



# École Springfield Elementary News



## Important Dates to Remember:

**Dec 3rd-**  
**No kindergarten**

**Dec 10th-**  
**Dress like Christmas**

**Dec 16th-**  
**Formal Day**

**Dec 17th-**  
**PJ Day**

**Dec 18th, 2021**  
**to Jan 3rd, 2022 -**  
**Christmas Break**

**Jan 4th-**  
**Back to school**

December 2021



Daily  
Screening  
Checklist





# Why is School Attendance Important?



When children are absent from school, they miss out on consistent instruction that is needed to develop basic skills. Children in early grades are particularly susceptible to falling behind in fundamental reading skills, which can have a snowball effect that impacts future learning.



Alexander in grade 4S, says he likes coming to school because of gym and recess. I love picking books from the library and reading. I enjoy math class and playing prodigy. Our teacher lets us play games on Thursday mornings (JEUdi) to practice speaking French and being a good sport and friend.

Finnleigh in grade 1, likes going to school and after school I like to have little days at Daycare. I like school because I like playing at recess and going to the gym. I kind of like playing in the snow and doing jumps and stuff in the gym.



December 2021

## Winter Weather

Well it seems that the winter weather is here to stay whether we like it or not. Due to this weather we are requesting that students dress appropriately, that means coats, snow pants, scarves, hats and mitts. Springfield graciously accepts gently used winter wear for those of our students that do not arrive at school prepared for the weather. As safety is our first priority we make every attempt to provide the clothing that we can but at times we just do not have enough so if you are able to donate we would be very appreciative!

**A huge thank you to those families that have already made donations.**



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let's We Forget*





This month we are featuring our Grade One Team! Ms. Drobot, Mrs. Stalker and Mr. ZoBell are the fabulous Grade One English team and Mlle Arzouma is our fabulous French Immersion Grade One Teacher. These are the brave souls who instill a love of reading, all with a smile on their faces! Thanks for all you do, Grade One Team!



In addition to our fabulous teachers at the top of the page, we also have super awesome Educational Assistants who help roll out programming for some of our students. From the top left: Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Paul, Miss. Nola, Mrs. Dyck, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Knisley, Mrs. Swartz.



Grade one is lucky to have such dedicated staff devoted to student learning!



# Superintendent's Message

## Have Your Say on the Divisional School Calendar

As a new year approaches, I know lots of families are looking at their calendars to plan their busy lives. We, here at Peace River School Division, are looking forward to our calendar planning process as we work to optimize the school year to benefit student success.

In December, members of the Peace River School Division school communities will be invited to review and provide input on the proposed 2022-2023 Divisional School Calendar. If you are a Peace River School Division student, parent, or staff member there will be an opportunity for you to share your input on the calendar.

All input received regarding the proposed 2022-2023 Calendar will be reviewed by the PRSD Calendar Committee. The Committee will consist of principals, a teacher, a School Council member, management, and representatives from neighbouring School Boards, as we are also responsible for bussing students from three other School Divisions.

The Division believes it is important to gather input whenever possible. The school calendar is one of the areas in which input from our families, schools, and communities is extremely valuable to assist us in meeting the needs of our students.

The Board of Trustees will review the calendar and input collected. The proposed 2022-2023 school year calendar will be presented to the Board for their approval at the March 2023 board meeting, so it is important to make your voice heard.

Early in the new year, the Division will provide information on how you can share your thoughts on the proposed school calendar.

Thank you in advance for your input.

Adam Murray  
Superintendent of Schools  
Peace River School Division



# Principal's Message

Happy December to our École Springfield School Community!

The snow has fallen and students are enjoying recess time in a winter wonderland! It is so nice to see cooperative snow fort building, snow angels around the playground and students generally enjoying the weather. Thank you so much to the many families who have donated new and gently used winter clothing items. They are being put to good use! Thanks also to the parents who double check as their children leave the house to make sure they have all their winter gear in order to stay warm during outside play.

The Christmas season will soon be upon us and as we are still operating in COVID and the government health restrictions that go along with that, we will once again be presenting our Christmas concert virtually. Stay tuned for communication on how to access the concert later in December.

As Mr. Murray mentioned in his message, we are starting to look ahead to the next school year calendar. Parental input is very important to ensure all perspectives are considered. Please keep your eyes open early in January for information on how you can give your feedback.

On behalf of the staff and students of École Springfield staff and students, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a Happy New Year 2021.

Stay safe and warm everyone.

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School





# First Nations, Metis, Inuit

Hello Springfield Families!

My name is Lindsay Swartz and I am excited to begin a new position of Indigenous Support Worker at Springfield Elementary. I know many of you already through my work as an Educational Assistant for eight years at the school and am honoured to now be able to support our Indigenous students and their families. I am currently working my way through my Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Calgary and soon I will be a teacher! I have discovered a passion for Indigenous Education and research, and recently completed my first research project titled *Building Indigenous Identity Through Culturally Responsive Programming*.

I am Nihwayak (Cree) and Metis. I was born and raised in Treaty 8 territory (Peace River, Alberta) and am a member of the Metis Nation of Alberta - Region 6. I am very proud of my Cree and Metis culture and am so excited to help build knowledge, pride and self-confidence in our Indigenous students. I will be providing cultural learning opportunities and events for both staff and students. I will focus on creating programming for all Indigenous students to help build Indigenous identity and for non-Indigenous students to build allyship. I will provide programming that focuses on the importance of Indigenous history, culture and local perspectives. By increasing focus on weaving Indigenous knowledge into the school system, we can move forward in reconciliation.

Most importantly, I am here to support Indigenous students and their families. I can offer guidance, resources, and programming. I would love to hear from families and students that are interested in helping with bringing Indigenous knowledge into the school, please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Lindsay Swartz, Indigenous Support Worker  
École Springfield Elementary School





Métis Week  
November 14 -20, 2021





## Dress Like Your Parent!





# Winter Fun!





**Dress like Christmas!**





# Formal Day





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PYJAMAS  
MIGHT TIME  
all day





# 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					





# January 2022 Calendar

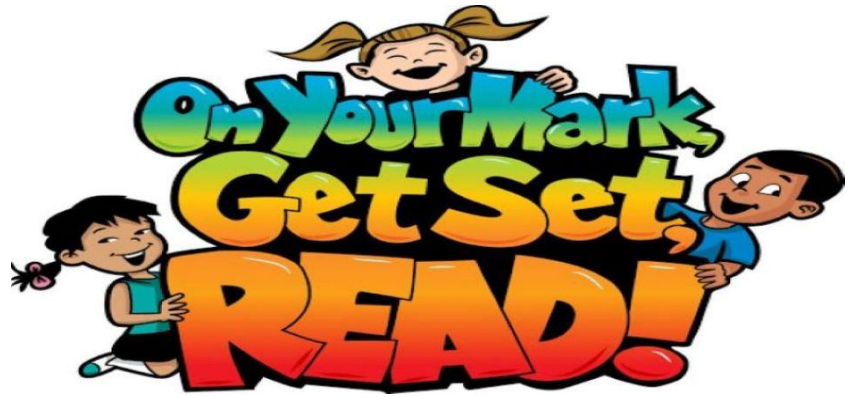
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2	3 Last Day of Christmas Break	4 Welcome Back to School!	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Cultural/ International Day	22
23	24 No kindergarten	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 No School PD Day					







# FREE READING RESOURCES



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and ask for your child's  
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