



# École Springfield Elementary News



# September 2021



## Important Dates to Remember:

August 30th-  
First Day of School!

Sept 6th-  
No School

Sept 20th-  
PD Day  
No School

Sept 22nd-  
Tentative  
School Photo's

Sept 30th-  
Truth & Reconciliation Day

Sept 27-30th  
Truth & Reconciliation  
Week

September 2021



Daily  
Screening  
Checklist





# Why is School Attendance Important?

Students who missed 2 to 4 days in September are 5 times more likely than those who missed fewer than 2 days to be chronically absent for the year.



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**June 2021 -  
Grade 4 Water Fight**

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 at Springfield Elementary School  
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# Superintendent's Message

Welcome back to our students, families, staff, and school communities. We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are ready to start an exciting new school year. To our new families and staff, welcome to the Peace River School Division family.

As you may be aware, my name is Adam Murray, and I am the new Superintendent for the Peace River School Division. I very much look forward to working with our students, staff, families, and communities to continue to provide high-quality educational experiences in safe, caring and inclusive schools. I believe that no dream is too big, and I am very passionate about ensuring our students are supported, engaged, and nurtured so that they can reach their goals and their full potential.

As outlined in our [Education Plan](#), numeracy, literacy and student health and wellness are top priorities for PRSD, in addition to providing students with a broad range of academic and engaging extra-curricular programming. Wellness in our schools is also a top priority as we know that students need to feel happy and well for students to reach their full potential. Encouraging our students to be a part of a team, a group at school, or in the community is essential. These opportunities help to grow and develop important life skills and attributes such as teamwork, community-mindedness and shared responsibility.

Of course, our parents and guardians play a crucial role in education, and we welcome, value and appreciate your involvement and input. We understand that parental involvement looks different for many families, and as a division, we will continue to ensure parents are aware of ways they can be involved and feel at home in our schools. This November, we also look forward to celebrating our parents and guardians during PRSD's annual "Parents Matter Appreciation Week."

I would also like to take this time to reassure our families and school communities that we take the safety and well-being of students very seriously. We will continue with enhanced cleaning in our schools and facilities, and encourage thorough and frequent hand washing. We respect and support any student or staff who want to continue wearing a mask in school, we will continue to encourage our students and staff to stay home when they are not feeling well and, we are committed to work with Alberta Health Services and the Alberta Government should the nature of the pandemic change. We understand that for some of our families, in-person learning may not be the preferred choice. For our families that would like to learn more about online learning options, please be aware that we offer virtual learning programming for students from grades 1-12 by skilled and dedicated teachers, support staff and our District Principal. Please visit our website at [prsd.ab.ca](http://prsd.ab.ca) to learn more.

Schools are the hub of our communities, and our students make up the communities of tomorrow. Together as educators, parents, support staff, community members, organizations and businesses, we are given an incredible opportunity to encourage, empower and enable students to develop their unique talents and gifts. Thank you all in advance for your support and involvement in student learning and well-being.

I wish you all a wonderful 2021-2022 school year.

Adam Murray  
Superintendent of Schools



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# Principal's Message

Welcome back, École Springfield students and families and a very warm welcome to new members of our community! This time of year, it is always such a pleasure getting caught up with familiar faces as well as meeting new friends. It brings joy to all our staff when we can once again see all the smiling faces and hear the chatter of the students in our hallways. For those who don't know me, My name is Gail McNabb, and I am excited to be in my first year as principal at École Springfield Elementary.

This year we are starting off in a close to normal start up. Students can once again play with friends from other classes on the playground and attend Music and Library classes in their designated spaces. Wellness and safety of students and staff are top priorities at the school, and we are happy that students can interact with all their friends and join in extra activities outside the classroom. Although masks and social distancing are no longer required, we encourage any of our community who wish to continue with these protocols to continue to do so. Our school [Education Plan](#) follows PRSD goals closely as we focus on literacy, numeracy and student health and wellness. The partnership between home and school is crucial to the success of the whole child, and we look forward to collaborating together to ensure the best experience for your children.

One way to get involved in our school is becoming a member of the École Springfield School and Parent Councils. School Council is an important link between the Board, schools and school communities and bring perspectives on education, the needs

of the school and concerns of the community to the school and the Board. Be on the look-out for more information on this in the coming days.

I look forward to working with you and having a wonderful 2021-2022 school year.

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School





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# SPORTS DAY

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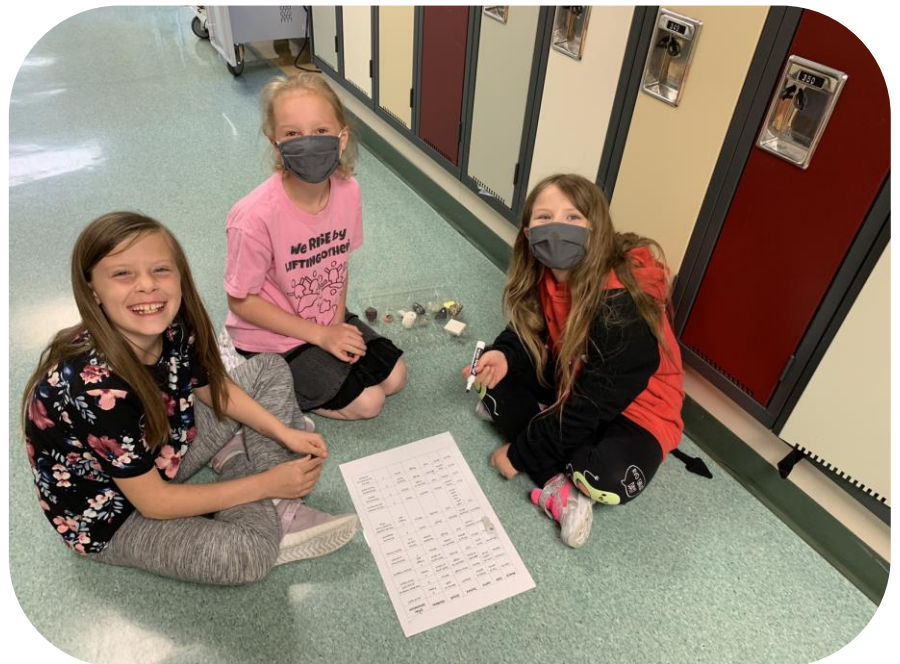




