



# École Springfield Elementary News



# 2023

## Important Dates to Remember:

Sept 27th-  
Terry Fox Run/Walk

Sept 28th-  
Kathleen Laboucan  
Presentation

Sept 29th-  
Recognizing National Day for  
Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 5th-  
Kindergarten  
Planning Day &  
Motivational Magic  
With Steve Harmer

Oct 6th & 9th-  
PD Day /  
No School





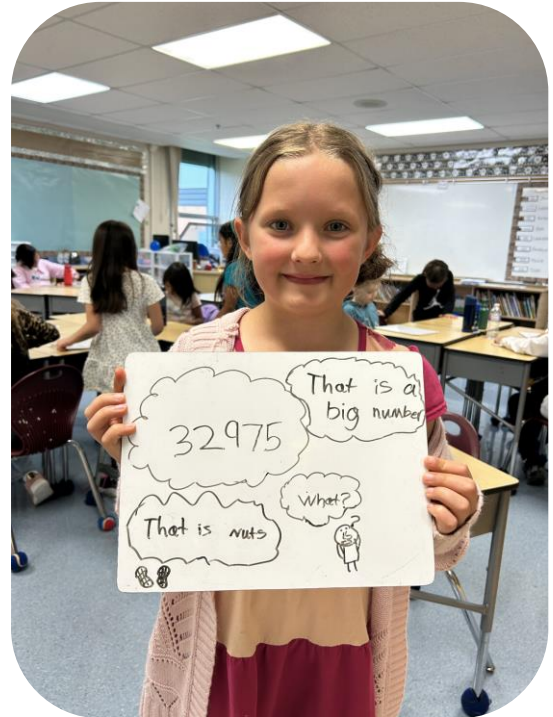
# Why is School Attendance Important?



Did you know that attendance is one of the indicators of a child's academic success?

Students who missed 2 to 4 days in September are 5 times more likely than those who missed fewer than 2 days to be chronically absent for the year.

We love all of our students and hope to see them every day!



# Principal's Message

A HUGE welcome to our new families and a welcome back to our returning students and families. It is so nice to walk the hallways and see the smiling faces and excited students eager to be back in the classroom. Summer seems like a pleasant distant memory as we settle into the routines of the school year. The safety of our students is always our first priority and during the first week, there were many reminders and introductions to behaviour expectations and routines. I must say, students are doing an exceptional job being kind, respectful and following rules. Thanks to all families who take the time to reinforce these rules at home.

École Springfield has a few new staff faces this year. Mme Kimberley Jeffs has joined us from Grimshaw Public as our French Immersion Kindergarten teacher. Mrs Andrea Hogan is returning to teaching after taking a few years to raise her family, and she is in English Kindergarten. Mlle Ann Sorensen is teaching half-time in French Immersion Grade Three. Mitchell Cook is coming onboard as a half-time Success Coach to help out Mrs. Sutherland with some classroom and small group programming. Mrs. Bhumika Shukla is returning as an Educational Assistant after a year's leave, Mrs. Grace Macfarlane who just moved to Peace River and Tracy Poulin have joined our EA staff. We are so thankful to have such wonderful, caring staff here at École Springfield. We take the business of looking after your children very seriously, and we love each and every one of them.

National Truth and Reconciliation Day is September 30th. We will be commemorating this important day at the school with some school wide activities, an elder visit and on Friday Sept 29th, an assembly and wearing Orange Shirts.

Also in September, we will be commemorating the Terry Fox Run on the 27th. The month will fly by, and before we know it, October will be here. Have a wonderful month!

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School



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**Mrs Andrea Hogan,**  
English Kindergarten



**Mme Kimberley Jeffs,**  
French Immersion Kindergarten



**Mlle Ann Sorensen,**  
French Immersion Grade 3



**Mrs Bhumika Shukla,**  
Educational Assistant

**WELCOME TO THE  
SPRINGFIELD FAMILY!**

**Mrs Tracy Poulin,**  
Educational Assistant





**Peace River School Division**

*Learning Together - Success for All*



# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back & Recognizing the  
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## Welcome back to another school year!

This year, I am looking forward to seeing our students grow and thrive in their school environments while being challenged in their studies and extracurricular activities. As a team, it is the goal of the PRSD to be role models for your children. Each person on the PRSD team has been challenged to model characteristics and virtues that are inspiring to both the students and the communities we serve.

More than anything though, our goal is to help students understand they can achieve success. It is my personal belief that there is no greater gift a person can give than the gift of education.

Currently, schools are participating in Terry Fox events across the division, raising funds for cancer research. Terry Fox was once quoted saying, "When I started this run, I said that if we all gave one dollar, we'd have \$22 million for cancer research, and I don't care man, there's no reason that isn't possible. No reason."

Since 1980, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised more than \$850 million for cancer research. In 2021-22, the Terry Fox Foundation funded \$14.1 million in cancer research, including \$1.3 million for paediatric and young adult cancer research.

As September nears its end, we are fast approaching the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30. Across the division, all our schools are engaged in learning activities to support healing and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. The PRSD is committed to doing their part to provide avenues for Indigenous people and Elders to share their history, their culture, and the truth of Canada's history. We are committed to honouring residential school survivors, the children who never returned home, their families, and their communities.

