



École Springfield Elementary News



February



2022

Important Dates to Remember:

March 7th-18th-
Virtual Book Fair

March 9th-
Twin Day!

March 10th & 11th-
Teacher's Convention
No School

March 15th & 17th-
Parent Teacher Interviews
5:00-7:00pm

March 17th-
Wear Green!

March 18th-
Kindergarten Planning Day -
No School

March 19th- 28th-
Spring Break/ No School

March 29th-
Back to school!

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Daily
Screening
Checklist



Springfield is a proud member of the PRSD Family



FREE Glee Club Class

Little Jammerz will be running a free online Glee Club Class for students that love to sing and perform in Grades 1-5

Students will learn to sing & perform pop songs with cool dance moves. We focus on pitch, breathing, and performing techniques The class will be taught live online using Zoom. To Sign up please go to littlejammerz.com/mar15 or scan the qr code at the bottom with your phone

**DATE: Tuesday March 15th, 2022
TIME: 5PM-5:30PM**

**To Sign Up: Go Online to
LittleJammerz.com/mar15**

For any questions please contact: info@littlejammerz.com



Our 100th Day Food Bank Challenge was very successful.

Thank you to all that donated!



Why is School Attendance Important?

**The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. Being late for school hurts a child's learning too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss more than 30 hours of instruction during the year.



**100th Day
of School -
Feb. 18th!**



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Winter Walk Day



Meet our Grade Three Team!



Our Wonderful Grade Three Teachers are (left to right) Mrs. Slegler and Mrs. Aquino.

Both of these teachers have been at Ecole Springfield for over ten years and share a wealth of experience and expertise.



Rounding out the Grade Three team are our awesome Educational Assistants! Middle Row left to right: Mrs. Sutherland, Ms Desbiens, Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Darling. Missing from the lineup is Mrs. Pratt who appears to be camera shy.





Grade 2 Laurin - Library Center Time



Movement Break Party in the Gym





Carnaval Fun



Superintendent's Message

Safe and Caring Learning Environments and Celebrating Pink Shirt Day

At Peace River School Division (PRSD) we pride ourselves in our ability to create and foster safe and caring learning environments for our students. There are many people who play a role in this process, and I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate their efforts and thank all the students, staff, parents, local partners, and community members who contribute to creating a culture of kindness and respect in our schools.

We share in the success of our work in this regard with our school communities as our latest survey results show that 87.5% of our students, staff, and parents feel that PRSD schools provide safe and caring learning environments for students. On top of that, our 3-year high school completion rate had a significant jump from 67.8% to 77.6% which tells us that students feel confident, respected, supported and safe in our schools throughout the completion of their education.

The work we do in this regard is on-going through various programs, initiatives and presentations focused on healthy relationships, anti-racism and personal well-being. Examples of such programs and initiatives include the work of our school-based Youth Education Support Workers, Success Coaches, Divisional Social Workers, PRSD Anti-Racism Committee, student leadership groups, mentorship programs, behaviour support programs, wellness programs, the focus on citizenship division-wide, daily learning incorporated into the curriculum and the meaningful support that comes from community involvement and various agencies.

Pink Shirt Day is one day per year where we wear pink in a united stand to support healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity. Providing safe and caring learning environments for students is incredibly important to us. We understand that for students to learn, flourish and reach their full potential, they need to feel safe, happy and cared for.

Thank you so much for your involvement and support. We invite you to join us on February 23, 2022, for Pink Shirt Day when PRSD students and staff will wear pink in support of healthy relationships, wellness, and diversity.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division



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Kindergarten Registration



It's that time of year again and our Kindergarten teachers and principals are looking forward to welcoming new students to a bright new world of learning! Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year has opened and we are excited to welcome all our up-and-coming students to PRSD this fall. Registering your child in Kindergarten is extremely beneficial and prepares children for future success in their education and beyond.

