



École Springfield Elementary News

November 2022



Important Dates to Remember:

Nov 17th-

APEGA Science Night
6-8 pm in the gym

Nov 21st & Nov 23rd-

Parent Teacher Interviews
& **Book Fair 4-8pm in Library**

Nov 23rd -

Hot Lunch - Matt's Pizza
(for those that ordered)

Nov 24th-

Neon/ 80's Day

Nov 25th -

No School / PD Day

Nov 30th-

Hot Lunch- Subway
(for those that ordered)

Cold weather is upon us - please send students to school dressed appropriately



Springfield School Photo Oct 2022





Over Thanksgiving Avery and his grandpa Mr. Barkwell worked together to create this beautiful bird feeder to hang in Kennedy's Courtyard. Springfield thanks you so much! →



← Thank you to the Haines Family for their generous donation of books to our school library! Our students will enjoy these for years to come.

Thank you to [Mighty Peace Chevrolet Buick GMC](#) for arranging a school food drive. It was a massive success with over 2000 items collected from our school alone! →

Mr. Pare's grade 4 class will be enjoying a pizza party curtesy of [Mighty Peace Chevrolet Buick GMC](#) as their class collected over 500 items! Of course this also landed on the grade 4 PJ Day.



Superintendent's Message

Literacy, Numeracy & Local Academic Results

Literacy and numeracy are two of the division's main priorities to ensuring that every student will be successful. To do this, the division uses Collaborative Response to assess where individual students' strengths and areas of growth are in these two areas.

Local assessments 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. These assessments include:

RCAT = Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool

MIPI = Math Intervention/Programming Instrument

NCAT = Numeracy Common Assessment Tool

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

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 reading, writing and mathematics. 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.

Learning loss has become a concern of mine, due to the circumstances our schools have endured over the past two years. Attendance during those years has been an issue for our students' education, and we need students in schools on a consistent basis so that they are taught all they need to know from the program of studies.

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, the Learning Services Department, and even me!

Local assessments are powerful tools in contributing to our mission to ensure every child is literate and numerate. In this time of learning loss, it is critical that we know exactly what our students need and how we can support them.

To further explore the power of local assessments, I encourage you to go to our website (www.prsd.ab.ca) 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

November is another busy month of school. Teachers have been immersed in assessing student achievement, particularly in literacy and numeracy, to come up with a snapshot of each student's learning, so we can communicate progress with the adults in their lives. Intervention groups targeting individual and small group literacy for grades 2-4 are up and running. We are so grateful to all our families who take the time to read with and to their children for a few minutes each night, as this plays a huge part in their literacy development. If you would like some additional ideas on how to help your child at home, please ask your teacher during interviews. When we work together in a partnership of learning with families, the results can be amazing!

Report cards will be in digital format this year and will be released November 18. If this is a new process for you, or if you are unsure of how to access your child's report card, please watch for information from the office via school messenger to help walk you through the process. Parent Teacher Interviews are in person this year, along with the Springfield School Book Fair. The dates are set for Nov 21 and 23. Please go to our website to find the link for booking a time to meet with your child's teacher. Report cards and interviews are two important ways student achievement and work habits are communicated to families throughout the year. We are so looking forward to connecting in person again.

November is also the time of year to review the 3-year Annual Education Results Report for schools in our division. Our School 3 year Ed Plan will be posted on our school website by the end of November and will be a discussion point at our January School Council Meeting.

Stay warm and healthy

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School



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Why is School Attendance Important?



Did you know that research has shown that poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.



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Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield Caregivers,

Social Emotional Learning programs are continuing in the classrooms this month. Grades K - 1 & ½ French are continuing with the 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. This past months messages were from:

Slumberkins Dragon - Gets Bored

Slumberkins Narwhal - Uses Teamwork

Slumberkins Honey Bear - Gifts of Nature

Slumberkins Sprite - Offers Comfort

Slumberkins for parents: [Educational Emotional Learning Products For Children – Slumberkins](#)

Slumberkins video for parents - copy the link into your web browser to view the video.

https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1058/8734/files/Sprite_Story_2min_Final_1.mp4?v=1576794891

The Choose Love SEL continues 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. The students are learning strategies on how to build their Courage muscles. The books presented this month were, The honest to goodness truth and Emmanuel's Dream as well as a kid president video on Fear.



