



École Springfield Elementary News



FEBRUARY



2023



Important Dates to Remember:

Feb 17th & Feb 20th
No School

Feb 21st-
Literacy Night
Stew & Bannock, Photos!
6:00pm-7:30pm

Feb 22nd-
Subway Hot Lunch
(For those that ordered)

Feb 23-
Lunch with the Bunch!
Come have lunch with your
child at 12:10pm



Beautiful artwork completed by
Mrs. Sleger's Grade 3 class!





CRISIS RESPONSE INFORMATION



Scan to access the Emergency Guide for Parents & Guardians

LOCKDOWN

- Used when there is an internal threat of violence
- All internal and external doors and windows are locked and secured
 - Staff & students are requested to keep quiet and take cover away from windows, doors and out of sight lines
 - No one is allowed in or out of classrooms or the building

PARENTAL & PUBLIC PROCEDURES

For your safety, all parents, as well as the public need to stay away from the building until the situation is cleared. Students may be moved to a new pick up location, and parents will be notified when it's safe to pick up their children.

HOLD & SECURE

- When security threat or criminal activity is outside and/or unrelated to the school
- Exterior doors & windows are locked
 - Class continues to be in session
 - No one is allowed in or out of the building

For your safety, all parents, as well as the public need to stay away from the building until the situation is cleared. This situation could potentially evolve into a lockdown or evacuation. Parents will be notified of the evolving situation & how the release of students will occur.

SHELTER IN PLACE

- Used to direct and control movement inside the school building when it is safer to remain inside and/or there is no threat of violence
- No one is allowed to leave designated area until ALL CLEAR or without permission
 - Ex: severe weather or air quality incidents
 - Individuals at risk will be allowed re-entry

Parents will be notified via email, calls, and texts. The Grimshaw Municipal Library & Mile Zero Regional Multiplex will notify the public via their Facebook pages. For your safety, all parents, as well as the public need to stay away from the building until the situation is cleared. Parents will be notified of student release procedures using the most up-to-date contact information in PowerSchool.

EVACUATION

- Used when it is safer to be outside the building than inside. Follows prearranged routes and exits but exit with caution
- All students are instructed to proceed to Muster Points
 - Cannot return to building until ALL CLEAR is provided by first responders

For your safety, all parents, as well as the public need to stay away from the building until the situation is cleared. Students may be moved to a new pick up location, and parents will be notified when it's safe to pick up their children.





SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2023

Families Matter Week & Pink Shirt Day

This year, the Peace River School Division Board of Trustees hit it out of the park by moving the week that we honour parents and guardians from November to February 21st to 24th, to coincide with the Family Day long weekend. Based off of a recommendation by one of our schools, along with the full support of our Administration team, the Trustees also made the decision to change the name from "Parents Matter Week" to "Families Matter Week", to be more inclusive to our school communities.



Families Matter Week has been an important mainstay in the school division for over a decade. During this spectacular week, kids focus on the love and support that their families provide to them. Schools within the Division host many different activities that promote family engagement, such as writing thank you cards, hosting family day picnics, dress like a family member day, and so much more.

We want to provide every opportunity for great relationships that support student learning, and we feel this week is an excellent opportunity to thank our families for all their hard work and dedication.



Pink Shirt Day

Another thing we are looking forward to is Pink Shirt Day on February 22nd. Pink Shirt Day is an embodiment of how we care for every student and showcases how we support healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity. Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is incredibly important to us.

We understand that for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy, and cared for.



We pride ourselves in our ability to create and foster safe and caring learning environments for our students. There are many people who play a role in this process, and I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate their efforts and thank all the students, staff, families, local partners, and community members who contribute to creating a culture of kindness and respect in our schools.

Sincerely,

Adam Murray,
Superintendent of Schools



Why is School Attendance Important?

*Friendships can be affected by persistent absence: it can be hard for a child who misses lots of school to form relationships with their classmates. Coming to school regularly helps build social skills that are needed throughout a person's whole life!



Join us for
Stew & Bannock
at our **Literacy Night** on
Tues, Feb 21st from
6:00pm to 7:30pm!

LITERACY NIGHT

Join us on February 21st for Family Fun Literacy Night.

Place: École Springfield School

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Photos will begin at 5:30

We will have Literacy centers set up around the school for families to enjoy!

Family Photos

Springfield School has partnered with Amy from Heart and Soul Photography to offer families **\$10 family photos**.
(literacy night only)

All proceeds will be donated to Springfield's Meal Program.

