



# École Springfield Elementary News

## December 2024

Check out our École Springfield School [website](https://www.springfieldelementary.ca/) for more fun photos!

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Congratulations to Mlle Luce's Room 105 class!

They were the winners of the

**Mighty Peace Chevrolet Buick GMC**

Food Drive pizza party.

A huge shout out to all families that donated and helped us bring in 822 items to support our local food bank!

### Important Dates to Remember:

Monday, Dec 2nd-  
Kindergarten Planning Day  
(No Kindergarten)  
& Toy Drive begins!

Wed, Dec 4th-  
Dairy Queen Hot Lunch

Thurs, Dec 19th-  
Dress up for  
Christmas Concert Day!  
9:30am & 1:15pm





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Be An Attendance Hero!



Here  
Everyday  
Ready To  
Learn  
On Time



REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOOSTS  
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
*Attendance Matters*



## DID YOU KNOW?

### FOLLOW UP PROCEDURES:

Any time an incident occurs within the Peace River School Division, a review of the incident is initiated to further understand what occurred to deepen and enhance our current procedures.

Thank you to the **Milligen family** for all the pumpkins!  
We had some very happy students!



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# Principal's Message

It was lovely seeing so many of our families during Parent Teacher Interview nights. Sharing your child's celebrations and accomplishments is a highlight in our year. Thanks for your positive feedback and all the hard work that is required by being a parent. It really does take a village to educate a child and we are honoured to walk side by side in this journey.

As 2024 is winding down, Peace River School Division is thinking ahead to the 2025-2026 school calendar. A committee is meeting next week to give input into the calendar and to work collaboratively with the different school divisions and communities that use this calendar. Watch online for an invitation to give feedback on the proposed calendar and let the division know what you like about the draft calendar and if there is anything you would like to see changed.

At Springfield, we will soon be getting into the swing of the holiday season. Classes are now practicing for the Christmas Concert, which will be held Thursday, December 19th, at 9:30am and 1:15pm. The same program runs at both times. Our concert is always a popular affair and is attended by parents, guardians, grandparents and other family members. We hope to see all of you that day.

The start of our now annual toy drive is Monday, December 2nd. If you are able, please feel free to send a new unwrapped gift for families in our community who may need some help having a Merry Christmas this year. All the toys will be delivered to the Salvation Army Toys for Tots campaign by Thursday, Dec 12th. Thank you in advance if you are able to contribute.

As we move forward into December, from our school to your home, we wish for you joy filled family time, quiet moments to refresh your soul, a healthy holiday break and a Happy New Year.

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School



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## LITERACY, NUMERACY & LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

You may already be aware that November is my final month as Superintendent of the Peace River School Division. I would like to tell you from the bottom of my heart - thank you for all your contributions to public education and the collaboration that we have shared over the last 13 years.

Let me start out this month's message by introducing my trusted colleague and successor, Dr. Jeff Thompson. Dr. Thompson is an existing member of the PRSD team with whom I have worked closely since 2017. Effective November 16, he will be the Division's new Acting Superintendent.

I have come to know Dr. Thompson as not only an exceptional system leader, but as someone who is driven to make sure all students find success. He brings to the role more than three decades of experience in fine-tuning student assessment practices and routines. I have no doubt that Dr. Thompson's expertise will tremendously benefit the PRSD during this time of transition.

The Peace River School Division continues to make significant and positive strides toward recovery following the biggest disruption to learning this generation has experienced. Adding to that, we are also experiencing a province wide teacher shortage.

What does this mean for student achievement?

More than ever, I am convinced we must stay the course. As a Division, we are in the first year of our new five-year education plan. This plan carries forward the same goals we had in our previous three-year plan: that all students are literate, all students are numerate, and that all students are successful through inclusionary practices. To be able to achieve these goals, our students have to attend school regularly.

Through our division-wide assessment practices, we are noticing positive indicators with our youngest students that will translate into positive routines, like regular school attendance, strong literacy skills and numeracy skills. All three of these things will be instrumental in our students being successful in all core subjects as they continue their journey to graduation.

Another positive trend that PRSD is experiencing is the continued trend toward closing the achievement gap between our Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. Both our local report card data and provincial achievement data show the efforts we have put in to provide school environments that allow all of our students to thrive and feel welcomed and successful.

