

École Springfield Elementary News

September 2025



Important Dates to Remember:

**September 2nd-
First Day of School!**

**Sept 17th-
Meet the Family BBQ
4:30-6:00pm**

**September 19th-
PD day- No Students
Sept 29th-
Orange Shirt Day**

**September 30th-
National Day for Truth &
Reconciliation- No School**

Important Times to Remember

- ☐ No Supervision Outside until 8:20am
- ☐ First Bell to come inside 8:40am
- ☐ Instructional Time starts at 8:55am
- ☐ Lunch Recess 12:10-12:40pm
- ☐ Lunch Eating 12:40-12:55pm
- ☐ Dismissal 3:25pm

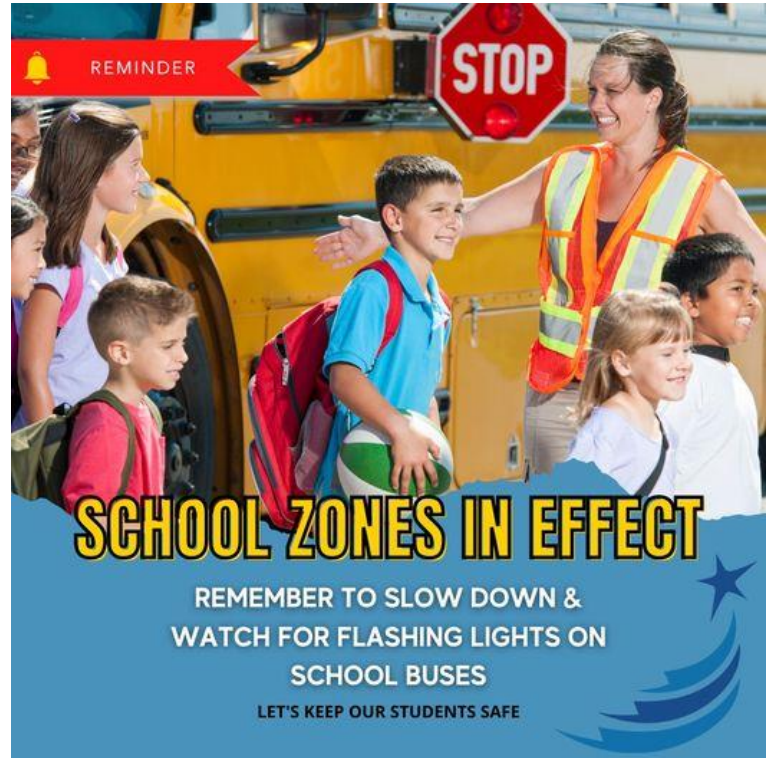


ATTENTION!



Please send your students with an extra set of clothing. We will be calling home when needed.

Please be aware, your child will be marked as **LATE** if they arrive anytime after 8:50am



DID YOU KNOW?

LOCKDOWN:

Called for when there is a threat of violence or other crisis that occurs inside the building and moving around, or evacuation would increase the risk. Students & staff are to move to the closest classroom immediately, lock the door, cover, and close any blinds, turn off the lights and any cell phones, and find a safe corner to quietly stay in. No one is permitted in or out of classrooms or the building, under any circumstance, until the emergency has been resolved.

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**Congratulations to
Audrey Senft
our new Principal!**