If you join the Literacy night, you will be entered into a draw to win your family photos **FREE!**

Principal's Message



Happy February to all of our École Springfield Families,

When we think of February, often the first thing that comes to mind is Valentine's Day - a day when we think about those we love and often do something a little special for family and friends. Our Character Trait of the month - Kindness - fits in with Valentine's Day and two other events of the month - Families Matter Week and Pink Shirt day.

Without the support of families, our students would not be as successful as they are. Thank you for all that you do in partnership with the school.

We do have a couple of events planned during **Families Matter Week**. Please join us **Tuesday Feb 21** for École Springfield's **Families Matter for Literacy Night** from **6:00 - 7:30**. Family photos by Amy from Heart and Soul Photography will be available for \$10.00, bannock and stew will be served, stories will be told, the Peace River Municipal Library, The Family Resource Centre and other stations will be set up. If you are wondering about how to best support your child(ren) in the area of literacy, this is an evening not to be missed!

We are also encouraging Grade 4 parents to bring the access code from the AB Government they received in the mail and fill out the Alberta Education Assurance Survey and ask any questions they may have.

Wednesday Feb. 22, we will be commemorating **Pink Shirt Day** which is a day to focus on treating others with respect. It spotlights anti-bullying. We encourage everyone who can, to wear pink that day.

If you can't make it to Literacy Night, we also have another opportunity for you to come into the school. Lunch with the bunch is an opportunity to come eat with your child(ren) and chat about their school day. This is **Thursday, Feb 23 @ 12:10**.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School



February 2023



Character Education Certificates

LOVE





Character Education Certificates

Humility



At Peace River School Division, we use **SchoolCash Online** for all school items and activity fees:

- Be ready to receive email notifications of new fees or items available for purchase, including field trips, yearbooks, spirit wear, athletic fees, and more.
- Be ready to pay for school fees anytime, anywhere, with a simple click.
- Keep track of all school items and activity fees and manage all students in your household from one location.

We encourage all parents to register now, so you'll be ready to make online payments from home: both now and in the future as additional school items become available.

Registering for **SchoolCash Online** is safe, simple, secure.

How to register

- Go to <https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com> and click Register.
 - o Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password
 - o Select a security question
 - o Select Yes to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)
- You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.
- Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

How to add children to your account

- Sign in to *SchoolCash Online*:
<https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com>
- At the top of the page, navigate to My Account.
- From the dropdown menu, select My Students.
- Click to add a child:
 - o Type your school board name.
 - o Choose your school from the list.
 - o Enter your child's details. You may add up to 8 students to your account.
 - o Click Confirm.

As seen here



SchoolCash Online



Paying for school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is SchoolCash Online?

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
[Learn more](#)

Register

Sign In



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield Caregivers,

Grades K - 1 & ½ French are continuing with the Slumberkins this month. 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 Lynx - Sets boundaries

Slumberkins Hammerhead Shark - Recess challenge

Slumberkins Yak - Struggles with mistakes

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

I will be starting the Second steps program for Kindergarten and Grade 1 student's next week. Information about this SEL program will be included in next month's newsletter.

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. We started lessons last week with the next ingredient of the Choose Love formula. This week students are in lesson 5 of 6. Students are practicing mindfulness, learning about the positive effects of positive affirmations and breathing gratitude breaths. By the end of Feb. we will start with the 3rd ingredient Forgiveness.

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

Your GoZen parent rewind for this month is: What to say instead of saying don't worry. Check out the link below.

[ParentingRewindDontWorry GoZen \(s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com\)](#)

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 and well being please feel free to contact me.

Success Coach
Shannon Sutherland

February 2023





First Nations, Metis, Inuit

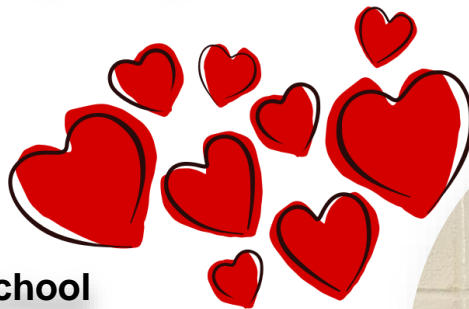
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For the month of February, I have been busy contacting and connecting with our Indigenous parents and students. Our goal is for our parents and students to feel supported by our school & staff.

Our school will be having an Elder come into the school for our grade 1 and grade 4 classes. She will teach about the how it was growing up on a trapline. She will be showing our students furs, medicines, pictures and telling us amazing stories.

Happy Valentines Day to you all!

