



# École Springfield Elementary News

## JANUARY

## 2023

### Important Dates to Remember:

Jan 18th–

Hot Lunch- Kita North  
(for those that ordered) &

School Council Meeting  
6:30pm Library  
Babysitting Provided

Jan 20th–

Dress like Summer

Jan 25th–

Hot Lunch- Subway  
(for those that ordered)

Jan 30th–

No School / PD Day

Mini Options started on January 13th and  
runs every Friday till Feb 3rd.

Art Games/Puzzles Snow Activities  
Healthy Snacks Wonder Art  
Painting & Arthur Talk STEM Hockey  
Fun with Kindergarten  
Intro to Woodworking



# 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 more people we have completing these surveys, the more accurate representation we can receive.

The survey can be confusing and often the questions seem like they are not directed at your child's grade level. Answering with "I don't know" is problematic, as this response gives the School Division a negative result on the survey. If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal for assistance. They would be more than happy to help because they care about your child(ren) and the quality of education that they are receiving.

These survey results are important. PRSD values your feedback, as we endeavor to continually improve our services for our students. By completing these surveys, you will be helping us be the first choice for students.

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.

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	NA
1. With the quality of education your child is receiving at school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. With the quality of teaching at your child's school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To what extent do you agree or disagree that:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	NA
3. Your child finds school work interesting?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Your child finds school work challenging?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Your child clearly understands what they are expected to learn at school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Your child is happy when they come to school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Success for All

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I would also like to take this time to highlight our achievements and showcase some of the great things we've been implementing within the Division this school year:

- We've committed to ongoing student assessments and creating individual academic profiles for each student. To enhance this, our Learning Services team partnered with school staff to administer Early Years Assessments over 30 days covering classes in seven schools throughout the Division.
- We have continued to prioritize safety for our students and staff in classrooms, as well as online. New procedures and technological safety measures have been implemented to ensure everyone in the Division feels safe.
- Emotional supports are readily available to students to create a safe learning environment in classrooms and schools. Students and staff have access to Social Workers, YES Workers, Project PEACE team members and many other divisional supports.
- Parental involvement has steadily increased, especially in regard to School Councils and the Council of School Council meetings. Professional development with the Alberta School Council Association has assisted us in creating more opportunities for parents to work more closely with the Division and their schools.

All schools are making sure that their students' physical, social, and emotional wellness needs are met so that their overall academic engagement is increased.

We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and we thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Sincerely,

*Adam Murray,*  
Superintendent of Schools



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# Principal's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome back to School. 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!

It 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.

The survey opens in February and closes to all on March 3, 2023. If you are a grade four parent, please look for more information on the survey coming your way in the near future.

January is also a time for mini-options, that kicked off January 13. The school was a beehive of activity in the afternoon with everything from woodworking, snow activities, floor hockey, healthy snacks and many other fun topics being explored. We couldn't do this as successfully without the many parent volunteers that help out. A huge thank you to each one of you who are supporting the mini-options.

Hopefully the worst of the flu and respiratory season is behind us, and we will see higher attendance rates from everyone at the school. This time between the winter break and spring break is a huge learning time for everyone, and we will be making the very best of it.

Gail McNabb  
Principal,  
École Springfield Elementary School



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# Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield Caregivers,

Grades K - 1 & ½ French are continuing with the Slumberkins this month. These fluffy animals are an amazing educational toy and Slumberkins goes above and beyond, helping kids adjust to life changes, navigate big emotions, and learn how to communicate with others. Slumberkins delivers many positive affirmations that you may hear your child repeating at home.

Slumberkins Yeti - Focuses on her senses

Slumberkins Alpaca - Holds your worries

Slumberkins for parents: [Educational Emotional Learning Products For Children – Slumberkins](#)

Next month we will be starting the Second steps programming for Kindergarten and Grade 1.

