports for students, they demonstrate that their school communities care, and it also shows what can be achieved when we work together.

During Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week, our students and staff will participate in activities and learning opportunities that highlight the importance of education and mental health in our lives, families, schools, community and the world.

Thank you to students, parents, staff, community members and organizations for your support - the work you do makes a difference and we appreciate you.

Paul Bennett,
PRSD Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division No. 10



May 2021

Principal's Message

Spring is a time of renewal and a general lifting of spirits while we wait for the longer, warmer days to arrive! We can still get outside to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine that should lift and lighten everyone's spirits and moods.

We understand that the winter months can drag and have a negative impact on our mental well-being. With the strain of Covid guidelines and requirements we do see that our students, staff and families are under some mental stress. May 2nd is the beginning of Mental Health week and our Success Coach, Sandra MacKenzie, is able to assist our students and families with resources. Please contact her if you have any questions.

As well, May 2nd is the beginning of Education Week. Learning is a journey and it has certainly been that over this past year. Keep an eye out for posts on our facebook page as we will be spotlighting students throughout the week as they let us know how they feel about education at École Springfield Elementary School!

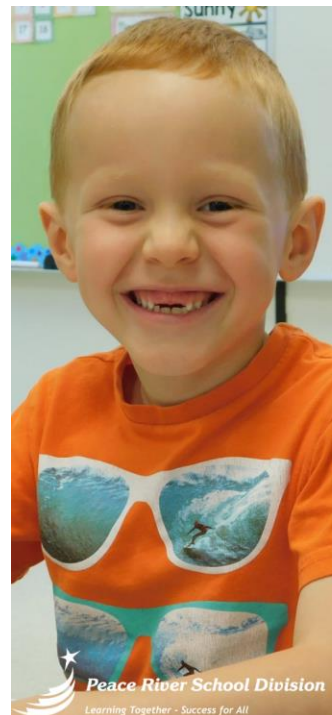
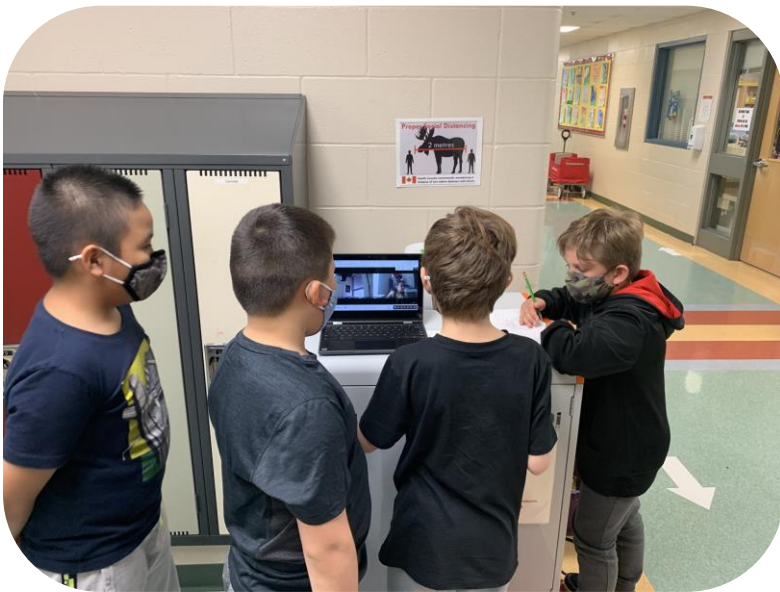
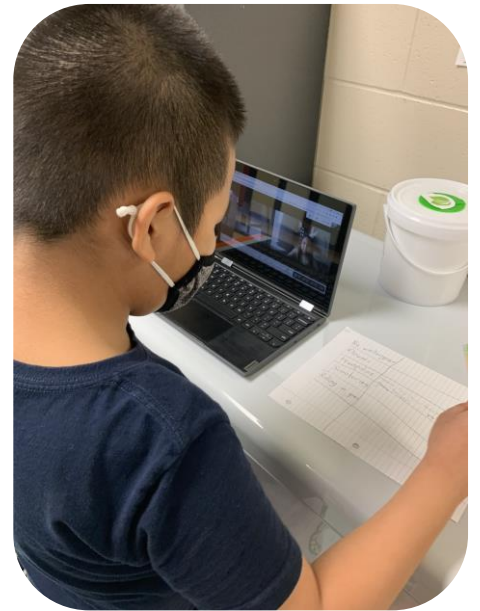
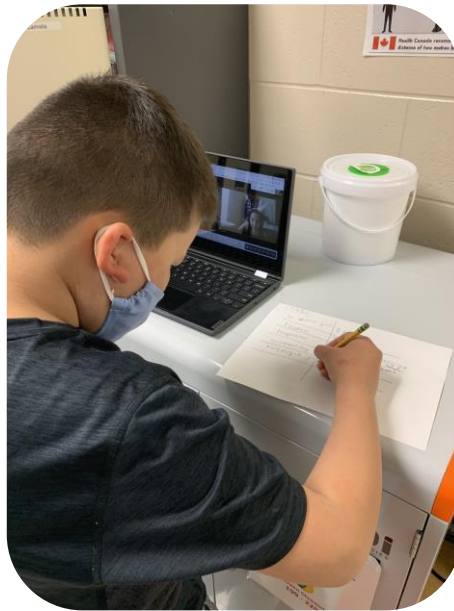
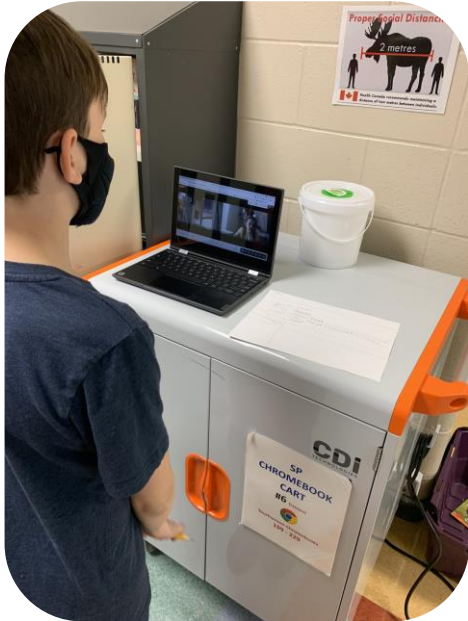
Stay safe,