WELCOME



**Welcome back to
Claudette Stalker
our new Vice Principal!**



**Welcome back to
Sonya Waites-
Grade 1/2 Teacher**



**Welcome to
Karen Lumawig-
Grade 3 / 4Teacher**



**Welcome back to
Andrea Thompson-
Grade 1 Teacher**



**Welcome back to
Ann Sorensen-
Grade 1 FI Teacher**

**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**



**Welcome back to
Jeanne Chykalsky
Grade 1 FI Teacher**



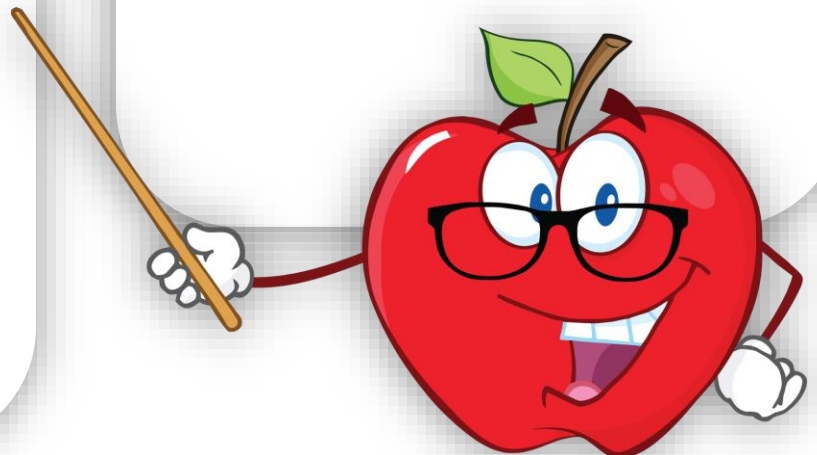
Staff at Springfield School

TEACHING STAFF

- ★ **Administration**
 - Audrey Senft - Principal
 - Claudette Stalker- Vice Principal
- ★ **Inclusive Education Coach**
 - Jennifer Lamont
- ★ **Kindergarten**
 - Laura Munch
 - Andrea Hogan
 - Kimberley Jeffs FI
- ★ **Grade 1**
 - Lenore Black
 - Sonya Waites ½
 - Jeri Viel & Andrea Thompson
 - Ann Sorensen & Jeanne Chykalsky FI
- ★ **Grade 2**
 - Darla Robinson
 - Devin ZoBell
 - Sonya Waites ½
 - Neve Aspeslet FI
- ★ **Grade 3**
 - Christine McLean-Sleger
 - Dillon Pare
 - Catherine Schneider/Karen Lumawig 3/4
 - Kassandra Luce 3/4 FI
- ★ **Grade 4**
 - Heather Aquino
 - Catherine Schneider/Karen Lumawig 3/4
 - Jenny Harpe
 - Kassandra Luce 3/4- FI
- ★ **Music**
 - Shaunna Dallyn

SUPPORT STAFF

- **Office Administration**
 - Stacy Bushie
 - Michelle Dickie
- **Educational Assistants**
 - Kaitlin Armstrong
 - Angela Bentt
 - Sharleen Canning
 - Susan Creighton
 - Elaine Darling
 - Janna Dyck
 - Nola Jorgensen
 - Ashley Knisely
 - Robin Neufeld
 - Barbara Paul
 - Sharon Pinard
 - Tracy Poulin
 - Angela Rosin
- **Information Specialist**
 - Shawna Ford
- **Speech Assistant**
 - Bonney Wieler
- **Project Peace Success Coach**
 - Shannon Sutherland
- **Indigenous Support Worker**
 - Vannah Anderson



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2025-26 School Year!! We are so happy to see all of our returning students and getting caught up on their happenings over the summer. A special welcome to students and families new to our school. We look forward to getting to know you and working in partnership as your child learns and grows in their time here at École Springfield! We aim to keep everyone updated on what's happening in the building. If you have checked off the box when registering your child, you will receive weekly School Messenger updates through your email. Stacy - our lovely Office Manager sends these out Fridays to let families know of any upcoming events or other pertinent information. We also have a monthly newsletter that is sent through Messenger which includes articles, links and important dates to remember. Many teachers also use an app and/or agenda to communicate with families about classroom information. In addition, we are always happy to answer any questions you may have, so feel free to contact us at the school.

This year we are happy to have most of our teaching staff returning from last year. We do have a few grade level assignment and classroom location changes. You can see these on the previous page.

The month of September is always a busy one, and this year is no exception. We hope to see all families out at our Meet the Family Barbecue September 17th from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Our first School Council Meeting will be later on this month - keep an eye out for a date and time announcement. This is an opportunity to get involved and let your voice be heard regarding school matters. Please consider joining us for our monthly meetings. September 19th is the first Staff Professional Development day of the year and students have the day off. Students will also, once again, participate in the Terry Fox Run / Walk. National Truth and Reconciliation Day is on September 30th and while we will be involved in some Truth and Reconciliation activities at the school, there is no school on the 30th. We will be honoring this day on Monday, September 29th wearing Orange Shirts.

