



École Springfield Elementary News

April 2023

Important Dates to Remember:

April 21st-
Dress like Rock n Roll!

April 26th-
Hot Lunch - KFC

May 3rd-
Hats on for Mental Health

May 4 -
Star Wars Day

May 5th-
Wear Green for
Mental Health

May 10 -
Jump Rope for Heart

May 12 -
PD Day -No School

Congratulations to
Landen Schilds the Winner of the
Alberta Education Assurance Survey
draw!





Our Transportation Department will be removing all students from current Bus Routes for the 2023-2024 school year and will not be rolling over registrations from the previous year. This is in order for the Department to create new Bus Routes to meet the new Provincial Eligibility Requirements.

Parents/Guardians MUST fill out the updated school bus registration information on the Returning Student Update form prior to June 30th, or the student will not be registered on a bus for the 2023-2024 school year, which will result in a delay of service for those students.

New Provincial Eligibility Requirements:

- **Kindergarten to Grade 6 - Student Resides more than 1.0 kilometers from their designated school**
- Grade 7 to 12 - Student Resides more than 2.0 Kilometers from their designated school

A *returning student* is one who was enrolled in a PRSD school on the last day of the previous school year.

****Note that parents of returning students will receive a code from their school to update and validate their registration information at a later date***



Elder Kathleen Laboucan Visit



**WELCOME TO
OUR SOCIAL
WORKER'S NEW
SUPPORT DOG!**



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Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

It was certainly very nice to return after our Spring Break to a playground that was free of snow and ice. The weather is warmer and if we look hard, we can see buds in the trees and green poking through the grass. All in all, we are in a spring mode!! Thank you to students who are coming with layers of clothing. It can still be quite cool in the morning but by some afternoons, it is almost summer like conditions. The joys of living in northern Alberta!! And thanks to those families doing their very best to stay with their regular bedtime routines. It's so hard when daylight hours start extending, but we all know how important enough sleep is to optimal learning!

We are into the last few months of the school year, and a busy few months it will be! Our Grade Four Students are beginning to transition to middle school with Healthy Buddies in full swing. We've had a couple visits from the grade 7 students at TA Norris and now our grade four students are starting their visits to TA Norris to learn more about middle school expectations.

École Springfield School Kindergarten Registration and Information night was April 19th. Thanks to everyone who came out to register and learn more about our programs. If you or someone you know missed the night, we are accepting registrations online at www.prsd.ab.ca . Feel free to phone the office if you need any help or have any questions.

In closing, I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to all the Grade Four parents who took the time to take the Alberta Education Assurance Survey. These surveys give valuable feedback on what is working in our school, but also gives guidance on areas for improvement. Your input will help guide our school 3 year education plan moving forward.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School



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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



HOME EDUCATION

Peace River School Division's Alternative Education supports students and families through an adaptable, multi-faceted approach to education and includes Peace Home Learning Connection, Peace Regional Outreach Campus, the Fairview and Area Learning Store, and the Virtual Education Program.

With these programs, more students can receive and access education in ways that break the traditional mode and support their specific learning styles. This allows them to experience more success within a dynamic setting.

Through Peace Home Learning Connection, families within our area and throughout Alberta have access to several different home learning programs: "Parent-Directed" Home Education, "Teacher-Directed" Virtual and Distance Education, and "Shared Responsibility" Blended Programming. Students and families receive as much support as they need from our dedicated Home Education Facilitators who are Alberta certificated teachers. For more information about any of these programs, please visit peacehomelearning.ca.

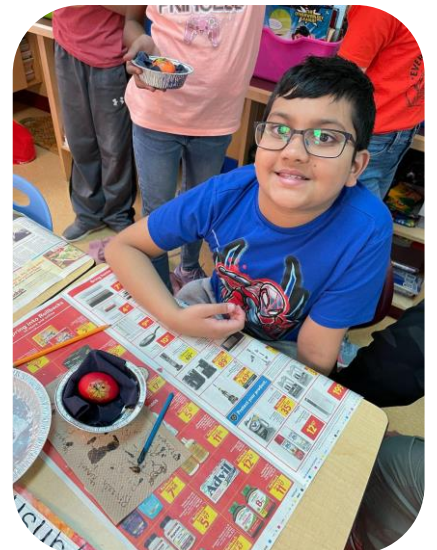


Peace Home Learning Connection works to foster collaboration and networking amongst all our families by coordinating monthly activities and events. Some events have included picnics, field trips, gym and art days, cooking classes, drama and theatre, sports, and swimming! We are excited to be embarking on a new collaboration with the Peace River Art Club's Centre, the Art Hub, which is excited to regularly offer several different programs and classes for our homeschooling families throughout the region.