Elizabeth Green,
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School





Mrs. Aquino's grade three class is learning about graphing. Here we see students collecting data from their friend who is an Online Learner. Today they graphed some of their favourite things about Spring! Some of their favourite things about Spring are : not wearing winter gear, rolling around in the grass, scootering, flowers and jumping on the trampoline!



School trustees advocate for children.

They help make schools and communities a better place.

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Nominations are being accepted until noon on September 20, 2021

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May 2021

Peace River School Division
Learning Together - Success for All

What is your perspective?

Take the Survey here



New K-6 Curriculum

Go to prsd.ab.ca to learn how to provide your input

View the 2021 Draft (K-6) Curriculum here:

<https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en>



Congratulations to Mme Arzouma Kalsongui for being selected as PRSD's nominee for the *Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award*. The Edwin Parr Teacher Award recognizes first-year teachers that demonstrate exemplary dedication and commitment in the field of Education.

Hatching Chicks in Room #137

The grade 3 students in Mrs. Viel's and Ms. Robinson's class hatched 4 out of 5 chick eggs and learned a lot about the life cycle of chickens and how they compare to other animals.

From eggs in an incubator...



to going back to the chicken ranch to grow into hens and roosters.



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Welcome to May! It is so nice to get outside and and spend time in the sunshine! May is one of my favorite months.

I wanted to share that May 3-9th is Mental Health Awareness Week in Canada. Check out this cool website for ideas on how to talk about mental health with your kids, <https://mentalhealthweek.ca/>. There are tons of activities and resources for all age groups. For students in elementary, the main focus on mental health should be talking about feelings, helping children recognize that all emotions are okay and finding appropriate ways to handle our big, uncomfortable feelings. Wednesday, May 5th is Hats On for Mental Health. Please encourage your child to wear a hat to school that day! Please know if you are struggling with your own mental wellness, you are not alone. Please call the Peace River Mental Health Clinic at 780-624-6151 or, check out the list of resources you can access [here](#) under community directory.

