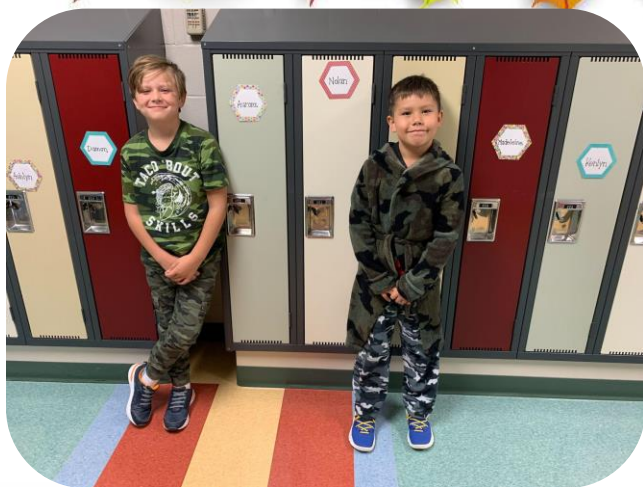




École Springfield Elementary News

OCTOBER 2021



Camo Day

Important Dates to Remember:

October 1st-
No kindergarten

October 8 & 11th-
No School

October 25th -
PD Day
No School



October 2021

Daily
Screening
Checklist





Why is School Attendance Important?

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.



Austin in grade four says that coming to school every day is fun because you get to see your friends. And when you don't come to school, you don't have any idea what is going on when you get back. It is also super fun learning math and stuff like that.



Lyra in grade four says coming to school all the time gives you a better experience for when you get older and get a job. School gives you a boost to get better at doing things. You also get to see your teachers every day. Learning new things is always exciting.





Meet École Springfield Elementary's Office Managers:

Have you ever wondered who the faces are behind the phone calls you make to Springfield. Mrs. Bushie (standing) and Mrs. Fortin look after students, parents and staff in their roles as office managers. When they answer the phone, you can tell that they love their job at the school. Mrs. Bushie looks after all our student records and attendance. Mrs. Fortin wears two hats. She not only is in charge of the finances, but also does some work with our technology. These two ladies make sure everything in the school runs smoothly!

Thanks, ladies, for always taking care of us!



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Mrs. Stalker's Grade One class enjoying smile cookies donated by a parent. Thank you!!

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Superintendent's Message

Indigenous Education in Peace River School Division

Ensuring that Indigenous perspectives are infused in education is very important to the Peace River School Division (PRSD). It is crucial that First Nations, Métis and Inuit students see themselves and their cultures in the curriculum and school community, and that non-Indigenous students are taught the true history of Canada, including the, at times, painful relationship between Canada and the First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

As you may be aware, the Canadian government declared September 30th as a federal statutory holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We fully support the importance of this day of observance and therefore the PRSD board of trustees voted to make **September 30, 2021 a non-operational day, meaning there will be no school for students and school-based staff**. The board of trustees also voted that **September 27- October 1, 2021 be declared Truth and Reconciliation Week** in PRSD schools. By dedicating a full week to Truth and Reconciliation, schools will have the flexibility to select a minimum of one school day within the week to recognize Orange Shirt Day while students learn about the history and legacy of residential schools. Other learning activities that support Truth and Reconciliation will also be encouraged.

As an educational organization, we have a great duty, responsibility, and opportunity to create change and we take this very seriously. Last year, the PRSD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to form an Anti-Racism Committee. The committee includes representation from the board of trustees, students, and staff, and is committed to further positive systemic change, with the goal of ending racism in all PRSD school communities.

We are very excited and humbled to share that on September 23, 2021, we will demonstrate our respect for, and solidarity with, our Indigenous communities by raising the Treaty 8 flag and the Métis flag at the Grimshaw Shared School Facility. This flag raising Ceremony has been planned in collaboration with Duncan's First Nation, Métis Region VI, Holy Family Catholic Regional School Division, and the Town of Grimshaw. At PRSD, we will continue to demonstrate our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by collaborating with our local Indigenous communities to plan future flag raising Ceremonies to be held at each of our schools.

In our classrooms it is emphasized that Indigenous history is Canadian history. It is very important to us that all students learn about the important traditions, cultures, and histories of the First Peoples of Canada. We seek out opportunities to have our staff learn from local Elders and knowledge keepers. For example, our school leaders learned more about the significance of smudging from a local knowledge keeper during their first Administrators Association Meeting of the year. This month, students in Peace River and Fairview will be building tobacco bundles with the guidance of a local knowledge keeper to support the local Sisters in Spirit events when our communities gather to remember missing and murdered Indigenous people.

