



École Springfield Elementary News

JANUARY

2024

Important Dates to Remember:

Jan 19th- Dress like Hogwarts/ Harry Potter Day

Jan 24th- Hot Lunch- Kita North (if you ordered)

Jan 31st-PD Day - No School





A Divisional Communications Committee has been struck to take a critical look at the Division's communication strategy and make suggestions for improvements.

In order to do that, we need your help. ***Linked below you will find a parent/guardian survey about the communication tools you use to contact your student(s) school or receive information from the school.*** These surveys are anonymous and the information you provide us with will guide our communication strategy moving forward.

Please consider taking the time to complete this survey by January 31 and thank you in advance for your input!

Access the survey here: <https://buff.ly/3Sc2m00>"



Why is School Attendance Important?

Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade.



DID YOU KNOW?

PARENT-CHILD RELOCATION LOCATION:
An area for parent-child reunions will first be established. Parents will be notified at the time of the emergency where this location will be. The location may not be at the school and will depend on the specifics of the emergency.

Principal's Message

Happy New Year to our École Springfield Community! It was wonderful seeing all our school family back last week! January is a time to start fresh and watch the magic happen after the first four months of learning!

If anyone was wondering before the break if winter was ever going to come, we've had our answer!!! With the extreme weather we experienced, this is a reminder to please make sure your children are dressed appropriately. Hats, mitts, winter coats and snow pants are a must even when you drop off and pick up. A reminder also that we do go outside every day when the weather is above the -25 degree mark. Thank you for checking your child(ren) and watching what they are wearing as they leave the house in the morning.

January is also that time of the year when we start thinking ahead to the Alberta Education Assurance Survey which will be administered to the grade four students, grade four parents and all teachers at École Springfield Elementary. These surveys help gather information on the quality of education provided by school authorities and schools. The results of these surveys is an integral piece of data as we develop our school and division Education Plans. We truly value the input we receive from our grade four parents every year and ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as honestly as you can. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school for any clarifications.

The survey is now open and closes to all on March 1. If you are a grade four parent, please look for more information on the survey coming through Canada Post in the near future. We will have Chromebooks set up during our Families Matter Literacy Night, Feb 20, from 5:30 - 7:00 for those who would like any questions answered about the survey. All you need to do is bring your access code with you that night. Families completing the survey will get their child's name in a draw for a family fun basket.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School

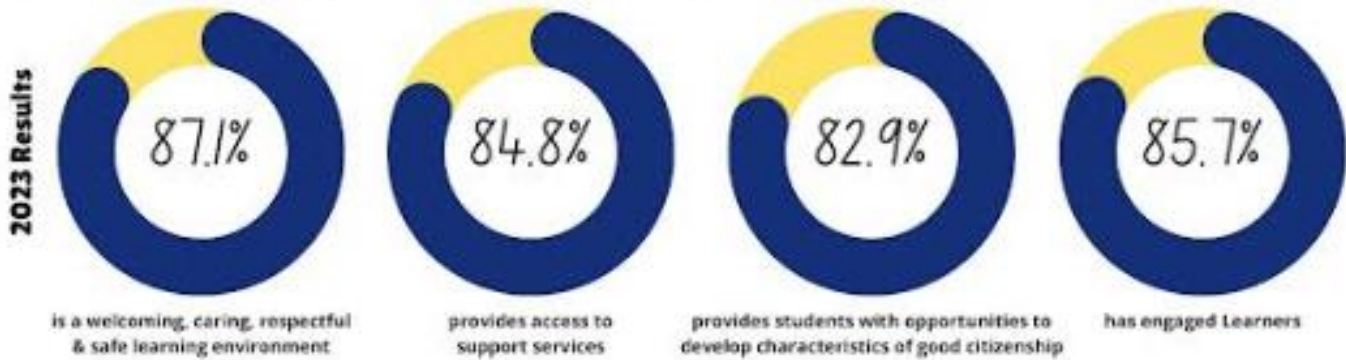


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Education Assurance Survey

Percentage of Students, Parents and Staff who agree the PRSD ...



Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter from the Alberta government containing a survey about our school division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7 and 10 students, but have come to parents of other grades as well.

This survey is important to our Division, and we value your honest feedback. The more people we have completing these surveys, the more accurately the results reflect the Peace River School Division.

When completing your survey, please try to avoid answering "I don't know" as this response gives the PRSD a negative result on the survey. If you have questions, please reach out to your school's principal for clarification. They would really appreciate talking with you.

Student success is incredibly important to us. As you may know, our funding is based on student enrollment. The higher the enrollment, the more supports we can receive and the better we can serve our students and communities. For a snapshot of the data collected through the 2023 survey, check out the graphics included above.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to the government on our behalf.

WATCH FOR THIS ENVELOPE IN THE MAIL!



Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield student care givers,

Open Parachute SEL programming is continuing in the classrooms this year. 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

Big Question:

Are you or is there someone you know that may be suffering from the winter blues? Check out these for some interesting facts and suggestions on how to combat the winter blues. You are not alone!!

[Got the winter blues? Here's some animated advice - YouTube](#)

[How to beat the 'winter blues' - YouTube](#)



Follow Project Peace on Facebook.

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

Stay warm and please remember to be kind to yourselves!

Respectfully,
Shannon Sutherland
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Don't Forget to Dress for the Weather!



ALL students need to be dressed appropriately for colder temperatures.

Please ensure students are coming to school with proper winter gear.

This includes: a winter jacket, snow boots, toque, mitts, and ski pants.

Students who ride the school bus should also be prepared for winter conditions, should an event occur that they need to stay warm while travelling to and from school.



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First Nations, Metis, Inuit



Indigenous Storytelling

Winter is the time for storytelling in the Indigenous Communities.

For many Indigenous families, winter is the season to teach the children/families through storytelling.

Indigenous stories is a form of passing knowledge and myths down to the young ones from generation to generation. Trickster stories are often told as well.

Storying telling was used in a way to entertain everyone inside because it would be too cold outside.

Storytelling teaches history, values, beliefs and ways of life. Listen, learn and share together.





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January 2024 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<p>No School Christmas Break</p>				
7	8 Back to School Except for No Kindergarten - Planning Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Hot Lunch- Subway (if you ordered)	18	19 Hogwarts/ Harry Potter Day	20
21	22	23	24 Hot Lunch- Kita North (If you ordered)	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 No School- PD Day			



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February 2024 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
				1	2	3 Groundhog Day
4	5	6	7 Hot Lunch- Reddi Mart (if you ordered)	8	9 Kindergarten Planning Day- No School	10
11	12	13	14 Hot Lunch- Domino's Pizza (if you ordered) Valentines Day! Wear Red, White & Pink	15	16 No School	17
18	19 No School	20 Literacy Night 5:30pm - 7pm Supper provided	21 Hot Lunch- Subway (if you ordered)	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Hot Lunch- Kita North (if you ordered) PINK Shirt Day	29		

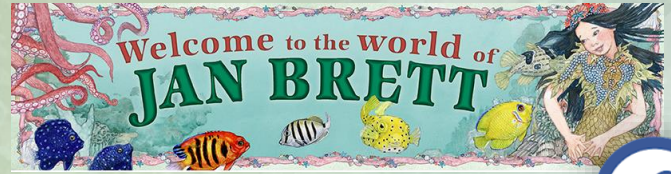


FREE RESOURCES

VOOKS



Storyline Online



Starfall



Math 3
Under the Sea!
Learn Alberta



BrainPOP



**PBS
KIDS**



FUNBRAIN



Where the Wonders of Learning Never Cease®
WONDEROPOLIS



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