



École Springfield Elementary News

November 2023

A great big shout out to **Peace River Rotaract** for their generous donation! The Supplies have been greatly appreciated by our students.

Important Dates to Remember:

Nov 20th-

Parent Teacher Interviews
4-7pm

& Book Fair in library

(Taco in a bag served to those that attend interviews)

Nov 22nd-

KFC Hot Lunch

Parent Teacher Interviews
4-7pm

& Book Fair in library

(Taco in a bag served to those that attend interviews)

Nov 24th-

PD Day - No School

Nov 29th-

Dairy Queen Hot Lunch

Dec 1st-

Kindergarten Planning
Day- no school



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 that research has shown that poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade? Missing just 2 days a month equate to a full month of instruction and learning lost for the school year.



Our students collected over **1500** items for the **Mighty Peace GM** Food Drive, good job everyone!



Congratulations to **Mlle Luce's** class for donating over 350 items.



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DID YOU KNOW?

EARLY DISMISSALS:
May occur at the school or an alternate site, depending on the circumstances related to the emergency. If this occurs, parents/guardians will be contacted with updated information on where they may collect their child(ren).

Principal's Message



In the month of November we pause, say thanks and give our respect to those courageous men and women who have served our country in many capacities of peacekeeping and war. Nov 8th marked National Indigenous Veterans Day and Nov 11th was Remembrance Day. École Springfield held our Remembrance Day Ceremony Nov 10th. Mrs. Sleger's class also held their student-led assembly. It's important to commemorate these days so future generations will never forget.

Metis week runs Nov 12-18 and within this is Rock Your Mocs day Nov 15th. The school will be serving students Bannock and Soup for Louis Riel Day, Nov 16. You may want to ask your child(ren) what interesting Metis facts they learn that week.

Report cards also go home Nov 17th. These will once again be available in print form, so please look in backpacks for your child's report card that day. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held Nov 20 & 22. The Annual Springfield Bookfair will be on both those nights. Please bring your child and browse the great selection of books that are available. We will also be serving Taco in a bag those nights to ensure you don't need to miss out on supper because you have a meeting booked. Interviews are an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about your child's learning and to establish a partnership with the school to ensure your child(ren) succeeds this year. We hope to see all of you on one of those nights.

November also marks the time of year when we look back at our achievement results from the previous year and see how we are doing as a school and division. The results of our Annual Education Results Report (AERR) will be shared with parents at our next School Council meeting, Nov 15 @ 6:30pm. Please come join us in person or connect through the link that was shared via school messenger to find out next steps in learning.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School





LITERACY, NUMERACY & LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

The Peace River School Division's Collaborative Response culture is making a difference for our students. This year, in the areas of literacy and numeracy we have seen overall growth in student achievement as measured by our local assessments, PATs and Diplomas, and most importantly end-of-year report card grades.

Collaborative Response requires the use of formative assessment to gauge where a student has strength and where they have a gap in understanding when assessing learning outcomes from the Alberta Program of Studies. Specifically, teachers use the following assessments:

- **WAT:** Writing Assessment Tool
- **RCAT:** Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool
- **EICS PA:** Elk Island Catholic Schools Phonological Awareness Assessment
- **MIPI:** Math Intervention/Programming Instrument for Grades 8 and 9 students
- **EICS MA:** Elk Island Catholic Schools Math Assessment for Grades 1 to 7
- **NCAT:** Numeracy Common Assessment Tool
- **F & P BAS:** Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 1 and 2

Teachers use these powerful tools to ensure students are continually growing in these two very important areas: literacy and numeracy. This information can be used to provide targeted lessons and useful accommodations to help the student learn important skills. The assessments are done at the beginning of the year and then again later in the year to assess progress. The frequency that these assessments are administered allows teachers and educational assistants to give targeted interventions and accommodations immediately after the assessment is completed.

Through these assessments, the PRSD has been able to address our student's learning loss due to the Pandemic and we are seeing positive results. Since the Pandemic, the government has funded learning loss initiatives. Currently, the PRSD receives the least amount of this type of funding, compared to other school divisions in our zone, because of how successful our students are. Our achievement results indicate that we are turning the corner and can really start to appreciate the impact that formative assessment and the Collaborative Response culture provides to our students.

Parents, we need your help. In the last four years our data has shown us that missing school has a detrimental effect on students' learning. We have tracked the achievement results of students who attend school regularly, and those of students who attend school less regularly. Many days last year we had over 1,000 students away from school due to illness and other explained absences. In 2022-23, we had just 45.2% of students attend 90% of the time. We want to grow this number this year. In order to do that, we need students and families to work with us to improve our student attendance rates.

It really does take a whole community to value the importance of education for our youth. Our on-going efforts to ensure high-quality education through the implementation of a Collaborative Response culture is yielding positive results.

To further explore the power of local assessments, I encourage you to visit our website, www.prsd.ab.ca, and read the Division's Three-Year Education Plan for 2021-2024. Closer to the end of November we will also publish our Annual Education Results Report. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with all parents in achieving our collective goal of success for all students.

Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield student care givers,

We are continuing this month with The Zones of Regulation. Your child may refer to being in one of these zones. If you haven't done so already please check out the link provided below.

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



Last week I started Open Parachute programming in the classrooms. This program was created to help students to understand and learn to resolve, with confidence, the many challenges that students are going to face throughout their life, like disagreements with friends, struggles at school, or situations at home that aren't so great.

Check out the parent link below for more information.

https://learn.openparachuteschools.com/parent/login?id=CA_oeaDdnDo

Follow Project Peace on Facebook.

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

Stay connected with me each month for information on how to help your child improve social skills and emotional regulation at home. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social emotional development or well being please feel free to contact me.