The Choose Love SEL continues this month with Grades 2 - 4. This program provides teachings on these 4 ingredients, Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion in action = Choosing Love. We started lessons last week with the next ingredient of the Choose Love formula. The lessons over the next 6 weeks will focus on building our Gratitude muscle. Daily practices of Gratitude will be shared with the students each week in January and into February.

Choose Love for parents: [Next Generation Social Emotional Learning and Character Development - Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement](#)

Your GoZen parent rewind for this month is: What to say instead of saying don't be rude. Check out the link below.

[GoZenPlus ParentingRewindScripts](#)

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

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

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Success Coach  
Shannon Sutherland

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# January 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1	2 <b>No School</b> <b>Christmas Break</b>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Back to School</b> <b>Grade 1-4</b> <b>Kindergarten</b> <b>Planning Day</b>	10	11	12	13 <b>Mini Options</b> <b>1:10 - 2:35</b>	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Kita North</b> <b>Hot Lunch-</b> <b>If you purchased</b>  <b>School Council</b> <b>Meeting 6:30pm</b> <b>(babysitting</b> <b>provided)</b>	19	20 <b>Mini Options</b> <b>1:10 - 2:35</b>  <b>Dress like</b> <b>Summer Fever</b>	21
22	23	24	25 <b>Subway</b> <b>Hot Lunch -</b> <b>If you purchased</b>	26	27 <b>Mini Options</b> <b>1:10 - 2:35</b>	28
29	30 <b>PD Day -</b> <b>No School</b>	31				

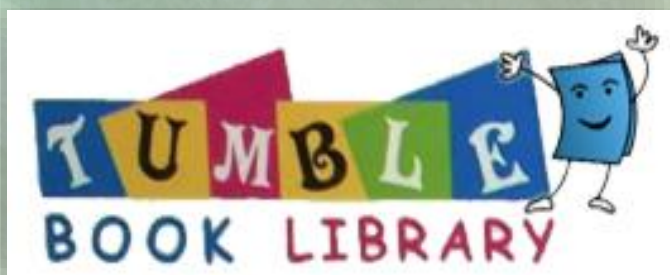
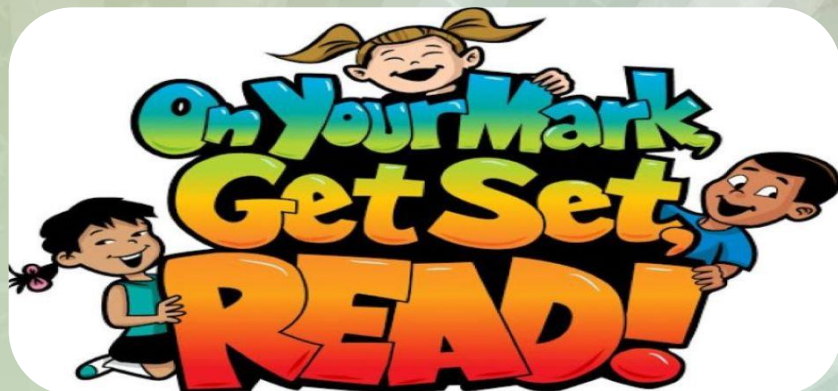


# February 2023 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 A&W Hot lunch Day– If you purchased	2 Groundhog Day	3 Mini Options 1:10 – 2:35	4
5	6 No Kindergarten –Planning Day	7	8 Matt's Hot lunch Day– If you purchased	9 Rodeo Spirit Day	10 No School– PD Day	11
12	13	14 Valentines Day	15 Matt's Hot Lunch Day– If you purchased  School Council @ 6:30	16	17 No School	18
19	20 No School	21	22 Subway Hot Lunch Day– If you purchased	23 PJ Day	24	25
26	27	28				



# FREE READING RESOURCES



[www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com)

Username: springfieldAB

Password: books

--French & English--

Check out their Brand New app  
on AppStore or Google Play



**eBooks - PRSD**

**Digital Library - call**

and ask for your child's  
email address



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