



École Springfield Elementary News

OCTOBER 2022

Important Dates to Remember:

Oct 24 - Staff Meeting / Professional Development
Day- No School for Students.

Oct 26- Hot Lunch-
Matt's Pizza (if you ordered)

& Photo Retakes &
Class Pictures

Oct 31- Halloween



We have such a generous community behind our school.

Thank you to *Baytex Energy* for their donation to our Breakfast for Learning Program!



Thank you to **Jardin Foods** for their donation of sandwiches to our Nutrition Program.

Thank you to the **Nixon Family** for the donation of toques & mitts

Thank you to the **Ashlyn Kornelsen** and her family for her generous donation of food for our Food Drive.

Thank you to **Szmata Concrete** and **Lindsey Horner** & family for supplying our smiles in September.



Superintendent's Message



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

Student transportation is very important to me. Each year, students take part in safety training to ensure that they can be as safe as possible while being transported to and from school. School bus safety within PRSD includes lessons in schools facilitated by our very own Transportation Driver Trainers, hands on evacuation drills led by each school bus driver, plus, division wide participation in School Bus Safety Week.

This year, our School Bus Safety Week is October 17-21. During this week, we work with our students to ensure that they understand and follow our school bus safety rules. Our school buses are designed to provide the highest form of safety to children when they are seated properly. School buses are designed so that they're highly visible and include safety features such as flashing red lights, cross-view mirrors, and stop-sign arms.



They also include protective seating and rollover protection features. In addition to the sheer size of the bus, the floors are raised, protecting the students by having them sit above the impact zone where an automobile would typically hit a school bus. The bus is further protected from side impacts with the design of the windows, shaped small enough to prevent passengers from being ejected from the vehicle. School buses are not required to have seat belts due to compartmentalization and having high backed seats that are padded and spaced together.

This week also serves as a time for students to engage in thoughtful and informative conversations surrounding bus safety. It is important for us to highlight these safety measures with all our students, because at some point they will be travelling on a school bus, whether it's for a field trip, sporting event, or directly to and from their home. To ensure the safety of our students, the PRSD Transportation Driver Trainers will be visiting schools during this week to demonstrate safe bus behaviours.

An example of our commitment to student safety, and the professionalism of our drivers, I would like to highlight Sandy Pecor, for her skilled actions, as they recently allowed her to ensure the safety of our students and to calmly deal with a situation that occurred during her bus run. We take pride in our bus fleet and more importantly, our qualified drivers because they keep our kids safe – everyday!

I am looking for more professional drivers to join the PRSD Transportation team, if you or someone you know may be interested in getting kids to school safely, please contact our Transportation Department at 780-624-3006.



Adam Murray

Superintendent of Schools

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Why is School Attendance Important?

**Did you know... Most of the work done at Ecole 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.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.



Grade 2 spent time with **Ms. Robinson** learning about what farmers are harvesting in the fields. We learned about canola, wheat, barley and oats and what foods and other uses each make that are important in our daily lives. We ended the week by baking bread and enjoying a delicious snack of bread and butter. Yum!



Principal's Message

I hope that everyone was able to have a relaxing and rejuvenating Thanksgiving Weekend, reflecting on the many blessings that we have. For me, I am so thankful for the students and families that make me smile every day and our committed and professional staff who work tirelessly to help our students learn. A huge thanks to all who turned out to our first School & Parent Council meeting, September 28th. Our next meeting October 19th @ 6:30 pm. Please join us through the Google Meet link that will be sent through School Messenger and is also posted on our website.

Many of our students arrive at school each day via school bus. This month, our grade four students will be getting a special presentation from the PRSD bus garage around the proper way to evacuate a bus in case of an emergency. We appreciate our bus drivers who are so committed to keeping our students safe to and from school. I also want to say a huge thanks to parents who drop off pick up students and take extra care to watch for busses, drive very carefully and watch for students crossing the road. Our AMA crossing guards have been trained and are on duty after school to help keep our students safe. This adds another layer of protection with all the traffic.

Did you know that well-developed executive functioning skills are a big indicator in a child's academic success? These skills include impulse control, emotional control, flexible thinking, working memory, self-monitoring, planning and prioritizing, task initiation and organization. Our staff is having ongoing conversations this year to look at how we can better help our students to develop these important life skills. There is a lot of information online on how to help your child better develop these skills at home. Please feel free to talk with your child's teacher for some ideas.

I also want to remind you to look out for any information that may come home the week of October 25th to let you know what is happening for Halloween. We will be finalizing plans at our Oct 24th staff meeting day.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School





Meet The Family Night



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield Caregivers,

Social Emotional Learning programs have started in the classroom this month. Grades K - 1 have been introduced to Slumberkins. These fluffy animals are an amazing educational toy and Slumberkins goes above and beyond, helping kids adjust to life changes, navigate big emotions, and learn how to communicate with others. Slumberkins delivers many positive affirmations that you may hear your child repeating at home. For example this is Slumberkins Fox's message, **"It is not my fault when things change"**

The Choose Love SEL has started this month with Grades 2 -4. This amazing program provides teachings on the main 4 ingredients that equal Choosing Love. Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion in action = Choosing Love. Over the next month or 2 we will be talking about Courage and how to build our Courage muscles. The book presented this week (some will hear it next week) is about Happiness. When a child is Happy it is easier to be Courageous. Ask your child about the Book - Buckets, Dippers and Lids.

The GoZen feature for this month is in the link below. I hope you find this information helpful. Stay tuned each month for more tips that you can use to help your child or children through big emotions. **"What to say when siblings rival"**.