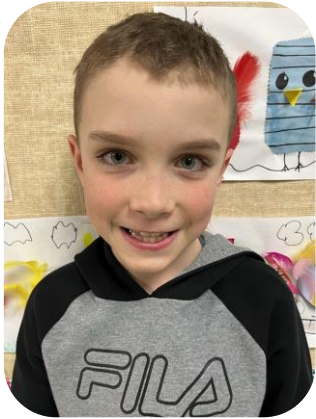
Sincerely,

Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools

With these Alternative Education options, Peace River School Division truly is the first choice for students! Creating ways for ALL students to succeed is our top priority.



Pysanky Eggs from Rm 103 & Rm 101



Emmett says it's important to come to school regularly, so you can learn to be a better reader. You can also become a better person and get smarter. If you didn't come to school, you wouldn't be as smart as you could be.



Why is School Attendance Important?



Adalyn says it's important to come to school to get taught new things like reading, multiplication and division. You also get to make friends. When you come to school all the time, you can help people in town, like the food bank. If you didn't come to school, you would be lonely because you wouldn't have many friends.





DID YOU KNOW?

SHELTER IN PLACE:

Used when personal safety is considered to be in danger if anyone leaves the building. This is mainly used for environmental, weather-related events, or wildlife risks. It can also be used in case of a system failure i.e. a Chemical Release. Everyone must remain in the building and may or may not be able to move freely within the building (instruction may continue); all exterior doors and windows should be closed and locked, and the exterior doors should be monitored to ensure no one leaves the building until local/school authorities advise that conditions are safe.

BECOME A BUS DRIVER TODAY!

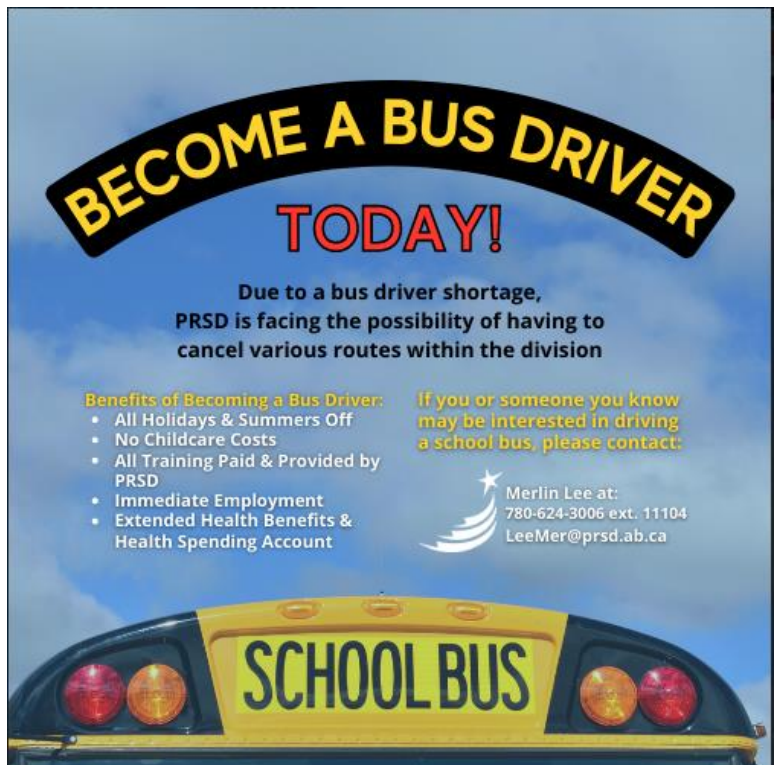
Due to a bus driver shortage, PRSD is facing the possibility of having to cancel various routes within the division