If I can assist your family in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at mackenzies@prsd.ab.ca or call 403-624-2143 extension 14151. Sandra MacKenzie, Project PEACE



Get ready to **#GetReal**
CMHA Mental Health Week May 3-9, 2021
Visit mentalhealthweek.ca
for info and tools!

Spotlight on Health and Safety



Safety Message – Disaster Preparedness

If your family is caught in an emergency or disaster situation, are you prepared? Without any warning a disaster can occur and it may take some time for emergency workers to get to you. It is recommended that you should always be ready to take care of yourselves for a minimum of 72 hours. Your best defence in any emergency is to have a plan and be familiar with what to do.

There are three keys to disaster preparedness.

Know the risks – analyze what hazards you face? In Alberta we face a number of hazards, such as natural emergencies like forest fire and floods, service disruptions like a power failure, or even environmental disasters like a chemical spill.

Make a plan – each household needs an emergency plan. It will assist you and your family to know what to do in case of an emergency. Discuss what you would do in different situations as well as how to meet or contact each other if you're not together when an emergency occurs. Consider what to do if you need to stay put or if you need to leave your home. Include a list of emergency management agencies in your area.

Create an emergency kit – in an emergency basic supplies will be needed. You may be without power or tap water. Always have items ready such as non-perishable food, water, flashlight, first aid kit and seasonally appropriate clothing. Also consider any special needs supplies such as requirements for any infants or elderly family members, remember any medications, and necessities for pets. Make sure the kit is organized and easy to find and that everyone knows where it is.

You may find the following links helpful in preparing your family for emergency situations.

Government of Alberta: <https://www.alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness.aspx>

Alberta Emergency Alert App: <https://emergencyalert.alberta.ca/content/about/signup.html>

Government of Canada Disaster Preparedness Site: (emergency kit contents, preparing a family plan) <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx>

David Smith,

PRSD Safety & Wellness Coordinator

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It is illegal to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing.

**Fine \$543.00
And
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School Bus Safety... it's everyone's responsibility!

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Safety Is Our Commitment

May 2021




STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY CIRCLE PROGRAM

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn."
- Benjamin Franklin



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT AND CELEBRATE YOUR FAMILY!

HOW CAN WE HELP?

- SUPPORT
- EDUCATION
- ADVOCACY
- REFERRALS
- COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
- FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS



Knowledge is Power. Let's Empower Your Family Today!



Please Contact
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[Find us on Facebook!](#)

WE ♥ OUR School Bus Drivers

They carry our most precious cargo!

Happy School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 3, 2021



Do you know a transportation employee that deserves to be recognized?

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

Peace River School Division Transportation Award of Excellence

Eligible staff: bus driver, mechanics and office staff

Nominations open until June 30, 2021
Learn more at prsd.ab.ca





June 2021 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1 *Countdown to Zero – Library– All Books back in!	2	3	4	5
6	7 PD Day– No School	8	9	10	11 Backwards Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Happy Father's Day	22 National Indigenous Peoples Day	23	24	25 Red & White Day Last Day of School!	26
27	28	29	30	Education Week 		

Education Week

LEARNING IS A JOURNEY

CELEBRATE Education WEEK

The Alberta Teachers' Association Alberta

May 3 - 7, 2021



Username: LA46

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Scholastic Education
digital resources available through
Alberta's Online Reference Centre

Students in Alberta have access to four Scholastic Education online resources:

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ScienceFlix
Powered by Grolier Online
Grades 4-9
Transforming the way students access science topics, acquire scientific knowledge, and build a lasting interest in science, technology, and engineering.



TRUE FLIX
Grades 3-5
Uses content from the award-winning True Books to help students strengthen literacy skills, build science and social studies knowledge, and cultivate 21st-century skills through inquiry.



SCHOLASTIC
BookFLIX
Grades K-3
A remarkable online literacy resource that pairs classic, fictional video storybooks with top-quality, non-fiction eBooks.



go
Grolier Online
Grades 4-6
Access the *Animals of the World* database that is part of Grolier Online!



To access any of these great resources go to

LearnAlberta.ca

www.tumblebooklibrary.com

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Password: books

--French & English--

Check out their Brand New app on AppStore or Google Play

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