



# École Springfield Elementary News

# September 2022



## Important Dates to Remember:

Sept 21 - Meet the Staff  
Night 4:30-6:00pm

Sept 23 - PD Day - No  
School for students

Sept 26- Kindergarten  
planning day - No School

Sept 29- Orange Shirt Day

Sept 30 - National Truth and  
Reconciliation Day- No  
School

Oct 7 & 10 - No School:  
Thanksgiving

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## Why is School Attendance Important?

Students who missed 2 to 4 days in September are 5 times more likely than those who missed fewer than 2 days to be chronically absent for the year.

We love all of our students and hope to see them every day!



Our new Playground is installed and students have been having a blast trying it out! **HUGE** thanks need to be sent out to our École Springfield Parent Council from last year and previous years, who put in tireless hours into fundraising, grant writing and planning to see it to fruition. Without your effort, this would not have been possible! Our students and teachers are so lucky to have such an active council working on our behalf!





**NATIONAL DAY FOR  
TRUTH AND  
RECONCILIATION**

#OrangeShirtDay



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WE ARE SELLING  
ORANGE SHIRTS  
*get your order in!*

All money raised from selling these shirts goes directly back into programming for the Survivors of Residential School and their families in our area.

**Order deadline:**  
September 9, 2022

**\$30 per shirt**

All Peace River School Division students and staff can purchase for \$15.00 contact your school for more information or to order

Available to  
order in  
all sizes, child  
small to 3XL







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2022-2023  
**New School Safety**  
Procedures



**What's Happening:**  
Starting this year, schools will be keeping their doors locked throughout the day and utilizing doorbells with cameras for any volunteers or visitors who need access inside the building.

**The Benefits:**

- Schools will have more control over who enters the building
- These measures ensure higher levels of student safety
- Schools will be more secure and productive

**Testimonial:**

“Implementing these changes has been fantastic. Our entire staff breathed a sigh of relief when the decision was made, and we didn't realize how badly we needed this until we had it. The safety of our students is our main concern and this allows us to provide them with an even safer environment at school.”

- Shannon Fraser, Fairview High School Principal

**Keeping students safe is our first priority!**

# Superintendent's Message

## Welcome Back and National Day of Truth & Reconciliation

Welcome back to another school year!

As your Superintendent, I believe in the power of Public Education, and I see the benefits that our students experience when we all do our part to support them as they reach for their goals and dreams. This year, I am looking forward to seeing students become more confident in their skills while they challenge themselves in their studies and extracurricular activities. As a team, we hope to instill students with the courage and belief that they can accomplish anything they put their minds to.

Here at the Peace River School Division, we are committed to providing students with a safe and inclusive learning environment. Our educational staff continuously provide many opportunities for students to participate in a wide range of authentic activities throughout the year that allow them to expand their knowledge and grow as individuals.

In the week leading up to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, all schools are engaged in learning activities to support healing and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Many families and schools are showing their support by participating in a fundraiser to support local residential school survivors and their families by purchasing Orange shirts through Sagitawa Friendship Society. Other activities vary school by school, but some examples include participating in the commemorative tile project as described on the Project of Heart website, engaging in Métis inspired dot art, and designing feathers with supportive messages on them to be shared with residential school survivors.

Furthermore, the Board of Trustees, the PRSD Anti-Racism Committee and other PRSD staff will have the opportunity to learn from Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta more about the significance of Treaty relationships. This day of learning will deepen our understanding of the significance of the Board's initiative to honour the Treaty 8 flag and the Métis flag at all of our schools. We are looking forward to continuing flag raising Ceremonies this school year.

I'm excited to witness our students grow throughout the year as they are shown new experiences within their classrooms, and I am eager to facilitate these kinds of events for them. I believe our commitment to creating safe and inclusive learning conditions for all students will be further enhanced as we implement diverse educational opportunities for all.

I wish you all a wonderful 2022-2023 school year ahead!

Adam Murray  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Peace River School Division



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# Principal's Message

Welcome to all new and returning members of our École Springfield Elementary School Family. The Staff have been so happy to see the smiling faces coming into the school the first few weeks! It seems like summer flew by, and we are back to mastering routines and procedures, making new friends and getting down to the business of learning.

September is a busy month with many exciting events taking place. We've already had 3 in person assemblies so far this month! Our first day assembly welcomed new and returning students and staff. The Sept. Character Virtue Assembly focussing on Respect and what that looks like was the 14th. And students enjoyed a Hula Hoop Circus Sept. 9. The message of this presentation was the advantage of having a growth mindset, trying something new, and why it's important to be active! Students will also participate in the School Terry Fox run Sept. 21.

Students and staff are preparing to commemorate National Truth and Reconciliation Day. This day is intended to educate and remind us about the history of residential schools, honour the victims and celebrate the survivors. Sept 30 is the statutory holiday, so we will have the school assembly on Sept 29 to mark this important occasion. You may hear from your children about stories read in class and projects being worked on to build knowledge and understanding of this time in Canadian history.