**June 2021**



**Last year's Grade 3  
Aquino's class had fun  
learning about Rocks  
and Minerals.  
Here they were  
working on identifying  
minerals by their  
characteristics!**



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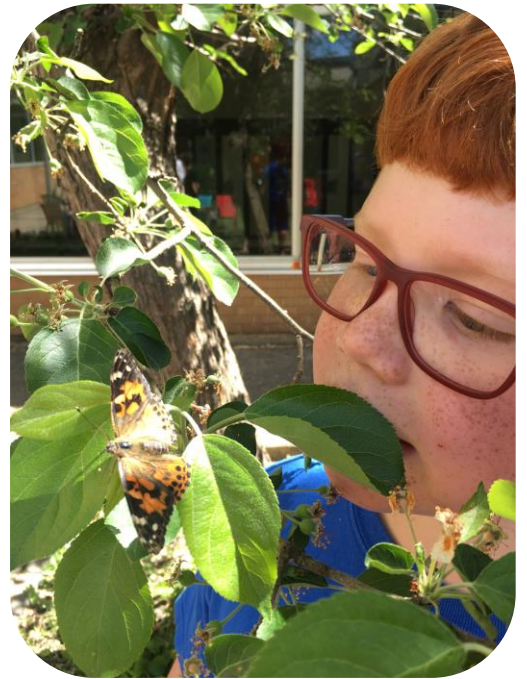


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Last years Mrs. Viel and Ms. Robinson's grade 3 class released their Painted Lady butterflies in the courtyard in June. It was sad to see them fly away but we are happy they are off to lay their eggs and find new adventures.





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### June 2021



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# Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Welcome Springfield Families! I wanted to introduce myself to you all. My name is Kimberly Clarke, some of you may have seen me in the school last year in May and June as I was an Educational Assistant. I am very excited to let you know I am now Springfields new Success Coach and I cannot wait to meet all of you!! :)

A big part of my job is to help support everyone's mental health and wellness. I will be providing Universal Programming once a week to all the classrooms. The program I will be using is called Second Step and helps promote empathy and kindness, problem solving, and emotion management just to name a few. I am also available to do daily check-ins with students if something happens in your family or they are struggling with their feelings and just need someone to check in on them.

If I can assist your family in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at [clarkeki@prsd.ab.ca](mailto:clarkeki@prsd.ab.ca) or call 403-624-2143 extension 14151.

Kimberly Clarke, Project PEACE Success Coach



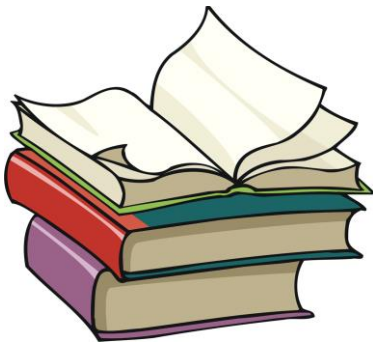
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Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Dickie  
are so excited to  
welcome all the students  
back into the




**STOP**

**REDS FLASHING...NO PASSING!**  
*It is illegal to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing.*

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



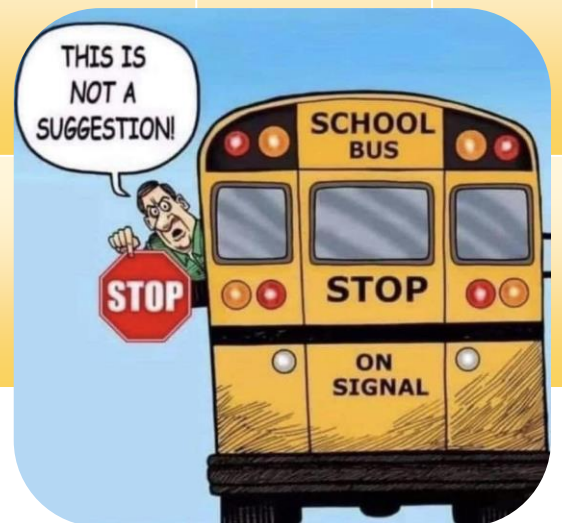
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Safety is Our Commitment





# October 2021 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					1  No kindergarten	2
3	4	5	6	7	8  No School	9
10  Happy Thanksgiving  No School	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  PD Day No School	26	27	28	29	30
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**Scholastic Education**  
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Students in Alberta have access to four Scholastic Education online resources:



Grades 4-9

Transforming the way students access science topics, acquire scientific knowledge, and build a lasting interest in science, technology, and engineering.



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.



Grades K-3

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Grades 4-6

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Password: books

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École Springfield  
School



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