



École Springfield Elementary News



Important Dates to Remember:

Oct 6th & 9th-

PD Day /

No School

Oct 5-27

Food Bank Challenge

Oct 11th-

Hot Lunch- Matt's Pizza

Oct 18th-

Hot Lunch- KFC &

School Council Meeting
at 6:30pm in the library.

Babysitting provided.

Oct 25th-

Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen

Oct 26th-

Numeracy Night-

All Springfield Families
welcome 5:30pm - 7pm

Soup & Bannock Served

Oct 31st-

Halloween



Join in celebrating

MÉTIS WEEK

NOV 14-18 2022

Login to Rupertsland's **RECC Room** each day to join in celebrating Métis Week together!



Why is School Attendance Important?



Did you know..... Most of the work done at École Springfield is hands-on and discussion learning? When a child misses school for any reason, they are missing learning opportunities that they may never be able to make up. Sending work home for catch-up is often not as effective as a child participating in group and class discussions, problem-solving and learning activities. If attendance is inconsistent, this can lead to big gaps in learning.



Thank you to the Sidoroff family for their donation to our Nutrition Program!



October 2023

DID YOU KNOW?

EMERGENCY PRACTICE DRILLS:
Are conducted in our schools to prepare all students and staff in each building, this ensures that each individual will be able to act appropriately should an emergency occur. On top of these drills, students will also be informed about how to respond in multiple emergency scenarios. These drills and discussions are created to prepare your child to act swiftly and to minimize fear.

Principal's Message

And just like that... We are into full-blown fall!! Our view from the playground has been a beautiful collage of colours for the last couple of weeks, and although it doesn't last for long, we enjoy it while we can! We've been very fortunate to have such mild weather for most of the school year so far. It is the season for shorts, winter coats, boots, sweaters and everything in between! Thanks to parents and children who do layer up as the mornings can be quite brisk.

With the strong divisional focus on literacy and numeracy, our students have completed some initial assessments to help figure out learning levels and teachers are busy differentiating instruction to best meet their student's needs. Mrs. Viel has literacy groups going and routines are getting established to help maximize learning.

Last year, we hosted a family literacy night in February, which was a huge success. In addition to repeating that evening in February, staff are busy putting together a family numeracy night. This will take place October 26, from 5:30 - 7:00. It will run much the same way as the literacy evening, with different school and divisional staff working at stations and helping parents learn what we do in the classrooms to teach a variety of math concepts. We will once again be serving soup and bannock to those who attend. I hope to see many of you there!

We will have our School and Parent Council meeting October 18 @ 6:30pm. This is a time to learn a bit more about what is happening at the school and ask any questions you may have. Babysitting is provided for those who wish to take advantage of the service. We always welcome new members, so please feel free to join us. This year parent council is working towards supplying more pea gravel for our playground structures as the supply is getting a bit low.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School



October 2023



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Ensuring that Peace River School Division students get to and from school safely is very important to me. Each year, our students and bus drivers take part in safety training to ensure that, if an unfortunate event takes place, every person on the bus remains safe until they arrive either back at home or at one of our schools.

During the last school year, our division had two near misses involving our busses. These near misses happened because people were simply not paying attention to our busses. It is the responsibility of all drivers to know the laws and drive with extreme caution when approaching a school bus, from either direction.

A bus driver will always signal to drivers that the bus will soon stop to load or unload children by activating the overhead alternating **AMBER** lights. When the bus stops and the driver opens the door, the overhead alternating **RED** lights and side stop arm are activated. When you see this, it can mean only one thing - there are children either walking onto, or walking off of, a bus. All drivers approaching the bus from either direction must come to a complete stop.

Passing a bus when the red lights are flashing and the side stop arm is activated is both illegal and potentially deadly.



AMBER

PEARL

LESLI

Thankfully, our near misses were not more tragic accidents, and this is in part because of the extreme professionalism of our drivers. The PRSD is grateful to have such a skilled team of drivers and driver trainers.

Most of our drivers were trained by one of our three Class 2 Driver Trainers: Amber Johner, Pearl Campbell and Lesli Mitchell. Together, these three women make up phenomenal team with decades of professional driving experience between them.

When a person applies to become a new driver, they only require a Class 5 license because Amber, Pearl or Lesli take care of making sure each new driver is properly trained and can successfully obtain their Class 2 license. This training is always provided by the division at no cost to the applicant.

If driving a school bus sounds interesting to you, then we have a place for you on our team. We are always looking for more bus drivers, both as regular drivers and spare drivers. This rewarding career suits a broad category of people, from stay-at-home parents to grandparents, educational assistants, and so many other types of people with flexible schedules.