We believe in play-based education delivered by kind, caring, and highly qualified staff. Your child will interact, imagine, experiment, and explore to add to their knowledge and learn new skills. Our educational staff know that every child is unique, and our teachers ensure that students are provided with specialized and targeted instruction to meet their individual needs.



We know our communities, and we understand how important it is to be involved in your child's Kindergarten education and that's why we value family involvement and encourage parent volunteers. This approach to our Kindergarten programs is what makes students so successful. In PRSD schools, there are many ways for parents to be involved and for the school and families to interact.

All PRSD Kindergarten classes and Early Learning programs offer specialized support for students with delays or special needs. The Early Learning Team supports children in their emotional, social, intellectual, and physical development through play-based environments.

PRSD has specific program options and availability, so we encourage parents to reach out to their local elementary school and ask about their Kindergarten programming.

We look forward to teaching the next generation of students and offering them a high quality of education from the very beginning. Enrolling children in early learning programming provides a higher chance for future academic success and allows them to become more comfortable and confident within a classroom setting.



We are beyond excited to welcome more imaginative minds to our schools this fall!

Principal's Message

The month of February at École Springfield School is a month to focus on Kindness which is the Character Virtue of the month. This aligns well with our safe and caring learning environment that staff, students and parents work hard to maintain. Pink shirt day was celebrated Feb 23. Many shades of pink were all over the school that day as classes talked about why we wear pink shirts and how we can demonstrate respectful and caring behaviours in and out of the school.

Thanks, also, to our wonderful students for displaying kindness and caring as we navigate the last of the COVID restrictions in place. March 1, (or the date that Phase Two goes into effect) any remaining school requirements will be removed. This means that at École Springfield, we will no longer be cohorting classrooms. We will revert to our past schedule of one recess and lunch period for the whole school. Students will be allowed to play anywhere. Staff are no longer required to wear masks. The one thing that remains consistent is the [Daily Alberta Health Checklist](#). Please continue to monitor for symptoms daily and follow the recommendations on the checklist. Together we are working hard to keep all school community members healthy and safe.

As we move into increasing daylight and hopefully warmer temperatures, please remember that there is still snow on the ground and proper winter attire needs to be worn. We do our very best to help out when students forget mittens, hats and snow pants. However, some days it is hard to keep up with the demand. Please ensure your child(ren) come dressed for the weather. If you have borrowed clothing from the school and you are able, please wash and return items so we can keep stocked.

Gail McNabb
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School





First Nations, Metis, Inuit

The month of February has been a busy month for the start of some programs that focus on incorporating Indigenous knowledge and support Indigenous students. I have started pulling small groups of students from different grade levels for storytime featuring Indigenous authors. The Indigenous storytime program incorporates the Grandfather Seven Sacred Teachings, aligning with Springfield's character virtue of Kindness for the month of February.

I have also initiated a program for Indigenous girls in grade four. The program aims to build self-confidence, provide mentorship and wellness support for the students. During the program we will be learning about Indigenous culture and worldview through Indigenous arts and crafts. This month we are looking at the art of Metis artist Christ Belcourt, and creating some dot painting masterpieces! Next month we will be attempting Metis beading with kits supplied by Rupertsland Institute.

Plans are well under way for National Indigenous Peoples Day in June 2022. Respected elder Leonaard Cardinal will be visiting Springfield for the day to share stories and to help us celebrate. We are very honoured and excited to welcome Leonard in June. With the Covid-19 restrictions being lifted, we are hoping to plan more cultural activities for the students.

