École Springfield Elementary News

December 2025

Important Dates to Remember:

Dec 18th-
Formal Day &
Christmas Concert Day
9:30am & 1:15pm viewings

Dec 22nd- Jan 2nd-
Christmas Break

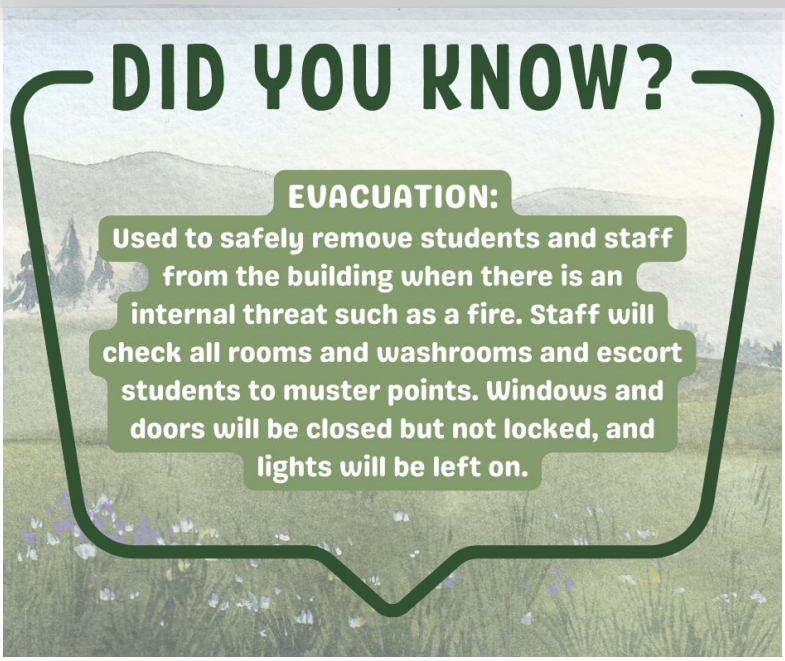
Jan 5th-
Kindergarten Planning Day

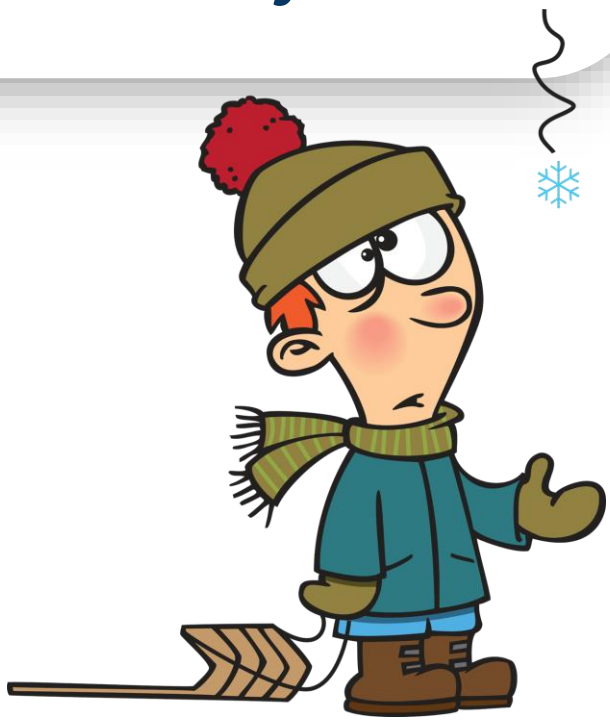
Thank you to
The Grocery Foundation,
Peace River Freson Bros.
and our local community for supporting our school once again this year with the 2025 Make Happy Tummies Campaign.
$3,893.43 was raised for our Food for Thought program!