Messages: **“We are not our feelings”** practice saying I feel sad, not I am sad. Making “I am” statements about feelings takes ownership of the feeling, the goal is for children to know that feelings can come and they can go. I.e. we do not need to stay in a state of anger, sadness or anxiety. We have choice and have the power to change the way that we feel. Changing our mindset about feelings builds Courage. We are starting the next ingredient - Gratitude in December.

Choose Love for parents: [Next Generation Social Emotional Learning and Character Development - Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement](#)

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 on having conversations with your child. This month's feature is, **“What to say when they want to Quit....”**

https://gostrengthsftp.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/Printables/ParentingRewind/ParentingRewindQuitter_GoZen.pdf

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





First Nations, Metis, Inuit

Tansi,

My name is Vannah Anderson. I was born and raised in Peavine Metis Settlement but recently have moved to Peace River. I am raising my two amazing energetic boys whom are 6 and almost 2 years old. I love the outdoors. My few hobbies are artistic crafts, macrame and refurbishing.

I am very grateful to be given the opportunity to take on the Indigenous Support worker position and I am looking forward to what this year is going to bring for me, my little family and for the School. I am very excited to support the students and school staff with any type of Indigenous content.

This month we are celebrating Metis week. We have planned a few events such as Rocks your Mocs day and a presentation from the Metis Nation of Alberta Region 6 for each class. We are providing Bannock & Stew for the school, so the students can experience a piece of Metis Culture.

Vannah Anderson,
Indigenous Support Worker,
École Springfield Elementary School





Happy Halloween





Mrs. Thompson & Mrs. Dickie are excited to welcome you all back into the school for our Fall Book Fair on Monday, Nov. 21st and Wednesday, Nov. 23rd from 4-8pm.

If your unable to join us in person, you can order virtually [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

IN PERSON



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2 Subway Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased	3	5 Kindergarten Planning Day	5
6 Turn your Clocks BACK 1 hour	7	8	9 A&W Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased	10 Red/Black & White Day	11 No School 	12
13	14	15	16 Kita North Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased School Council - 6:30 in Library (Babysitting available)	17 Science Night- Sponsored by Peace River APEGA 6:00-8:00pm	18 Digital Report Cards released	19
20	21 Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair- Library 4-8pm	22	23 Matt's Pizza Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair- Library 4-8pm	24	25 PD Day- No School 	26
27	28	29 Council of School Councils Meeting in Grimshaw - 5:00 - supper 6:30 - Meeting	30 Subway Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased			

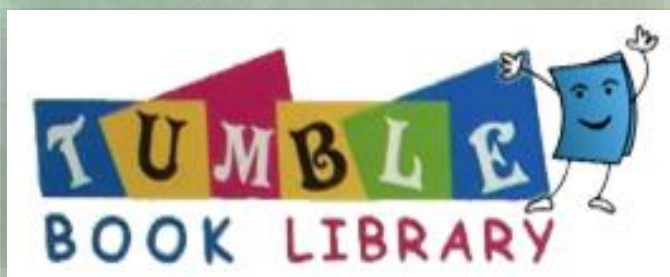
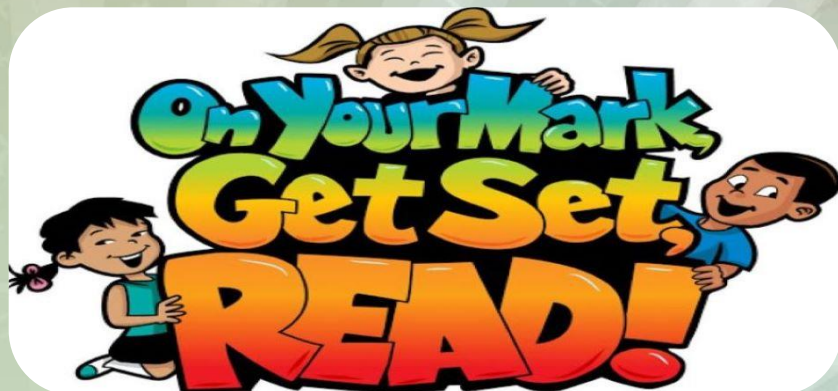


December 2022 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2 Kindergarten Planning Day	3
4	5	6	7 A&W Hot lunch Day- If you purchased	8	9 Dress like Christmas!	10
11	12	13	14 Kita Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Christmas Concert 9am & 1pm Formal Day	22 PJ Day	23 No School Christmas Break	24 →
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 →
January 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 →



FREE READING RESOURCES



www.tumblebooklibrary.com

Username: springfieldAB

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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