I know that by working together, we are going to have an amazing year of learning together!

Audrey Senft
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School



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Let's Talk about Student Transportation:

Driving Distance Changes and a new late fee for 2025-2026

In December, a Ministerial Order was issued **changing the transportation distance requirement for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 from 1.0 km to 1.6 km from their homes to the school, based on the shortest driving route.** This means that some students who previously qualified for busing may no longer be eligible.

The 2.0 km distance for students in Grade 7-12 remains in place.

Wondering if this affects your child? It's easy to check!

Simply visit <https://prsd.mybusplanner.ca/TransportationEligibility>. On the bottom left of the page, use the drop-down menu to select the 2025-2026 school year and then enter your current home address. The system will then clearly indicate whether your child is eligible for transportation.

Ensuring your child is eligible helps us plan efficient routes for everyone!

***New* for 2025-2026**

To help us plan effectively, please note the following:

New! Registration Deadline and Late Fees: The deadline to register for student transportation for the 2025-2026 school year is **July 31**. Registrations received after this date will incur a **\$50 late fee**, which must be paid before your child can ride the bus. Please register on time to avoid this fee and guarantee your child's spot on a bus for the first day of school.

New! Designated Bus Stops: To prioritize student safety and ensure efficient routes, eligible students will be assigned one primary designated bus stop for pick-up and drop-off. Parents and Guardians may request one additional stop, which will be subject to fees. If you need to request an additional stop, please contact our Transportation department before the July 31 deadline.

► Additional stops to accommodate legal custody agreements will not incur additional fees.

► For students in Kindergarten through Grade 6, additional stops to accommodate childcare arrangements may be considered, and are subject to fees.

Read more or for questions go to their website [here](https://www.prsd.ab.ca/our-division/transportation): <https://www.prsd.ab.ca/our-division/transportation>



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BusPlanner® 2025

If your child rides the school bus you can access the PRSD Bus Planner page on your smartphone. This site will provide you with up to the minute information regarding bus operations each day.

It is user friendly and gives you timely information. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask!

Click the link below to access Bus Planner and save it to your home screen or reading list on your phone.

The school does not have any additional information than what's on this site.



<https://prsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts>



PRSD Transportation Bus Note

1. Contact your child's school a minimum of ONE DAY PRIOR to scheduled change of plans

2. School Office Manager processes and authorizes bus note for student to present to school bus driver

3. Transportation office receives copy of authorized bus note and files for emergency situations

4. Student presents bus note to driver and is SAFE AND ACCOUNTED FOR



MEET THE SPRINGFIELD FAMILY!



4:30-6:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 17th

BBQ hotdogs & juice boxes provided

**Springfield
School Tarmac**

Register for SchoolCash Online today

It's fast, easy & free

Create an account today so that you can be notified via email and pay for your child(ren)'s school activity fees online.

Why register?

- 24/7 shopping convenience
- Secure, contactless & easy-to-use
- Receive email notifications as new items are available for purchase
- Manage all of your child(ren)'s school activity fees from a single account
- Check your account history at any time
- View & print receipts as needed
- Eliminates the need for your child(ren) to carry cash

How to register

- Go to <https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com> and click **Register**.
 - Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password
 - Select a security question
 - Select **Yes** to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)
- You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.
- Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

How to add children to your account

- Sign in to **SchoolCash** Online:
<https://prsd.schoolcashionline.com>.
- At the top of the page, navigate to **My Account**.
- From the dropdown menu, select **My Students**.
- Click to add a child:
 - Type your school board name.
 - Choose your school from the list.
 - Enter your child's details. You may add up to 8 students to your account.
 - Click **Confirm**.

How to make a payment

- Select the item which you would like to purchase & click **Add to Cart**.
- Once you have finished adding items to your cart, click **Continue** to make a payment.



First Nations, Metis, Inuit



Tawâw (Welcome) to the 2025-2026 school year!!!!

Tansi, We are so happy to see all the new and returning students!
We hope you all had an amazing fun filled summer with family & friends!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Vannah Anderson (Ms.Vannah).