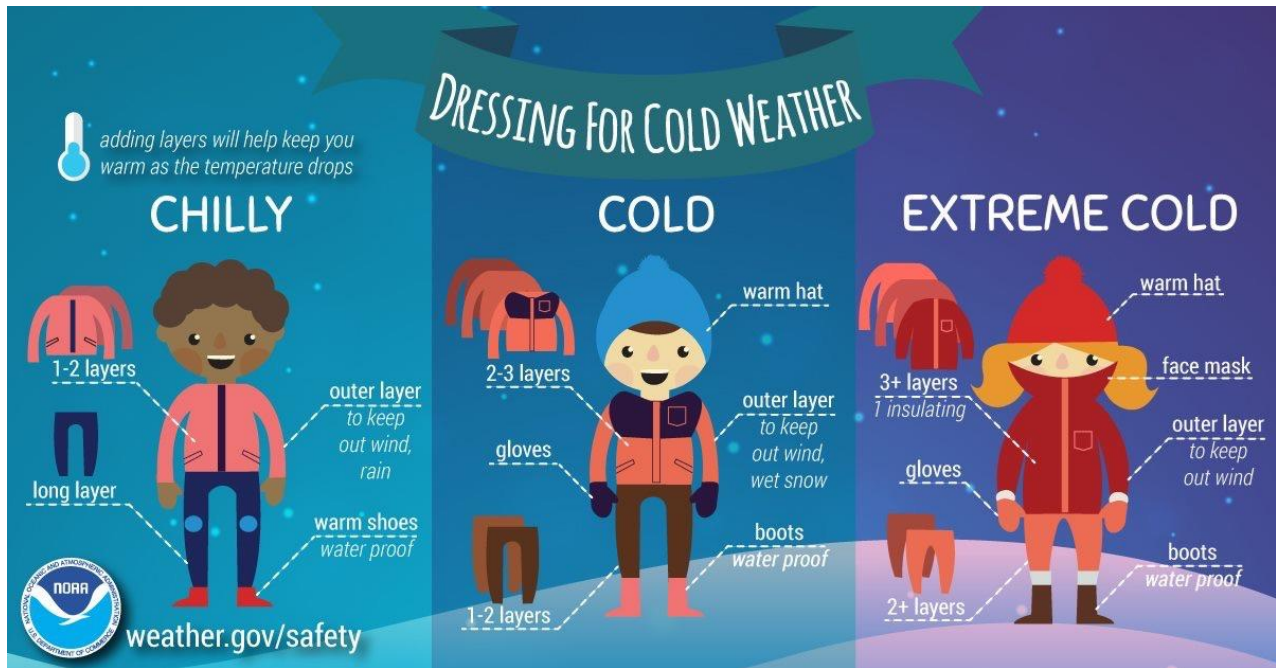
If you, or someone you know, are interested in transporting kids to school safely, please contact our transportation department at 780-624-3006 or visit our website at prsd.ab.ca/careers.

Adam Murray,
Superintendent of Schools



APPLY
TODAY





At Ecole Springfield, we understand that our students need outside breaks to help them stay focused, healthy and ready to learn. We try to make it outside for each and every recess break we have. This includes when it is raining lightly (not pouring buckets) and when the weather is above -25 degrees (including windchill). Please remember to dress your children for the weather and teach them to dress independently when going outside.

If your child is not well enough to go outside for recess, they generally aren't well enough to be at school and should stay home for the day. We do not have supervisors available inside during recess breaks. Thank you so much for your understanding in this. We do look at special circumstances for children who may have a temporary physical impairment, so please talk to your child's teacher if you have questions.

Thank you to **Weaver Group Ltd.** for their donation to our Nutrition Program!



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield student care givers,

We are continuing this month with the school wide SEL program called The Zones of Regulation. Your child may refer to being in one of these coloured zones. Please check out the links provided to get a better understanding of the programming.

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



Stay connected with me each month for information on how to help your child improve social skills and emotional regulation at home.

[5 Incredibly Fun GAMES to Teach Self-Regulation \(Self-Control\) | Social Emotional Learning - YouTube](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social emotional development or well being please feel free to contact me for resources. For more information about Project Peace click on the link below to follow us on Facebook.

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

If you are looking for outside resources the FRN (Family Resource Network - Information & child development centre - prenatal - 18 years) has so much to offer our community.

fn@peacriver.ca

780-624-0770

Happy Halloween!!

Shannon Sutherland

780-624-2143 ext. 14151

October 2023



First Nations, Metis, Inuit



Reminder:

Numeracy Night October 26, 2023
All Springfield Families are Welcome
5:30pm - 7pm Soup & Bannock Served

Harvesting time

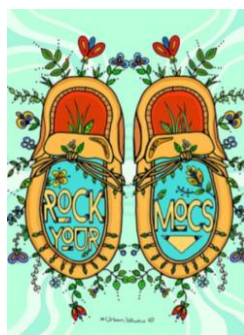
As we enter into the beautiful Fall Season. Gardens are giving their final gifts, leaves are starting to fall, animals begin to change colors and the beautiful harvest moon provides extra light so we can prepare for a cold season coming up. At this time of year, Indigenous peoples finishing harvesting plants, Laboom tea, berry picking, hunting and many more activities. Many Indigenous peoples keep these traditions alive across Canada. They would prepare for the cold season by completing all their moccasins and clothing making for their families to keep warm throughout winter. As it gets colder, it calls for warmer clothing, warm drinks and hot soup.

