École Springfield Elementary News



## Important Dates to Remember:

Jan 31 - PD Day-No School

Feb 2 - Winter Walk Day

Feb 14 - Red, White and Plnk Day

Feb 16 - School/Parent Council @ 6:30pm

Feb 18 - No Kindergarten & 100th Day of School!

Feb 21 - Family Day-No School

Feb 22 - PD Day - No School

Feb 23 - Pink Shirt Day

Feb 25 - Storybook / Disney Character Day



Mlle Luce's Kindergarten class celebrating Cultural Day

Daily Screening Checklist





# Why is School Attendance Important?

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



Meet our wonderful grade two team! Ms Aspeslet teaches in Portable 1 with Mrs. Bentt. Mrs Leer teaches in Portable 2 with Mrs Canning and Ms Elter and Mlle Laurin teaches Grade Two French Immersion in room 114.



Ms. Aspeslet



Mrs. Bentt



Mlle Laurin



Mrs. Leer



Mrs. Canning



Ms. Elter



Springfield Staff participated in *The Betty White Challenge* donating money that was collected from our staff's Silent Auction held in December. \$650 was split between the SPCA and In The Woods Animal Rescue society.



Peace Regional SPCA

#### In the Woods Animal Rescue



January 2022

#### Springfield is a proud member of the PRSD Family



















### Cultural Day



January 2022





# Superintendent's Message

#### **Parent Surveys**

Parents, please be on the lookout for a letter from the Alberta Government. Inside the letter, you will find a survey from the government that asks questions about our School Division. The surveys generally come to parents of Grade 4, 7, and 10 students, but have been known to come to parents of other grades as well. This survey is important to our school division, and we value your honest feedback.

The survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Please refrain from answering with "I don't know", as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, you can contact me at Central Office or please reach out to your school's principal for assistance.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the surveys and for returning them to the government on our behalf. Your support, along with our hardworking staff members, has allowed us to continue operations throughout a difficult school year.

I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and to showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division. We currently have a partnership with Grande Prairie Regional College for Trades Instruction — which is something we are very proud of. This initiative is making it easier for Grade 12 students to transition into fulfilling careers and pursue their academic dreams beyond high school. We have also had an increase in our 3-Year High School Completion Rate, which is an excellent accomplishment during a pandemic. Principals, teachers, and educational assistants have gone out of their way to support students and their collective hard work has paid off!

In the Division, we are still sticking to our Literacy, Numeracy, and Inclusionary culture goals. We are working hard to ensure that all students are reading and writing at or above their grade levels or meeting their individualized program goals. Extra attention is also being given to ensuring that students are performing at or above grade level in numeracy and are confident in their mathematical abilities. The Division is also focused on inclusive learning for all students, and each school is ensuring a safe and caring environment that celebrates diversity. All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased.

I am also happy to announce that we are instituting the Learning Loss Intervention Program for Grade 1 to Grade 3 students. This initiative will be providing supports for students who may need extra assistance with literacy and numeracy and is being funded by the Alberta Government to close the gap on learning losses that have occurred due to the pandemic.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you all for your continued support.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division



# Principal's Message

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone. It was a quiet first week after the winter break, and staff at the school were so happy to see all of our students return January 11th. COVID has presented some challenges as we continue to implement safety measures to keep us as healthy as possible. A huge thanks to all who are making sure to use the Daily Health Checklist each day before coming to school. In addition to social distancing, masking and sanitizing, that is the best way to ensure we look after each other and can continue coming to school.

Hopefully most of the cold weather is behind us, and we will be able to enjoy the winter wonderland. Just a reminder to make sure children come to school bundled up in necessary winter gear. We enjoy outside recesses every day the weather is warmer than -25 Celsius with a windchill. It is great to see such cooperation on the playground as groups of students build creative snow structures.

Our Grade 4 students, parents and teachers will soon be asked to participate in a survey to let us know how they feel École Springfield Elementary is doing. We work very hard to ensure your children are getting the best education possible as they develop into well-rounded citizens. If there are questions on the survey that you are unsure about, please feel free to contact me at the school for clarification.

Gail McNabb Principal, École Springfield Elementary School





## February 2022 Calendar

**Springfield School** Office # 780.624.2143

Sun	Monday	<u>Tuesday</u>	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		1	2	3	4	5
			Winter Walk Day			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 No	
	RED, WHITE		School/Parent		Kindergarten	
	PINK DAY		Council Virtual 6:30pm		& 100th Day of	
	PIRK DA/				School!	
20	21	22	23 WEAR PINK	24	25 Storybook/	26
	Family Day—	No School-	(2)		Disney	
	No School	PD Day	5	<i>₹</i> :3 <b>*</b>	Character Day	
			STOP BULLYING		Reg Like Your Favoritie Book Characters	
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and ask for your child's
email address







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