Although pandemic restrictions have prevented large divisional events such as our Hand Games Tournament, other virtual opportunities have arisen. For example, in the coming weeks, all schools will have the opportunity to have students learn Cree songs with Sherryl Sewepagaham through Zoom sessions. Throughout the school year, opportunities are woven into the classroom whether that is a part of a specific event such as Remembrance Day, Métis Week, or Indigenous Peoples Day, or just as a part of what regularly happens day-to-day in the classroom.

This important work is supported by the vision and passion of the Board of Trustees, and through the work of PRSD's management staff, Indigenous Education Program Coordinator, Indigenous Support Workers, school-based Indigenous Education leads, teachers, educational assistants and through the contributions of Indigenous community members and organizations. These programs and initiatives are supported by way of special funding from the Government of Alberta which is determined by self-declaration. Peace River School Division receives funding for each self-declared Indigenous student. Parents can declare their child's ancestry on the school registration form that is completed every year.

Thank you to our students, staff, families, Elders, knowledge keepers, community members and organizations for your important contributions and support.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division



October 2021

Principal's Message

It seems we just put out our September Welcome Back Newsletter and here it is October already! What a busy month we have had learning routines and getting used to full days of learning. The past few weeks have also seen changes due to new COVID protocols being implemented. Classes are once again cohorting for instruction and recesses. It is important to note that even though we are staggering recess and lunch breaks for classes, we continue to have the same number of instructional minutes as a non COVID year. Teachers also continue to have a strong focus on literacy and numeracy throughout the day. Thank you so much for your patience and flexibility as we make shifts according to Alberta Health and Peace River School Division guidelines. We are so grateful for all the families who take the time to review the Alberta Health [Checklist](#) that is required. We all want to keep students safe and in school as much as possible. If you have questions or concerns around these protocols, please feel free to call the school.

As Mr. Murray mentioned in his message, classes are continuously learning about indigenous history and culture. The last week in September, has been declared Truth and Reconciliation Week in Peace River School Division. Classes spent time learning about the impact of residential schools on indigenous communities through age appropriate resources. Mlle Laurin's (One of our two school leads for indigenous education - Mrs. Swartz is the other) class led the school assembly September 29th talking about Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Other opportunities will present themselves for further learning, including Metis Week in November and National Indigenous Month in June. There are also many other opportunities for learning about indigenous culture and history with curriculum links throughout the grades.

With the help of our Nutrition Grant, we will soon have our Hot Lunch program up and running. Please watch for order forms coming home soon.

Stay safe and healthy,

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School





**Orange Shirt Day /
Truth and Reconciliation Day**



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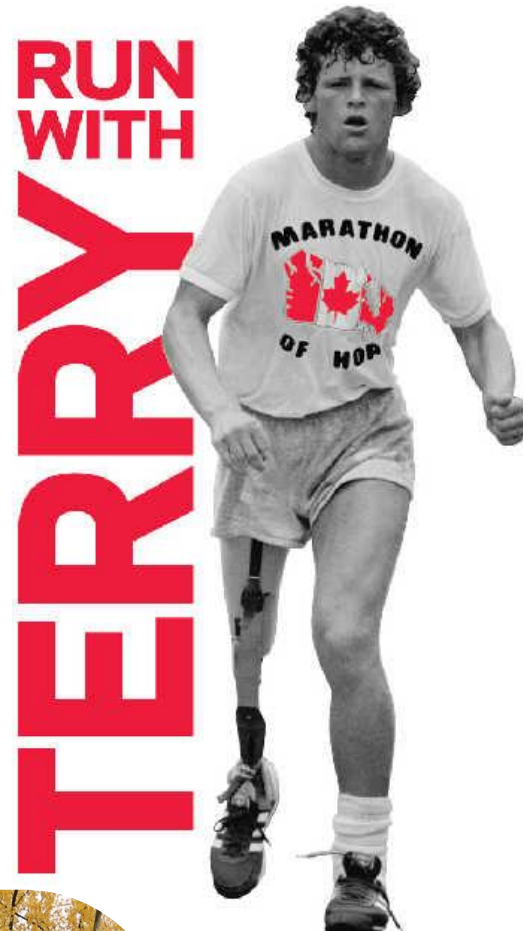
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October 2021









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 Halloween Dress Up Day	30



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November 2021 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 No kindergarten	2	3 Photo Retakes	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Red & White Day Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30	11 No School	12 No School	13
14	15 Parents Matter Week	16	17	18	19 Dress like your parent! Report Cards released	20
21	22 PD Day No School	23 Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair 4-8pm	24	25 Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair 4-8pm	26	27
28	29	30				

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Attention Parents:
Change to kindergarten entrance age
December 31st!!!



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