



École Springfield Elementary News

November 2021



Important Dates to Remember:

November 1st- No kindergarten

November 3rd- Picture Retakes

November 10th-
Red & Black Day &
Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11 & 12th - No School

November 14-20th-
Metis Week & Parents Matter Week

November 18th- **Wear Blue**
For Children's Grief Awareness Day

November 18th- 30th-
Virtual Book Fair

November 22nd- No School

November 23rd & 25th-
Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews

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Our Breakfast for Learning Program received a generous \$1775.00 donation from the Baytex Team today. From all of us at Ecole Springfield School, Thank You!

Daily
Screening
Checklist





Why is School Attendance Important?



**Did you know... Most of the work done at École Springfield is hands-on and discussion learning? When a child misses school for any reason, they are missing learning opportunities that may never be able to make up? If attendance is inconsistent, this can lead to big gaps in their learning.

Amy from Grade 4 says coming to school every day is important because you have to get a job and get money eventually, so you have to get a good education. If you don't know a lot, people won't hire you and, and you won't have a good life. Rose in Grade 4 says going to school is important because once you grow up, and have kids you want to teach them stuff and if you don't know it then you can't help them with a test and then your kid won't do good in school. Sometimes teachers teach and you still need to teach your kids too.



Mme. Luce Kindergarten Class



Happy Halloween







Meet École Springfield Elementary's Library staff:

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Dickie work very hard looking after the needs of our wonderful students and staff in the library. Mrs. Dickie also supports staff and students with technology issues as well.. These two ladies make sure everything in the library runs smoothly!

Meet École Springfield Elementary's Kindergarten teaching team! We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Black (bottom left) Mlle Luce (Middle) and Mrs. Munch (bottom right) guide our kindergarten students through their first adventures into school. These dedicated teachers pursue a play based curriculum with students that has a great balance of centre activities, outdoor exploration and directed instruction in early literacy and numeracy and social skills.

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Superintendent's Message

Have you ever heard these terms from your child(ren)'s school - RCAT, WAT, MIPI NCAT, and F & P BAS? These are all acronyms for local assessments that are used in all of Peace River School Division's (PRSD) schools to support students' learning needs and achievement. Teachers use these powerful tools to determine how students learn and to develop personalized instructional activities. Strategic use of local assessments also helps to improve student performance on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Exams.

Assessment Legend:

RCAT = Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool

WAT = Writing Assessment Tool

MIPI = Math Intervention/Programming Instrument

NCAT = Numeracy Common Assessment Tool

F & P BAS = Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 1 and 2

To help enhance your understanding about why local assessments are powerful tools in supporting your child(ren)'s learning, I would like to share some details about why we use them and what benefits our students receive from their use.

The local assessments listed above help teachers to determine their students' level of knowledge and skills in the core areas of Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments will tell a teacher if there are any learning gaps with key concepts in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to provide targeted lessons and useful accommodations to help the student learn important skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments are done at the beginning of the year and then again later in the year to assess progress. The frequency that these assessments are administered allows Teachers and Educational Assistants to give targeted interventions and accommodations immediately after the assessment is completed.

All schools within PRSD have school teams made up of Teachers, Educational Assistants, I-Coaches, and Principals. These teams make up our School Division's Collaborative Response to meeting your child(ren)'s needs. These school teams receive support from Divisional I-Coaches, Program Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Teaching and Learning and Learning Supports, and even me!

Local assessments are powerful tools in contributing to our mission to ensure every child is literate and numerate, not most students, but every student!

To further explore the power of local assessments, I encourage you to go to our website and read [PRSD's Three-Year Education Plan for 2021-2024](#). We look forward to continuing to collaborate with all parents in achieving our collective goal of success for all students.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division



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Principal's Message

Here we are at the end of October and once again I'm wondering where this month has gone. The weather has been exceptional for this time of year, but a change to cooler temperatures is inevitable sometime soon. Please consider labelling your child's coats, snow pants, mitts, sweaters etc with names. The lost and found at school always grows at this time of year, and names in items make for an easy return to the rightful owner.

November also means that teachers are busy assessing to let you know your child's progress this first term. Report cards will be in digital format this year and will be released November 19. Interviews will be the following week on Nov 23 and Nov 25th. More information will be coming soon on how to book times to see teachers.