I would like to thank all of the parents and students for their kind words of encouragement. I am here to support Indigenous students and their families and can be reached anytime at the school. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

Lindsay Swartz, Indigenous Support Worker,
École Springfield Elementary School



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Red, White & Pink Day ↑



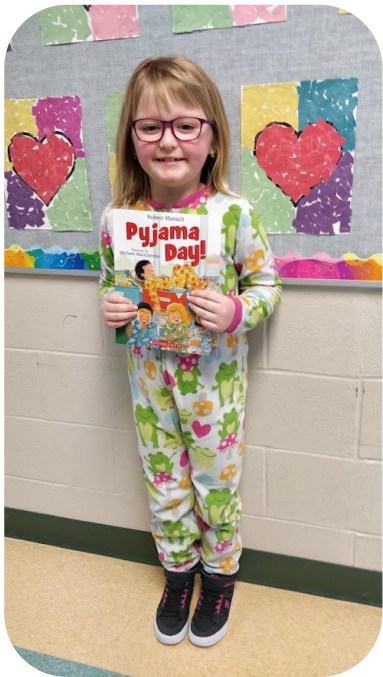
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Virtual Book Fair
March 7- 18th!

All orders help to support our
school library,
Thank you for your support!

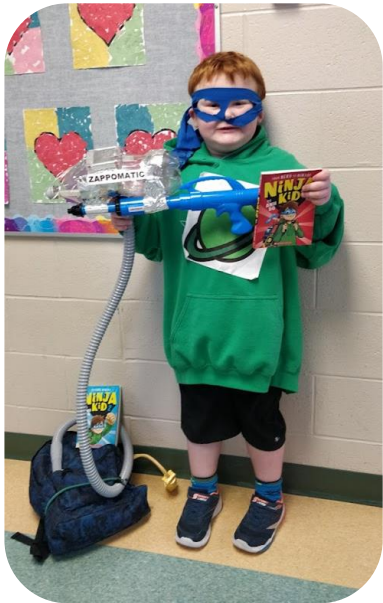
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school

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Storybook/
Disney
Character Day







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March 2022 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Virtual Book Fair 	8	9 SPIRIT DAY! TWIN DAY 	10 No School Teachers Convention	11 No School Teachers Convention	12
13	14 	15	16	17 WEAR GREEN DAY	18 Book Fair Ends! No kindergarten	19
20	21 No School-Spring Break	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 No School PD Day	29 Back To school!	30	31		




WE NEED YOU!

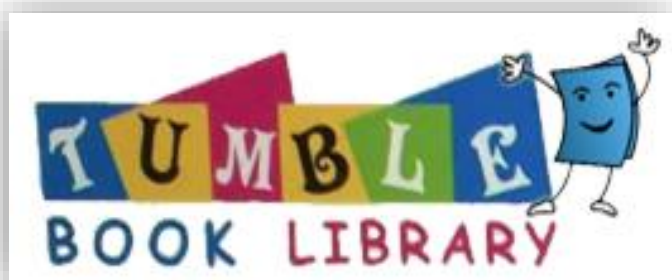
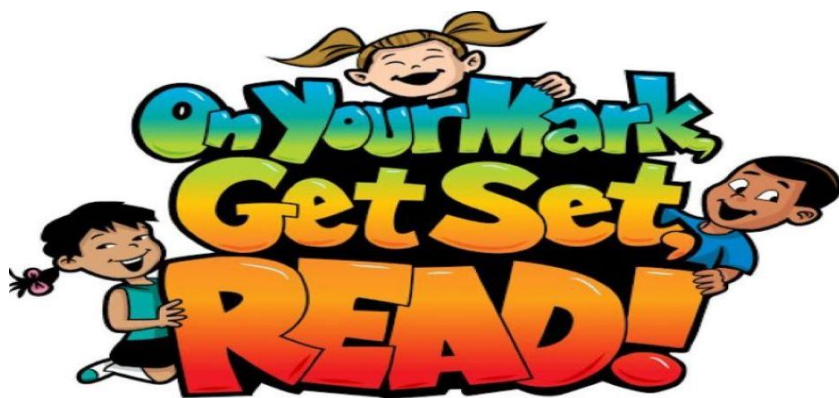
We need **Substitute Teachers** and **Educational Assistants**.

Call PRSD Central Operations at 780-624-3650 or visit prsd.ab.ca/careers to learn more.

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on AppStore or Google Play



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and ask for your child's
email address



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