Earlier this month, Hines Creek Composite and Fairview High School welcomed Qye7e (pronounced Kin-ah-ah and meaning Great-Grandmother in Secwepemc) Cecilia DeRose and Kye7e (pronounced Kee-ya-ah and meaning Grandmother in Secwepemc) Lulu Ostrem from the Secwepemc First Nation in the Williams Lake, BC area. Qye7e is an esteemed Elder who attended the St. Joseph residential school. In 2013, Qye7e was part of the original Orange Shirt Day ceremony held at St. Joseph's. She expressed excitement over the fact that what was once a small ceremony has become an internationally recognized symbol of the legacy of residential schools.

At the September 21 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees a motion was approved to designate the week of September 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Week.

In addition to visits from Elders, PRSD schools have engaged in, or will take part in, a variety of other meaningful opportunities to learn about Indigenous cultures.



Some examples of these events include traditional Métis fiddling lessons, lunch with Bannock, participating in Indigenous games, and the sharing of Indigenous stories.

The PRSD recognizes that learning about Indigenous culture shouldn't be limited to one day, one week or even one month per year, and as such, are committed to engaging in activities that promote learning about Indigenous history and cultures all year round.

If you are looking for ways to support your child's understanding of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at home, there is a resource available online through the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society called, "[Spirit Bear's Guide to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action.](#)" This document contains the 94 calls to action, written in plain language and geared towards youth.

I wish you all a wonderful 2022-2023 school year ahead!



Adam Murray,  
Superintendent of Schools



# Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

The beginning of the 2023/2024 school year is upon us. I would like to send out a warm welcome to all students and families.

For anyone new, My name is Shannon Sutherland and I am the success coach at Springfield School. We also welcome this year Mitchell Cook to our team. Mitchell is also a success coach and will be here supporting students in the afternoons. Success Coaches provide SEL (Social Emotional Learning) lessons in classrooms weekly and small group sessions following programs for Anxiety, Grief & Loss and Emotional Regulation.

For more information about Project Peace you can click on the link below to follow us on Facebook.

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

We are starting off this year with a school wide SEL programming called The Zones of Regulation.

[The Zones of Regulation | A Curriculum For Emotional Regulation](#)



I hope you find this information helpful. Stay connected with us each month for information of ways to help your child at home if they require assistance with self - regulation..

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social emotional development or well being please feel free to contact me.

Success Coach  
Shannon Sutherland



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# First Nations, Metis, Inuit



Welcome back to Springfield! I would like to welcome all new parents & students! Looking forward to seeing you all!

My Name is Vannah Anderson, I am the Indigenous Support Coach for Springfield. I will be at the school part time. I will be focusing on building positive relationships with the Indigenous students & parents. My goal is to build a welcoming and cultural space for the students. I will be displaying the Indigenous culture throughout the school. My goal is to bring in elders, soup & bannock days, tipi teachings and much more.

We made a beautiful display for Orange Shirt Day! Our Elder Kathleen Laboucan will be returning on September 28th to come share stories about her experience at Residential school. Also, she will be sharing some teachings about medicine picking.

Wear your Orange Shirt on September 29th!



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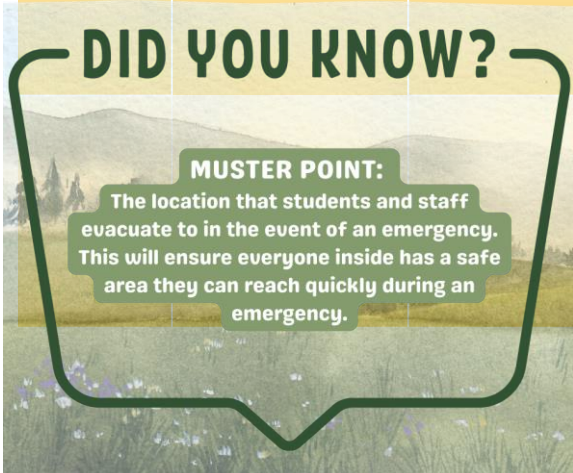
# September 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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3	4 Labour Day – No school	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Picture Day  4:30pm –6:00pm Meet the Family	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 School/ Parent Council Meeting at 6:30pm in the Library. Babysitting Provided	21	22 <b>NO School – PD Day</b>	23
24	25	26	27 Terry Fox Assembly & Terry Fox Run	28 Kathleen Laboucan Presentation	29 Orange Shirt Day in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## DID YOU KNOW?

### MUSTER POINT:

The location that students and staff evacuate to in the event of an emergency. This will ensure everyone inside has a safe area they can reach quickly during an emergency.





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# October 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Kindergarten Planning Day  Motivational Magic presentation	6  <b>NO School- PD Day</b>	7
8	9  <b>No School Thanksgiving</b> 	10	11  Hot Lunch- Matt's Pizza	12	13  Fire Prevention Assembly & Wacky Hair Day!	14
15	16	17	18  Hot Lunch- KFC	19	20	21
22	23	24	25  Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen	26	27	28
29	30	31  				

## 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

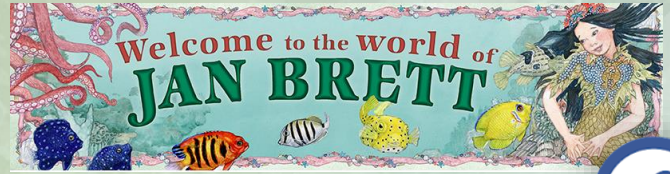
**If you or someone you know may be interested in driving a school bus, please contact:**

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# FREE RESOURCES



**Math 3**  
**Under the Sea!**  
Learn Alberta

