



# École Springfield Elementary News



## Important Dates to Remember:

Library Countdown to Zero Begins- **First class to get all their book returned wins!**

June 18th-  
Father's Day

June 19th-  
Soup & Bannock for students at lunch-  
Please send snacks.

June 21st-  
Indigenous Peoples Day  
(Orange Shirt Day)

June 27th-  
**Last day for Students!**

We'll see you back at school on  
Tues, Sept. 5th!



One of two new additions to  
our playground!



Peace High Grad Walk



Kennedy Thorp Spirit Award Winners June 12th

Our bottle drive was a success. Our school raised \$376.50 in bottles donated to Tim Horton's Camp Day!  
Thank you to [Tim Hortons Peace River](#) for the yummy muffins.



# Principal's Message

Here we are in the last couple of weeks of the school year, wondering where the time went this year! I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and families for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, ensuring that your children have had the best year possible. Educating children takes a village and without this teamwork, your children wouldn't be as successful.

Reflecting on this past year, we have seen a return to many of our pre-covid practices. In person interviews, Christmas concerts, School Council meetings and a return of a Science Night and Literacy Night have been highlights. Of course, the year wouldn't be complete without our Sports Day and Boat Races. Just when I think that we've seen all the original boat designs there possibly could be, new and original boats made an appearance! Well done to all our boat race participants!

I want to also express gratitude to our Reading Grandparents. Mrs. Senft got this program up and running in May. We have a small, committed group of volunteers who have been coming into the school to read with students over the past while. We are hoping to carry this program forward early in the new school year, so if you or someone you know is interested in being a Reading Grandparent, please watch for information in September or October.

I wish each one of you a restful and rejuvenating summer filled with fun, friendship and a few adventures. To those students and families moving over to TA or moving away from Springfield, all the best in your next chapters. We will miss you, but know that you will be awesome wherever life takes you!

I consider it an honour to be principal with such wonderful students, staff and families and look forward to next year together!

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School

June 2023



# 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION

## School bus registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year!

Parents need to register their students on the school bus if ANY of the following statements are true:

- My child is attending a different school than in 2022-2023 school year
- My child required a bus pass to ride the school bus in 2022-2023
- My child lives less than 2.4kms from their designated school
- My child had a childcare, shared custody or alternative bus stop in 2022-2023
- My child was attending a School of Choice in 2022-2023
- My child was using interschool bussing in 2022-2023
- My child has moved to a new home address for the 2023-2024 school year

*The Peace River School Division is experiencing a shortage of bus drivers, therefore early registration is critical to ensure that bus routes are created to accommodate students needs.*

## SCHOOL BUS ELIGIBILITY HAS CHANGED FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Eligible students are:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 students who live 1km or greater from their designated school
- Grade 7 to 12 students who live 2kms or greater from their designated school

Students who do not meet these criteria are ineligible for free bussing. Students who wish to purchase a bus pass or use the interschool bus service (where available) will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis after all the eligible students have been added to bus routes.

Please register at [BusPlanner Web](#)

*\*Please ensure you're registering for the correct school year*

If you have any questions, please contact the Transportation office at 780-624-3006.  
Monday to Friday 7:30am to 4:30pm.





Ms. Robinson's grade two students and Mrs. Thompson's kindergarten students got together to release Painted Lady Butterflies. Although we were sad to see them go, we are happy they will fly away to new adventures and lay their eggs so that their life cycle will continue.



# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

## THANK YOU!



As we approach the end of the 2022-2023 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents, staff, and community members for their contributions to education within our division. It has been a fulfilling year full of positive changes, forward movement, and consistent teamwork, and we can't thank you enough for your dedication to PRSD.

To our students, we thank you for your hard work in your studies this year. I was impressed by the amount of student leadership and engagement this school year, so much so, that we are creating a new initiative that will reflect your feedback and ideas to make our schools even more amazing! This new initiative will be called, "You Said, We Heard," and it will showcase how student engagement can create positive changes in our schools and the larger community.



I want to wish our graduates all the best in their future endeavors, as I know they will continue to make PRSD proud after graduation. I want to commend them on their dedication and hard work in their education. Working hard on assignments and studying late into the night will go a long way to prepare them for the opportunities that are ahead of them.

I believe it takes a village to raise a child, so I would like to recognize and thank all our parents, guardians, and community members that have volunteered at their local schools this past year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are valuable to the fabric of our communities. I look forward to your continued support in the upcoming school year.

It was a great joy for me to go to our schools and school events and see the exciting work that our staff have been doing throughout the year. Having a dedicated group of individuals allows students to flourish and grow in and out of their classrooms. I've had a lot of fun watching you succeed in educating the students in the Peace River School Division, and I appreciate all that you do.



I can confidently say that our local municipalities, community members and organizations, like the RCMP, care about our schools. Together, we worked throughout the school year on different initiatives to improve student outcomes. I feel deeply humbled by their generosity and support for the public education system. These groups have provided countless hours behind the scenes working with our school division to support our students and staff in so many different ways.