Metis Week

Metis Week celebrates the culture, history and traditions of Metis people. Also, on November 16th Metis people pay tribute to Louis Riel by holding some type of ceremony or event. We will be celebrating Metis Week by serving Bannock & Soup to our students On November 16th.

Rock your Mocs Day

Rock your Mocs is on **November 15, 2023**. It is a positive opportunity to be untied and celebrate tribal individuality by wearing moccasins, mukluks or wrap arounds. We honour our ancestors and Indigenous peoples worldwide.





If you've been to the south side of our playground lately, you would have noticed some additions to the playground. A huge thanks to **Mr. Grant Barkwell and his mighty crew of volunteer workers** for building and installing covers to the picnic tables purchased last year. Students have been enjoying the shade from the sun and cover from the rain. We are lucky to have such great volunteers supporting our school! Words cannot express how much we appreciate all that you do!

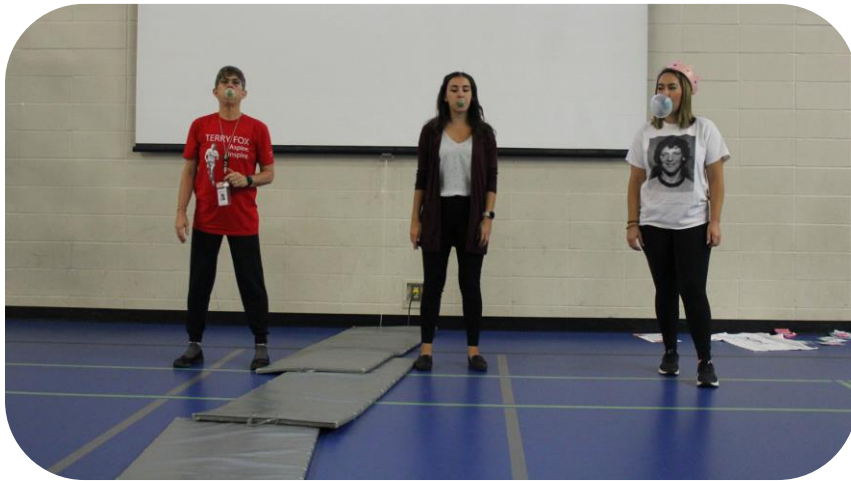


Mighty Peace GM has invited all schools in Peace River to join them in a Food Drive for the month of October. If you would like to send food items with your child to school between Oct 5th and Oct 27th. Food donations will be delivered to The Salvation Army before the end of the month. **Mighty Peace GM** will sponsor a pizza lunch to the class that collects the most food items.

Springfield is a proud member of the PRSD Family



100% Attendance Day!



October events at Springfield School ...



Springfield School
Office #
780.624.2143

October 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Kindergarten Planning Day Motivational Magic Presentation 1:15pm	6 NO School- PD Day	7
8	9 No School Thanksgiving 	10	11 Hot Lunch- Matt's Pizza	12	13 Wacky Hair Day!	14
15	16	17	18 Hot Lunch- KFC School Council Meeting 6:30pm in Library. Babysitting provided.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen	26 Family Numeracy Night 5:30 – 7:00pm in school gym – All Springfield Families Welcome!	27	28

29	30	31 Please pack costumes, parade will be at 1:10pm in the gym
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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





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November 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 Hot Lunch- A&W	2	3 No School for Kindergarten- Planning Day	4
5	6	7	8 Hot Lunch- Smitty's	9	10 Red, White & Black Day for Remembrance Day	11
12 Metis Week	13 NO School →	14	15 Hot Lunch- Matt's Pizza School Council Meeting 6:30pm in Library. Babysitting provided. Rock your Mocs Day!	16 Soup & Bannock For Lunch	17 Report Cards Go Home Jersey Day	18
19	20 Parent Teacher Interviews- Taco in a Bag (Beef or Chicken) & Book Fair in Library 4pm -7pm	21	22 Hot Lunch- KFC Parent Teacher Interviews- Taco in a Bag (Beef or Chicken) & Book Fair in Library 4pm - 7pm	23	24 NO School/ PD Day	25
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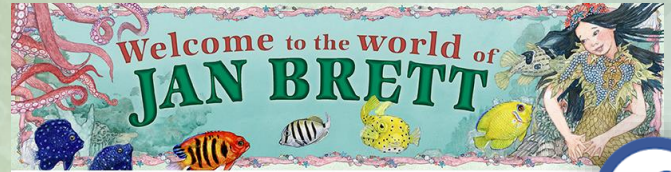


FREE RESOURCES

VOOKS



Storyline Online



**TUMBLE
BOOK LIBRARY**



Starfall



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



BrainPOP



**PBS
KIDS**



**NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC
KIDS**



Learning Games
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