[Co-Regulation Scripts \(gozen.com\)](https://www.gozen.com)

You can click on the link below to follow Project Peace on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100030003983644>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social emotional development or well being please feel free to contact me at sutherlands@prsd.ab.ca or call 780-624-2143 extension 14151.

Shannon Sutherland
Project PEACE Success Coach,
École Springfield Elementary School



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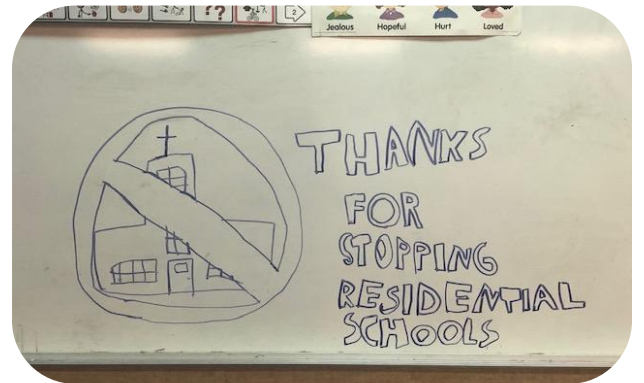
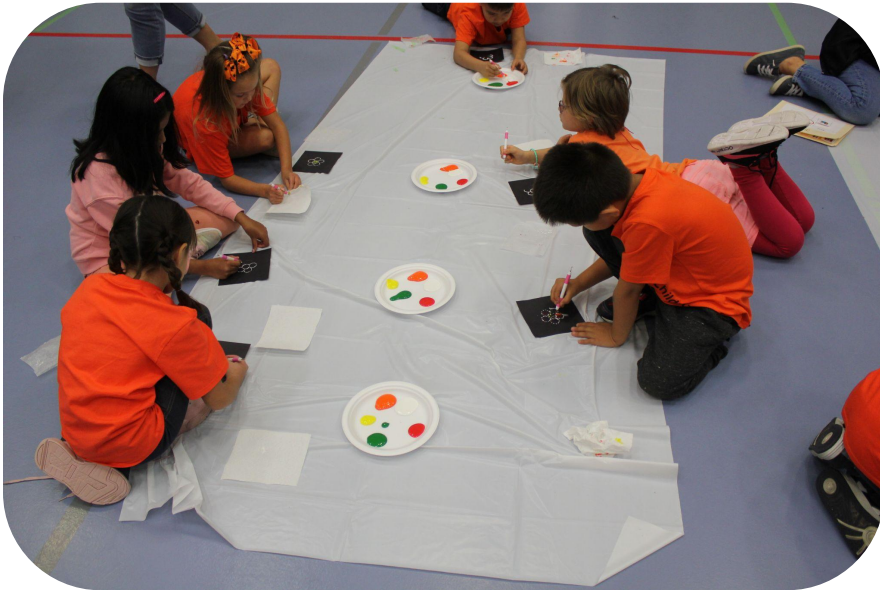


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We need **Substitute Teachers**
and **Educational Assistants.**
Call PRSD Central Operations at 780-624-3650
or visit prsd.ab.ca/careers to learn more.

 **Peace River School Division**
Learning Together - Success for All

**BUBBLE BLOWING QUEEN
2022/23**





Orange Shirt & Truth and Reconciliation Day



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October 2022 Calendar

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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2	3	4	5	6 Jersey Day	7 No School	8
9	10 Thanksgiving - No School	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 PD Day- No School	25	26 Photo Retakes/ Class Pictures Matt's Pizza Hot Lunch Day	27	28	29
30	31					



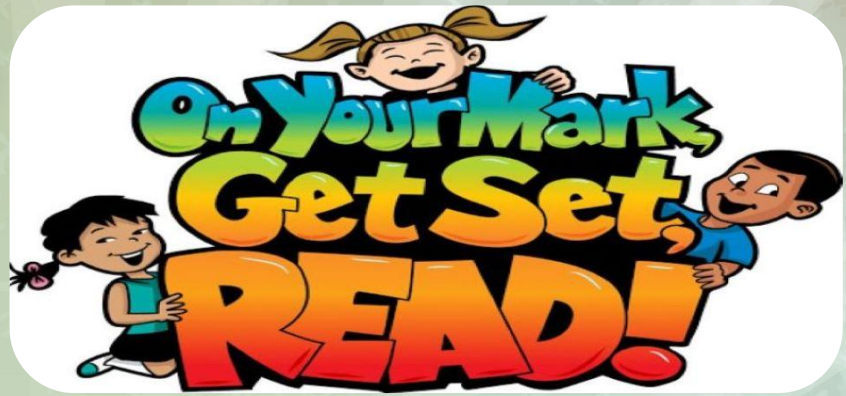


November 2022 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2 Subway Hot Lunch Day	3	5 Kindergarten Planning Day	5
6 Turn your Clocks BACK 1 hour	7	8	9 A&W Hot Lunch Day	10 Red/Black & White Day	11 No School 	12
13	14	15	16 Kita North Hot Lunch Day	17 Science Night- Sponsored by Peace River APEGA 6:00-8:00pm	18	19
20	21 Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair- Library	22	23 Matt's Pizza Hot Lunch Day Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair- Library	24	25 PD Day- No School 	26
27	28	29	30 Subway Hot Lunch Day			



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Password: books

--French & English--

Check out their Brand New app
on AppStore or Google Play



**eBooks - PRSD
Digital Library** - call
and ask for your child's
email address



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