Benefits of Becoming a Bus Driver:

- All Holidays & Summers Off
- No Childcare Costs
- All Training Paid & Provided by PRSD
- Immediate Employment
- Extended Health Benefits & Health Spending Account

If you or someone you know may be interested in driving a school bus, please contact:

Merlin Lee at:
780-624-3006 ext. 11104
LeeMer@prsd.ab.ca





SCHOOLMESSENGER®

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

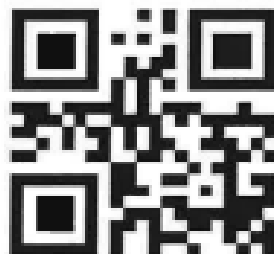
You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **724665**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with **"Stop"**.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 724665**

i Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 45999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions - Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/im for more info.



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield student care givers,

May 1st- May 5th is mental health awareness week and there will be awareness events throughout the Month of May.

Wed. May 3rd - Hats on for Mental Health - wear your favorite hat today

Fri. May 5th - Wear green to promote Mental Health Awareness

Thurs. May 11th - Parents night (parents only for this event) see enclosed sign up sheet. There are only 25 spots available so register ASAP for this free event. [Parents night - Paint a Pot Poster](#)

Over the next 2 weeks all students will participate in a class activity and for any students that participate will be entered into a draw to win 1 of 3 gift baskets. Draw will be made on Fri. May 12th to ensure all students get a chance to participate in the class activity.

You can click on the link below to follow Project Peace on Facebook. All Project Peace summer programming will be posted on the facebook page.

<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



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April 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Kita North Hot Lunch Day– If you purchased	6 No Kindergarten– Planning Day	7 No School – Good Friday	8
9	10 No School Spring Break	11	12	13	14	15
						
16	17	18	19 Kindergarten Registration & Open House 6:30pm – 7:30pm	20	21 Rock n Roll Day– Spirit Day	22
23	24	25	26 KFC– Hot Lunch Day	27	28	29
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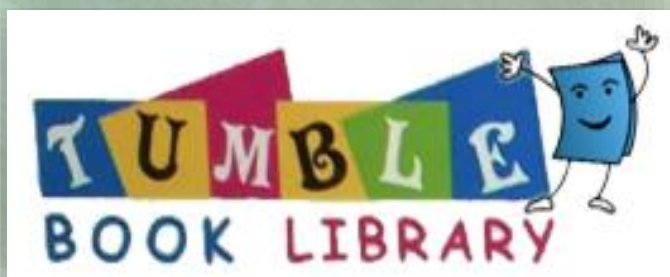
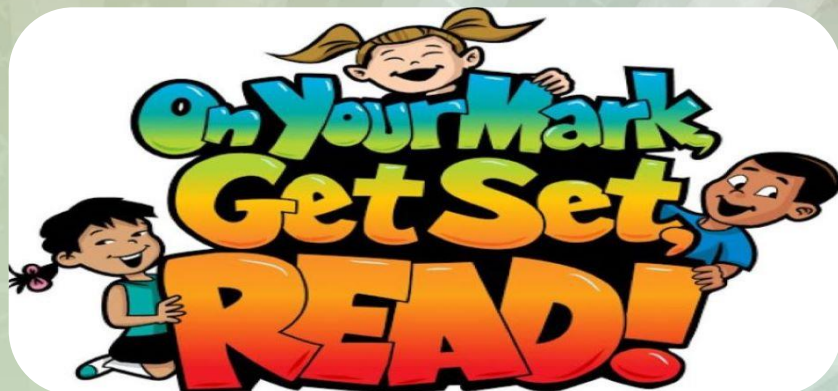
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7	8	9	10 A&W- Hot lunch Day	11	12 PD Day- No School	13
14 Happy Mother's Day	15 No kindergarten- Planning Day	16	17 Matt's Pizza- Hot lunch Day School Council Meeting - 6:30pm Babysitting provided	18	19	20
21	22 No School	23	24 Dairy Queen- Hot lunch Day	25	26	27
28	29	30 Grade 4 - Bike Road-e-o	31 KFC- Hot lunch Day			





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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