**Vannah Anderson,
Indigenous Support Worker,
École Springfield Elementary School**



Springfield is a proud member of the PRSD Family



*More pics can be viewed on our Website under About > Galleries



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February 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 A&W Hot lunch Day- If you purchased	2 Groundhog Day	3 Mini Options 1:10 - 2:35	4
5	6 No Kindergarten -Planning Day	7	8 Matt's Hot lunch Day- If you purchased	9 Rodeo Spirit Day	10 No School- PD Day	11
12	13	14 Valentines Day French Immersion Carnval de St Isidore field Trip	15 Matt's Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased School Council @ 6:30	16	17 No School	18
19 Families Matter Week	20 No School	21 Families Matter for Literacy Night & Family Photos for \$10.00 @ 6:00-7:30	22 Subway Hot Lunch Day- If you purchased Pink shirt Day	23 Lunch with the Bunch! 12:10pm	24	25
26	27	28				

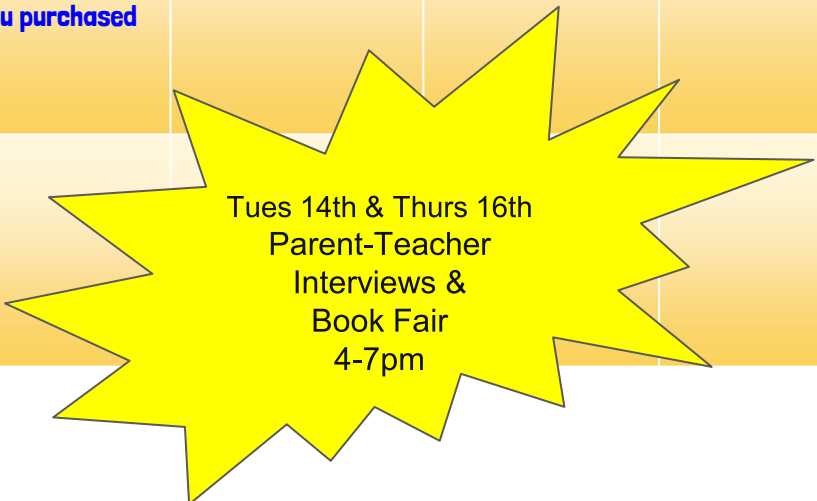
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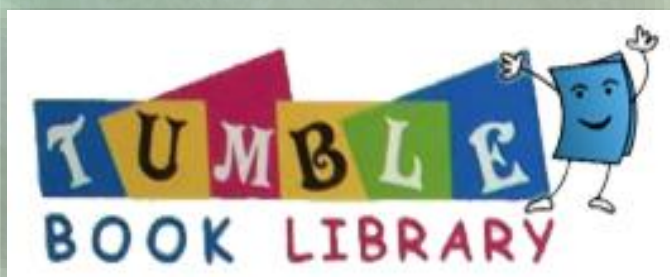
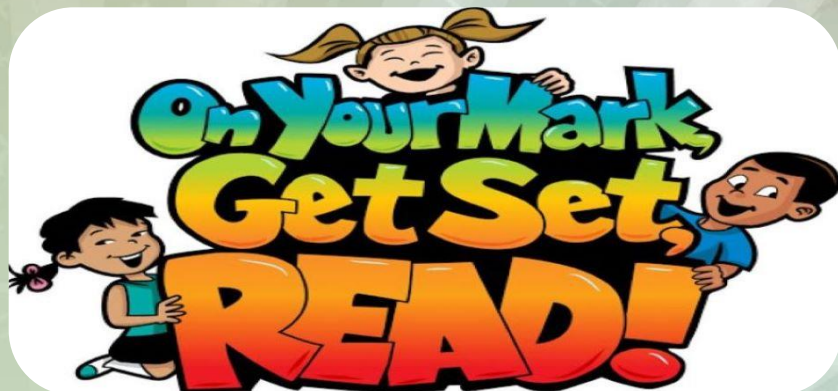
March 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 A&W Hot lunch Day- If you purchased	2	3 Kindergarten Planning Day	4
5	6	7	8 Kita North Hot lunch Day- If you purchased Report Cards Go Home	9 No School- Teacher Convention	10 No School- Teacher Convention	11
12	13	14 Parent-Teacher Interviews & Book Fair 4-7pm	15 Matt's Pizza Hot lunch Day- If you purchased 6:30 pm School Council Meeting- Library	16 Parent-Teacher Interviews & Book Fair 4-7pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22 Subway Hot lunch Day- If you purchased	23	24 No School- PD Day	25
26	27	28	29 A&W Hot lunch Day- If you purchased	30	32	





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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