November is also the time of year to review the 3-year Annual Education Results Report for schools in our division. This is the final year this report will be completed, as the new 3-Year Education Plan that we shared with School Council last May is replacing this report. I will be sharing the final report with School Council, November 10th. Please watch School Messenger for notice of this meeting and a link to the Google Meet. The Final 3-year Annual Education Results Report will also be uploaded to our website by the end of November.

Other events happening this month include a virtual Remembrance Day Assembly put on by Mrs. Sleger's Grade Three class on November 10th. Parents Matter Week and Metis week fare both the following week. These two events are important to recognize and we will share more information as we get closer to the dates.

Stay safe and warm everyone,

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

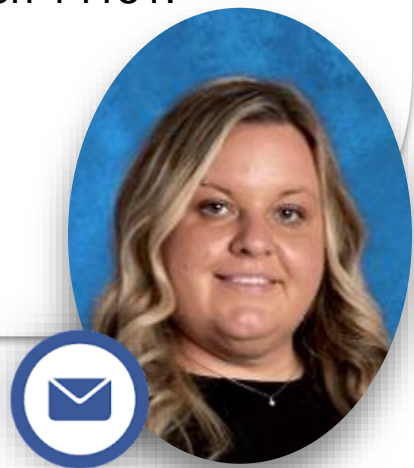
November already? ! Hard to believe we are already 2 months into our school year. I have been enjoying going into the classrooms weekly and getting to know all the students and spending some time outside during recess with them :) Everyone has been working very hard in our Second Step Program. We are all on Unit 1, Skills for Learning for Grades K-3 and Empathy and Skills for Learning for Grade 4, the students really seem to be enjoying it!

I have the following small groups that are starting this month as well, Grade 3 Developing a Growth Mindset, Grade 2 Rainbows (Grief and Loss) and Grade 2 Go Zen (Anxiety and Stress Relief) Permission slips have gone home to some students to take part in these groups.

Just a note, **November 18th is Children's Grief Awareness Day.** We can recognize this by **Wearing Blue.**

If I can assist your family in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at clarkeki@prsd.ab.ca or call 780-624-2143 extension 14151.

Kimberly Clarke, Project PEACE Success Coach



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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 & Black Day Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:30	11 No School	12 No School	13
14	15 Parents Matter Week	16	17	18 Wear Blue-Children's Grief Awareness Day	19 Dress like your parent! Report Cards released	20
	Metis Week			Virtual Scholastic Book Fair		
2	22 PD Day No School	23 Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews	24	25 Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews	26	27
28 Virtual Scholastic Book Fair	29	30				

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



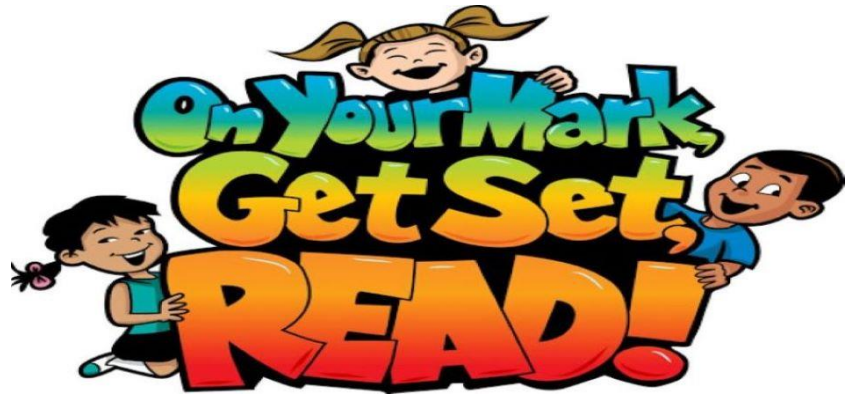
December 2021 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1	2	3 No kindergarten	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Dress Like Christmas 	11
12	13	14	15	16 Formal Day	17 PJ Day 	18
19	20 NO School Christmas Break	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 NO School Christmas Break	28	29	30	31 Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR 	
	Back to school Tuesday, January 4, 2022					





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