Let's take some time now to enjoy the fruits of our labour and celebrate the accomplishments that our students and staff worked so hard for over the past year. I'm looking forward to another great year next year!



Sincerely,  
*Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools*

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On May 31st, Ecole Springfield School was fortunate to have *Allan and Ann Koski* from **Willow Point Land Based Learning** come set up and do some tipi teachings. They were so generous in sharing their knowledge and stories with our kindergarten through grade four students. Even the rain couldn't dampen our spirits, as inside the tipi we were cozy and dry!

To view more photo's please go to our website here-

<https://www.springfieldelementary.ca/about/galleries>





**3H Life Cycle Chicks**



**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




**DID YOU KNOW?**

**EVACUATION:**  
Used to safely remove students and staff from the building when there is an internal threat such as a fire. Staff will check all rooms and washrooms and escort students to muster points. Windows and doors will be closed but not locked, and lights will be left on.



# Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield student care givers,

The end of the 2022/2023 school year is upon us. If you are looking for some fun summer events for your child to participate in that are FREE!! See the Project Peace summer calendar of events in the link below.

[Summer 2023 project peace programming.pdf](#)

Some events on the summer calendar require sign up. Please click on the form below to sign your child up. Many events are drop in and no sign up is required.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeZAZZk57L.../viewform...>

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. Click on the link below to join the FB page.

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

Try these meditations for children and youth as a mindful practice daily this summer. Meditation promotes emotional well being.

[Listen to This First, Youthling! - YouTube](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social emotional development and well being please feel free to contact me. If you would like your child to participate in a small group program please reach out to me in September and I will send you consent forms. Have a great summer everyone!

Shannon Sutherland



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## **Ribbon Skirt Making** with Springfield Staff

*Celine Tamarack* taught the Ribbon Skirt making class at Springfield over the weekend.

The ribbon skirt holds a significant meaning in Indigenous culture, particularly among the Plains Cree community. The skirt is traditionally worn by Indigenous women during powwows and other ceremonies. Ribbon Skirts are a symbol of resilience, survival and identity, but their meaning changes with each person who wears one and each person who shares their history.

However, It is important to note that Ribbon skirts can be worn by anyone, Indigenous or Non Indigenous people. As long as it is worn in a very respectful manner and environment. The Springfield staff who participated in the class, learned the history and significance of the ribbons. We will wear our skirts proudly during National Indigenous People's Month celebrations in June.

We are so thankful for Celine and her mother coming to teach a ribbon skirt making class. We hope to have you come back next year!

To view more photos, please visit our galleries section on our Website here-

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Thank you to **Boston Pizza** for hosting our kindergarten classes this week. They loved making their own pizzas and the tour through the kitchen and freezer!

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It was a wonderfully sunny day for fun. Check out the Galleries section for more photos!

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# Sports Day!

A special thank you to Denise Klemchuk for sharing her great photos!





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# June 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1 Indigenous Peoples Month Kickoff! Soup & Bannock served for lunch	2 Sports Day!	3
4	5 *Alternate Sports Day (if cancelled Friday due to weather)	6	7 Kindergarten Teddy Bear Picnic	8	9 Wacky Hair Day	10
11	12 Kennedy Thorp Assembly 8:55am	13 Entrepreneur Day	14 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm -Babysitting Provided	15 Kindergarten Last Day	16 Kindergarten Celebration	17
Library countdown to zero - please return all library books to the school						
18 Father's Day!	19 Soup & Bannock Lunch- Students	20	21 Indigenous Day (Orange Shirt Day)	22	23	24
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25	26	27 Last Day for Students!	28	29	30	
Enjoy your summer holiday! See you back on Sept 5th!						



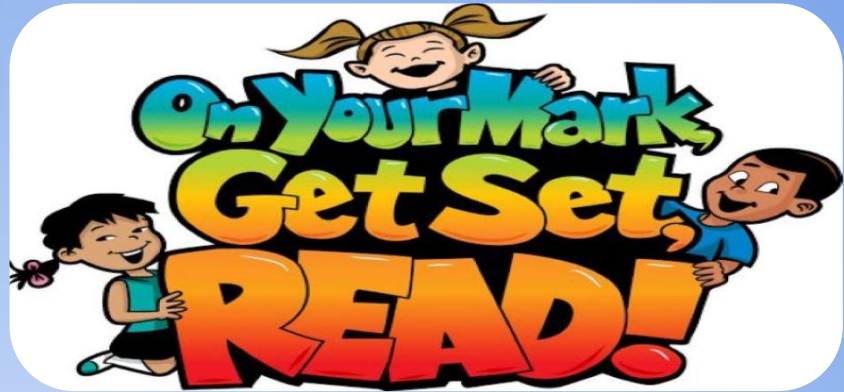
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# September 2023 Calendar

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Sat</u>
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day— No school	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 NO School— PD Day	23
24	25	27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	



# FREE READING RESOURCES



[www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://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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