



# École Springfield Elementary News



## December 2022

We look forward to seeing our Springfield families at our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec 21st.

There will be two shows, one at 9:30am and one at 1:00pm.

### Important Dates to Remember:

**Dec 21st-**

Formal Day &

**Christmas Concert**

9:30am & 1:00pm

**Dec 22nd-**

**PJ Day**

**Dec 23- Jan 8th-**

**No School for  
Christmas Break!**

**Gr 1-4 Back to School  
Monday, Jan 9th!**

**Kindergarten back on  
Tues, Jan 10th**

Thank you to  
**Avenge Energy**

for the extremely generous donation  
to the Toys for Tots campaign!





# Cold & Inclement Weather

## SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION



The Transportation Services Manager may cancel buses either individually or collectively when weather/road conditions constitute a safety risk to the students being transported, this includes all scheduled Field Trips.

**If extreme weather conditions arise after the students have been delivered to their schools, the Transportation Services Manager may authorize bus drivers to pick up students early and deliver them home. The Principal will notify parents and not allow any elementary students on the bus if the parents have not been contacted.**

**If it is unsafe for buses to be on the road the Principal will advise parents of the situation and hold students at the school until picked up by a parent.**



Buses will not operate in the morning when the temperature at 6AM is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  (without windchill) OR  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  with wind chill or lower at Key Weather Station Locations. The decision for the PM portion of the route will be decided using the same criteria as the AM.

**Should cancellation of bus services occur, the Transportation Manager or designate shall post announcements of bus cancellations on Bus Planner. Each bus driver shall notify their route parents of bus service cancellation.**





# Superintendent's Message

## Superintendent's Message – Have Your Say on the Divisional Calendar

Here at the Peace River School Division, we are looking forward to our calendar planning process as we work to optimize the school year to benefit student success. This is particularly important, due to the past disruptions to learning that our students have experienced in the last three years. We all need to pull together to create a calendar that will ensure our students achieve academic success.

In the new year, members of the Peace River School Division school communities will be invited to review and provide input on the proposed 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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



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# Thank you to all the generous families we have at our school!







# Thank you to for all the community support!



Donation from the Anglican Church Womens Group



Donation from the Peace River Pulp Social Society



# Principal's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,



The classrooms are decorated, Christmas and winter art projects are on the walls. Carols are being sung in the gym and projects including letter writing to seniors, creating Christmas Ornaments for a fundraiser and decorating cookies are in the works. It's beginning to look and sound a lot like Christmas!

We are very excited to see everyone at our Christmas Concert December 21st. For those new to the Christmas Concert at École Springfield, we perform 2 concert times - 9:30 and 1:00. This is to allow families to choose the time that best suits them. You will want to arrive at least 15 minutes beforehand to get good seating. Both performances are the same program, and the total time for each should be just over an hour. Our Parent Council will be selling homemade Christmas ornaments made by our wonderful students. Hopefully you have seen the poster on School Messenger and Facebook. This is your chance to purchase a truly unique ornament for your tree.

This month we have been battling the cold weather and have been experiencing inside recesses for a good chunk of time. What a way to end the school year! Hopefully the break will be milder weather, so we can all get out and enjoy the fresh air.

When we come back in 2023, this is actually the time of year when our division starts thinking about the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. A committee is formed with a mixture of school community members. There will also be opportunities to give your input. Keep your eyes and ears open as the Division will provide information on how this can be done.

Wishing you a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday with friends and family.

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School



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## Why is School Attendance Important?



Karson in Grade Four says there are two halves of school. One is the talking and being with friends, and the other half is doing what you are supposed to learn. If you don't come to school you miss out on cool events. You should only stay home for good reasons, like being sick.

Charlotte in Grade Four says good attendance is important to learning a lot of math, social and science. She also says that if you have good attendance, you get to do fun events.



# 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.

Slumberkins The feels - Ibx faces his feelings - Sad, Mad, Worried, Scared & Calm.  
Slumberkins Ibx - Dealing with big feelings.

If you are attending the Christmas concert please check out Honey Bears Gratitude Garden on the billboard at the front entrance.

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

The Choose Love SEL continues this month with Grades 2 - 4. This program provides teachings on these 4 ingredients, Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion in action = Choosing Love. The students continue to learn strategies on how to build their Courage muscles. The books presented this month were Enemy Pie and Martin Luther King Jr. Ask your child how they build their courage muscle in friendships and what their dream is. **“Mindfulness helps us reset our mind and body”** messages were included throughout the month in each lesson to encourage students to believe that they 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 January.

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

Do you ever get objections from your children when you say “NO”? It seems to be a trigger word for many of them. Here are some alternative ways for caregivers to try.