I am the Indigenous Support Coach for Springfield/TA Norris School.

I will be providing support for our Indigenous students/families.

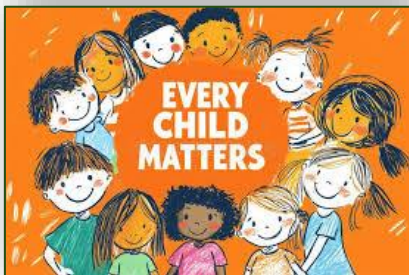
Please feel free to text/call me if you have any questions or concerns.

My work cell is 780-617-3037.

Springfield will be commemorating Truth and Reconciliation Day and Orange Shirt Day on **September 30th, 2025**. Please wear your orange shirt.

This is an annual national event that is held on September 30th every year.

This special event grew from Phyllis Webstad telling her story about her experience with residential school. Phyllis's Kookum bought her a new orange shirt for her first day of school and it was taken from her. Phyllis was only 6 years old. The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation. (Credits- <https://orangeshirtday.org/>)



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Dress for the weather...

Students need to be dressed in layers. Mornings can be quite cool at recess.

Parents/ Guardians will be called to deliver appropriate outerwear as needed.

We do not have the storage to keep up with demand.

School Council

All École Springfield parents/ guardians are welcome to come attend our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday each month. Watch our facebook page and website for meeting dates and times. Babysitting is provided at most meetings. Attending the meetings does not mean that you are committing to joining the council but are definitely encouraged to do so if you can.

The meetings are a great way to keep you up to date with planning and events at the school, ask questions and have your voice heard.





Springfield School
Office #
780.624.2143

September 2025 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1 No School	2 First Day of School! 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 *Orders due today for Orange Shirts *Order after Sept 2nd in School Cash	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Meet the Family BBQ Night!	18	19 PD Day— No Students	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Orange Shirt Day	30 No School— National Day of Truth & Reconciliation				

Shirts will cost \$10 each
Funds raised will be supporting the
Orange Shirt Society.



Design 1

Youth XS, S, M, L, XL
Adult S, M, L



Design 2

Adult XL, 2XL, 3XL



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October 2025 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1		2	3 Kindergarten Planning Day	4
5	6	7 School Photos	8 School Photos	9	10 No School	11
12	13 No School– Thanksgiving Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 PD Day– No Students	28	29	30	31 Halloween!	
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Springfield is a proud member of the PRSD Family

General Information



BEFORE SCHOOL: Please do not drop any students off unattended at Springfield School before 8:20a.m.
Our students require adult supervision at all times and our supervisors are not available until 8:20.

Please call us at school if your child is sick or plans to be away. The phone number is **780.624.2143** and office staff are available to take your call at 8am.



We ask that you please refrain from parking in the daycare parking lot and from blocking their driveway. This will help to keep our children safe as they move between the school and daycare.

THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF SPRINGFIELD WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO PLEASE ADHERE TO THE HANDICAP PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. PLEASE KEEP THE PARENT LOOP OPEN FOR TRAFFIC TO MAKE ITS WAY AROUND, THIS WILL KEEP ALL OF US SAFE!

AFTER SCHOOL: Each day, until all busses have left after school, we ask that **ALL** students refrain from playing on the school yard equipment. This is so that we know that all students have been safely loaded onto their busses and nobody will be left behind after school.



If you are viewing this newsletter on a computer or mobile device, watch for icons like the ones shown here. Click the icon and explore direct links to websites that Springfield uses and to send emails.



AFTER SCHOOL PLANS: Please ensure that your child's daily after school plans have been secured and written in their agenda for their teacher to see first thing in the morning.

If after school changes of plans can't be avoided, please try to call before 3:00 so we can be sure messages can be delivered in a timely manner.

SLOW DOWN, PLEASE!
A reminder to parents who are dropping students off in the mornings and picking up after school: Please slow down in the Student Drop-Off Loop - **SAFETY FIRST, PLEASE-**



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Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 724665.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



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your mobile
phone now!



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Peace River School Division

School Cash Online

Paying for school items just got easier!
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What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees.
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FREE RESOURCES