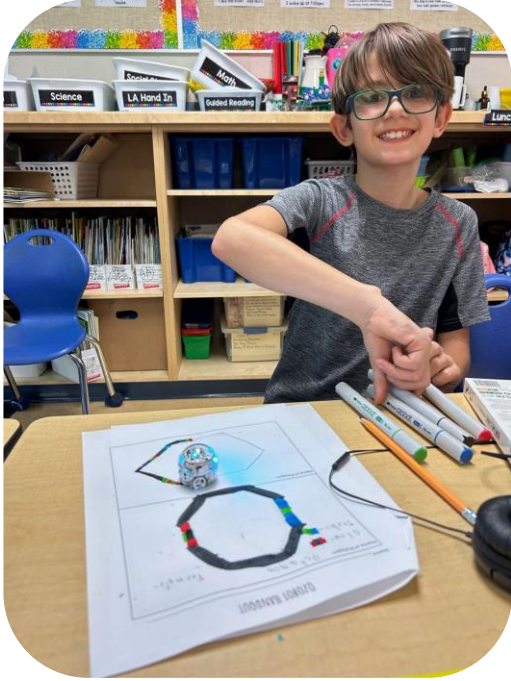


Adam Murray, Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Jeff Thompson, Acting Superintendent

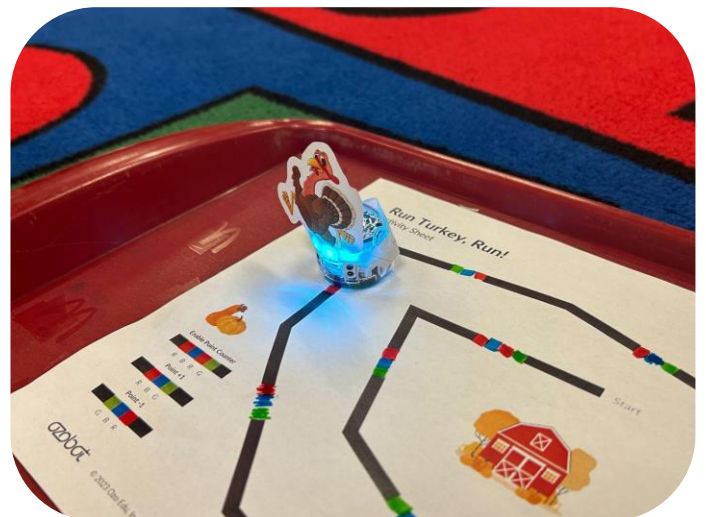




# Learning with Ozobots



The Grade 4 Huberts/Harpe learning with the Ozobots. Grade 3/4 Luce did Turkey run with the Ozobots. they needed to use math skills to keep the points between 0-5 to get the turkey home.



# Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield Student Caregivers,

With winter weather upon us and the Holiday Season fast approaching, students at school are going through these transitions and many more everyday. Holiday festivities can evoke excessive amounts of excitement with celebrations, extra treats and late nights.

For many students the need for consistency and routine at home and school are important for learning. We recognize this at Springfield School and see what a difference it can make when students follow routines and get enough sleep. Here are some tips for following routines and to help keep your child regulated and engaged in their learning environments here at school and when you are enjoying celebrations throughout the holiday season.

5 tips to help your child regulate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iChm0PjIGi8>

Childrens sleep hygiene

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8DSQdm6Khw>

Dress warm and stay safe!

Success Coach

Shannon Sutherland

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# Don't Forget to Dress for the Weather!

ALL students need to be dressed appropriately for colder temperatures.

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

Students who ride the school bus **MUST** be prepared for winter conditions. This is not only a matter of comfort, but also safety. In the event of an emergency, or another unexpected situation, we want to make sure all students are protected from the cold.





# First Nations, Metis, Inuit

FIRST NATION, METIS, INUIT



PEACE RIVER SCHOOL  
DIVISION NO. 10



A few classes had the chance to participate in Metis dot art class with Ms. Vannah. 🌸 🌸

Springfield students were rocking their mocs during Metis week to take part in celebrating and honoring our Indigenous ancestors, people & culture. Thank you everyone!



Culture Club is a program that will be running all year long. Culture club will be focusing on creating Indigenous art and creations. The culture club kids had the chance to work on dreamcatchers and they did such an amazing job!!!

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Have a Merry Christmas!



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## More fun events from October & November



**Please send students dressed with coats, snow pants, scarves, hats and mitts.** Springfield graciously accepts gently used winter wear for those of our students that do not arrive at school prepared for the weather. As safety is our first priority we make every attempt to provide the clothing that we can but at times we just do not have enough, so if you are able to donate we would be very appreciative! A huge thank you to those families that have already made a donation.