It's not just students who are learning new things - our staff will be participating in a Professional Development day Sept 23. Teachers will be taking a close look at the Report Card process and using student data to inform not only report cards, but future instruction. Kindergarten teachers will participate in a Professional Learning Community with other Kindergarten teachers from across our division. Support staff will be learning about the important role of paraprofessionals in the school. Learning new strategies and keeping up with current research helps us continually move students forward.

Keeping communication open between home and school is very important to ensure that your child(ren) has the best chance for success! Please feel free to contact your teacher and/or the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School





# Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Welcome back to Springfield students and parents!

I am very excited to share information with you from the GoZen SEL program. If you are or if you have ever experienced your child interrupting you, please check out the link below:

[https://gostrengthsftp.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/ParentingRewind/ParentingRewindInterruptions\\_GoZen.pdf](https://gostrengthsftp.s3.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/ParentingRewind/ParentingRewindInterruptions_GoZen.pdf)

I hope you find this information helpful. Stay tuned each month for more tips on helping your child to regulate. Following some of these tips will help support your child now and in the future they will have the tools to regulate themselves.

You can click on the link below to follow Project Peace on Facebook or instagram.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100030003983644>  
[https://www.instagram.com/projectpeace\\_mentalhealth/](https://www.instagram.com/projectpeace_mentalhealth/)

I look forward to meeting you on Family night Wednesday September 21st.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's social emotional development or well being please feel free to contact me at [sutherlands@prsd.ab.ca](mailto:sutherlands@prsd.ab.ca) or call 780-624-2143 extension 14151.

Shannon Sutherland  
Project PEACE Success Coach,  
École Springfield Elementary School



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# September 2022 Calendar

| Sun | Monday                | Tuesday                     | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|-----|
|     | August 29             | 30<br><b>Back to School</b> | 31   | <b>September 1</b>   | 2   | 3   |
| 4   | 5<br><b>No School</b> | 6                           | 7  | 8  | 9   | 10  |
| 11  | 12                    | 13                          | 14<br>School Photo Day<br><b>SAY CHEESE</b>              | 15   | 16  | 17  |
| 18  | 19                    | 20                          | 21<br>Terry Fox Run<br>Meet the Staff Night<br>4:30-6:00 | 22   | 23<br>PD Day –<br><b>No School</b>                                  | 24  |
| 25  | 26<br>No kindergarten | 27                          | 28<br>School Council Meeting 6:30–<br>School Library     | 29<br>Orange Shirt Day<br> | 30<br><b>No School</b><br>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation |     |





Springfield School  
Office #  
780.624.2143

# October 2022 Calendar

| Sun | Monday                            | Tuesday | Wednesday           | Thursday        | Friday         | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----|
|     |                                   |         |                     |                 |                | 1   |
| 2   | 3                                 | 4       | 5                   | 6<br>Jersey Day | 7<br>No School | 8   |
| 9   | 10<br>Thanksgiving<br>– No School | 11      | 12                  | 13              | 14             | 15  |
| 16  | 17                                | 18      | 19                  | 20              | 21             | 22  |
| 23  | 24<br>PD Day–<br>No School        | 25      | 26<br>Photo Retakes | 27              | 28             | 29  |
| 30  | 31<br>Halloween                   |         |                     |                 |                |     |



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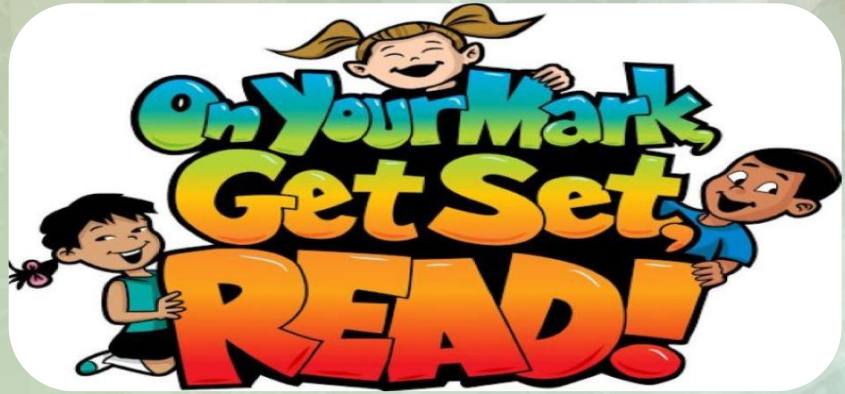
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We need **Substitute Teachers** and **Educational Assistants**.  
Call PRSD Central Operations at 780-624-3650  
or visit [prsd.ab.ca/careers](https://prsd.ab.ca/careers) to learn more.

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