If you are looking for outside resources the FRN HUB - Information & child development centre. The Family Resource Network will be here to provide information to families at Parent Teacher Interviews on Mon. Nov. 20th & Wed. Nov. 22nd from 4:00PM - 6:30PM. You can contact them at the email and phone number noted below.

frn@peacriver.ca

780-624-0770

Respectfully,

Shannon Sutherland

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

A monthly newsletter highlighting Mental Health programs available within the PRSD



Emergency Links & Phone Numbers

Addictions and Mental Health Helpline

(24-hour support)
1-877-303-2642

Peace River Addictions and Mental Health

780-624-6151

Kids Help Phone
1-800-668-6868

Indigenous
Support Line
(North Zone & Area)
1-844-944-4744

mykickstand.ca

Mental Health in Schools

ALBERTA EDUCATION FUNDED PILOT PROJECT



The Mental Health in Schools project is new to the PRSD in this school year and led by **Loro Koski**. The goal of this project is to provide increased access to universal and targeted support in the schools that are not served by project PEACE with Mental Health Capacity Building (MHCBC). These are schools that have been identified as rural and have limited access to support.

Loro works alongside a team of ten student support workers.

- **Tanya Parkin**, Dixonville School
- **Mandi Rushton**, E.E. Oliver Elementary School
- **Billi McDonald**, Fairview High School
- **Alyssa Morrison**, Hines Creek Composite School
- **Darcy Patterson**, Lloyd Garrison School
- **Cleo Pawluski**, Manning Elementary School
- **Andrew Hilton**, Menno Simons Community School
- **Kyla Mackinnon**, Nampa Public School
- **Debra Perrier**, Paul Rowe Jr./Sr. High School
- **Justin Dicks**, Red Earth Creek School

"A child's mental health is just as important as their physical health and deserves the same quality of support."

- Kate Middleton

Meet the PRSD Social Workers



Chris Kaip
Divisional School
Social Worker



Travis Mitten
School Social/Emotional
Behaviour Consultant



Connie Kramer
School Family
Liaison Worker



Margaret Buruma
School Social
Worker



Lorena Combes
School Social
Worker

Social Workers, Family School Liaison Workers, and School Social/Emotional Behavioural Consultants support teachers and other school staff in creating a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment through collaborative response. Social workers provide short term counselling, facilitate small groups, respond to emergency or crisis situations and collaborate with partners such as Parents, Mental Health and other service providers.

Mental Health Capacity Building

GOVERNMENT FUNDED THROUGH PROJECT PEACE



Sandra MacKenzie
Mental Health Capacity Building program coordinator

The Mental Health Capacity Building program is offered in Grimshaw and Peace River schools through success coaches. Our Success Coaches work with children, youth, and staff in schools, and they focus on providing universal and targeted programming in the areas of mental health, addictions and social/emotional learning.

Who are your Success Coaches?

- Lauren Lauze, Glenmary School
- Carolyn Dickson, Grimshaw Public School
- Jade Hargrave-McKen, Grimshaw Public School
- Mitchell Cook, Grimshaw Public School & Springfield Elementary School
- Frances Borger, Good Shepherd School
- Mikailyn Wearden, Holy Family School
- Tori Svecla, Peace River High School
- Shannon Sutherland, Springfield Elementary School
- Shannon Chouinard, TA Norris Middle School



First Nations, Metis, Inuit



Metis Week November 12th - 18th

Métis Week celebrates the culture, history and contributions of Métis people to Alberta and Canada. On November 16th, Métis people across Canada pay tribute to the Right Honourable Louis Riel by holding a commemorative ceremony on the date of his execution.

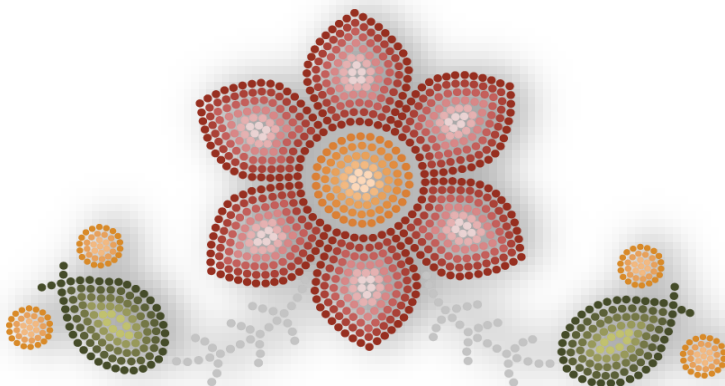
Rock Your Mocs- November 15th

We invite you to wear your Moccasins to celebrate Indigenous peoples and culture.



On November 16th

We are celebrating Metis Week! We are happy to serve Soup & Bannock to our students for lunch!



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Events at Springfield School ...



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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 Students at Lunch	17 Report Cards Go Home Jersey Day	18
19	20 Parent Teacher Interviews- Taco in a Bag & Book Fair in Library 4pm -7pm	21	22 Hot Lunch- KFC Parent Teacher Interviews- Taco in a Bag & Book Fair in Library 4pm - 7pm	23	24 NO School/ PD Day	25
26	27	28	29 Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen	30		



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December 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					1 No School for Kindergarten- Planning Day	2
3	4	5	6 Hot Lunch- A&W	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Hot Lunch- Smitty's	14	15 Dress Like Christmas Day	16
17	18	19	20 NO Hot Lunch Christmas Concert Day 9:30am & 1pm	21 PJ Day! Last day of school	22 No School- Christmas Break	23
24	25 No School Christmas Break	26	27	28	29	30
31	See you back at school on Monday, January 8, 2024!					