# Register for Notifications of Bus Route Delays and Cancellations by Text Messaging

Go to <https://busplanner.prsd.ab.ca/>

Click "LOG IN"

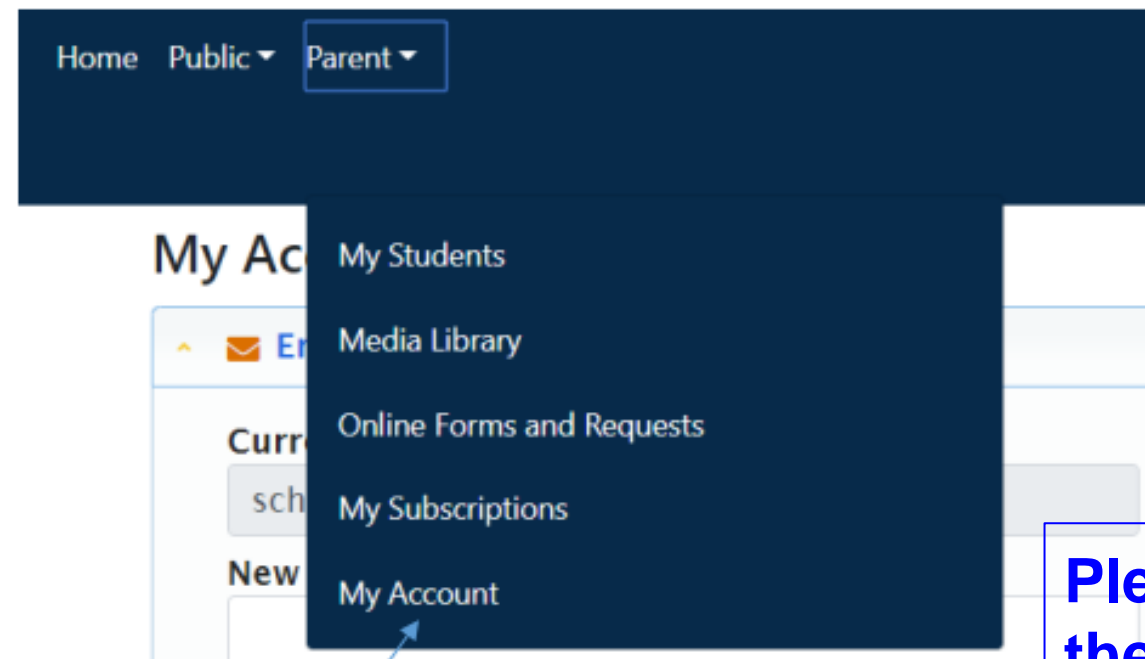


Select "PARENT PORTAL"

If you already have an account, enter your username and password. If you do not have an account, please follow the instructions on "create an account" on the webpage.

You will now see the students registered to your account.

Select "Parent"



Select "My Account"

**Please see the next page for further instructions.**



Select "Mobile Numbers"

## My Account


• Email

• Mobile Numbers

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Check the "I want to receive text alerts" box

Then you can enter up to 5 phone numbers (use ###-###-#### format)

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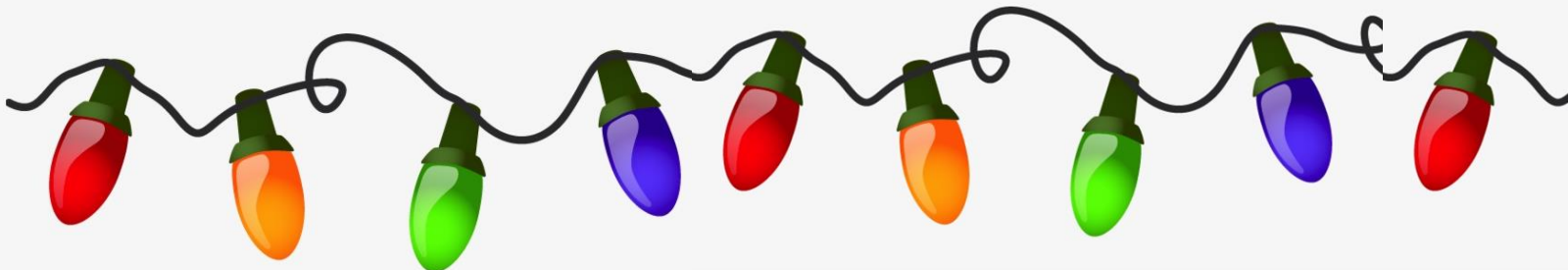




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# December 2024 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 Kindergarten Planning Day  Toy Drive Begins	3	4  Dairy Queen Hot Lunch	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Domino's Hot Lunch	12  Last Day for Toy Drive!	13  Dress Like Christmas Day  	14
15	16	17	18  No Hot Lunch today	19  Formal Day & Christmas Concert 9:30am & 1:15pm	20  PJ Day!	21
22  No School Christmas Break	23	24	25  	26	27	28
29  No School Christmas Break	30	31				







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# January 2025 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 <b>No School Christmas Break</b>	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Back to School for Gr 1-4! (Kindergarten Planning Day)</b>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <b>School / Parent Council @ 6:30pm</b>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Luau Day</b> 	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>No School for Students - PD Day</b>	







# FREE RESOURCES

Storyline Online