[https://gozen.com/wp-content/plugins/wp-pdf-stamper/stamped-files/GoZenPlus\\_ParentingRewindInsteadofNo\\_6398b5b26a295.pdf](https://gozen.com/wp-content/plugins/wp-pdf-stamper/stamped-files/GoZenPlus_ParentingRewindInsteadofNo_6398b5b26a295.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 and well being please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!  
Success Coach  
Shannon Sutherland



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## Don't Forget to Dress for the Weather!



ALL students need to be dressed appropriately for colder temperatures.

**Please ensure students are coming to school with proper winter gear.**

This includes: a winter jacket, snow boots, toque, mitts, and ski pants.

Students who ride the school bus should also be prepared for winter conditions, should an event occur that they need to stay warm while travelling to and from school.



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Students in Mrs. Robinson's class enjoying some yoga!





# First Nations, Metis, Inuit

## Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays Miyo Manitowi Kisikansi & "◁||+ ||▷┌┐┌┐+◁+◁" Bannock Recipe

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 tbsp baking powder
  - 1 tsp salt
  - 1 ½-2 cups warm water
  - ¼ cup lard or butter (for baked bannock) oil for cooking (for stovetop bannock)
1. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and salt.
  2. For baked bannock: Make a well in the middle of the flour mixture and pour in the water, then stir just until combined.
  3. Spread the dough into a greased or parchment-lined 9×13-inch pan and drop three dollops of lard (or butter) onto the top of the batter. Bake in a preheated 400F oven for 20-25 minutes, turning once to brown the other side.
  4. For stovetop bannock: Gradually add enough water to moisten the ingredients and bring the mixture together in a ball. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and gently knead about 10 times.
  5. Shape the dough into round patties about ½-inch thick. Cook on an oiled skillet for 3-4 minutes per side, until golden brown.

Vannah Anderson,  
Indigenous Support Worker,  
École Springfield Elementary School







# Do you need a one of a kind gift?

Students at Ecole Springfield School have been working hard making unique holiday ornaments!

Ornaments are being sold on Dec. 21st at the Christmas Concert.

Cost: \$3.00 per ornament or \$5.00 for 2

*Ecole Springfield School Parent council* is selling ornaments as a fundraiser this holiday. Students have lovingly created wooden ornaments as a special keepsake. The money raised from the sale of the ornaments will be put towards the materials needed for the older playground areas.

The ornaments will be on sale at school the day of the Christmas Concert, and we have organized them to be displayed in the class groups.

We hope that everyone has a chance to enjoy the creativity the ornaments will bring to the holiday season.



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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
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January 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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# January 2022 Calendar

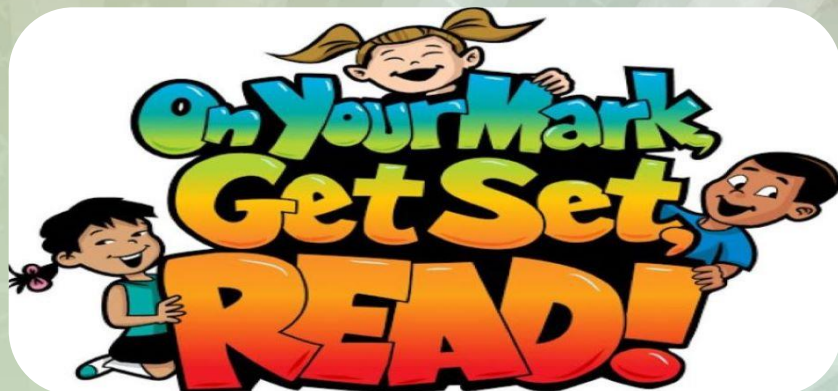
Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 <b>No School</b> <b>Christmas Break</b>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Back to School</b> Grade 1-4 <b>Kindergarten</b> <b>Planning Day</b>	10	11	12	13 <b>Mini Options 1:10</b> <b>- 2:35</b>	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Hot Lunch -</b> <b>Matt's Pizza</b>  <b>School Council</b> <b>Meeting 6:30pm</b> <b>(babysitting provided)</b>	19	20 <b>Mini Options 1:10</b> <b>- 2:35</b>  <b>Dress like</b> <b>Summer Fever</b>	21
22	23	24	25 <b>Hot Lunch -</b> <b>Subway</b>	26	27 <b>Mini Options 1:10</b> <b>- 2:35</b>	28
29	30 <b>PD Day -</b> <b>No School</b>	31				

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**Back to school on January 9th, 2023!**



# FREE READING RESOURCES



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--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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