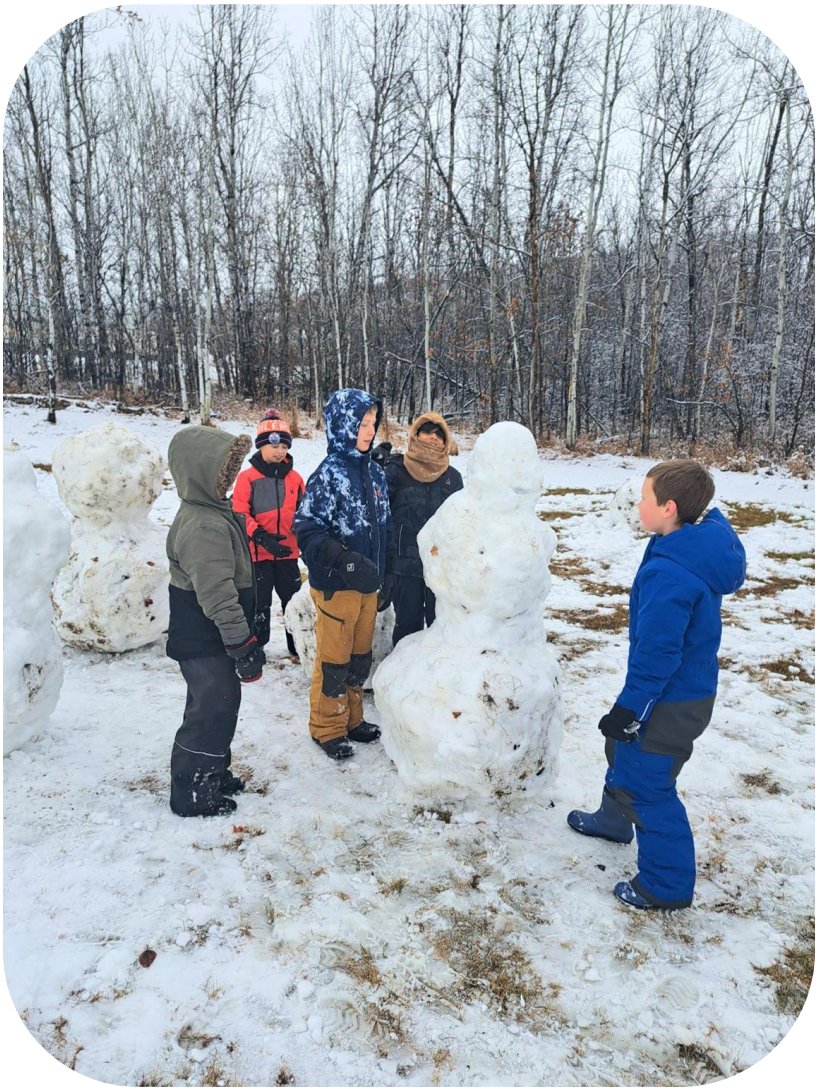
make happy tummies

School Council- Next Meeting January 21st 6:30pm
(babysitting provided)

With colder weather and snow arriving, please make sure your children come dressed for the weather. The office has some items to loan out, but we do not have the storage to keep a whole lot on hand. We have outside recesses down to -25 degrees with the windchill, so it is important to make sure the students have everything they need to stay warm.







Fun happenings around the school

Don't Forget to Dress for the Weather!

ALL students need to be dressed appropriately for colder temperatures.

This includes: a winter jacket, snow boots, toque, mitts, and ski pants.

Students who ride the school bus MUST be prepared for winter conditions. This is not only a matter of comfort, but also safety. In the event of an emergency, or another unexpected situation, we want to make sure all students are protected from the cold.

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that it is December already. Fall has flown by and now winter is upon us.

As 2025 is winding down, Peace River School Division is thinking ahead to the 2026-2027 school calendar. A committee is meeting December 3 at Central Office to give input into the calendar and to work collaboratively with the different school divisions and communities that use this calendar. Watch online for an invitation to give feedback on the proposed calendar and let the division know what you like about the draft calendar and if there is anything you would like to see changed.

At Springfield, we will soon be getting into the swing of the holiday season. Classes are now practicing for the Christmas Concert, which will be held Thursday, December 18th, at 9:30am and 1:15pm. The same program runs at both times. Our concert is always a popular affair and is attended by parents, guardians, grandparents and other family members. We hope to see all of you that day.

As we move forward into December, from our school to your home, we wish you joy filled family time, quiet moments to refresh your soul, a healthy holiday break and a Happy New Year.

Audrey Senft
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School

Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield Caregivers,

With winter upon us and the Holiday Season fast approaching, students at school are going through these transitions and many more everyday. Holiday festivities can evoke excessive amounts of excitement with celebrations, extra treats and late nights. For many students the need for consistency and routine at home and school are important for learning. We recognize this at Springfield School and see what a difference it can make when students follow routines and get enough sleep.

Here are some tips for following routines and to help keep your child regulated and engaged in their learning environments here at school and when you are enjoying celebrations throughout the holiday season.

5 tips to help your child regulate
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iChm0PjlGi8

Children's sleep hygiene
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8DSQdm6Khw

Success Coach
Shannon Sutherland
780-624-2143 ext. 14151
Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Dear French Immersion Teachers and Families,

MpM French Reading Academy is excited to offer **Holiday Reading Clinics** to help French immersion students maintain and strengthen their reading skills over the winter break.

The holiday season can create a “learning pause” for students. Our clinics and private sessions help students stay engaged, build confidence, and return to school ready for success in French immersion.

What we offer:

- **Small-group clinics:** Engaging online classes with a few students per group, ensuring personalized attention while fostering collaboration and motivation.
- **One-on-one private sessions:** Tailored instruction for students who need focused support in decoding, fluency, comprehension, or overall confidence.
- **Expert-led instruction:** All sessions are taught by specialized French immersion reading specialists who understand the unique needs of immersion learners.

Book your spot early as we are always fully booked.

Reserve your child's spot : Holiday Clinics 2025

Learn more here: School Exclusive Holiday Offer

Special School-Only Offer

As a valued part of your school community, we’re offering an **exclusive holiday package for your families**. Spots are limited: only 10 spots available. This special offer includes **six private online French reading sessions** with a **personalized learning plan** tailored to each child.

Start the new year strong with our tailored programs for French immersion students. We offer small-group and one-on-one sessions to meet the individual needs of each student.

Winter Clinics

These 6+ week programs are designed to keep your child on track and confident in their reading.

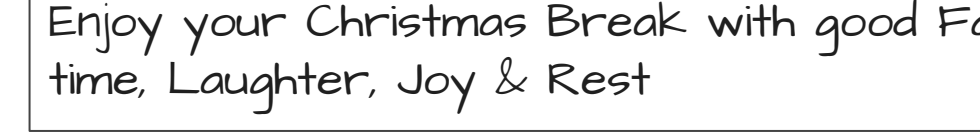
Book your spot early as we are always fully booked.

Reserve your child's spot : https://www.mpm-frenchreading.com/book-online

First Nations, Metis, Inuit

FIRST NATION, METIS, INUIT
PEACE RIVER SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 10

Miyo-manitowi-kîsikanisik!
Merry Christmas!!



Enjoy your Christmas Break with good Family time, Laughter, Joy & Rest

Each class had the opportunity to do Metis Dot art with Miss.Vannah to celebrate and honor Metis Week!!

Thank you for participating in Springfield's Rock your Mocs Day!

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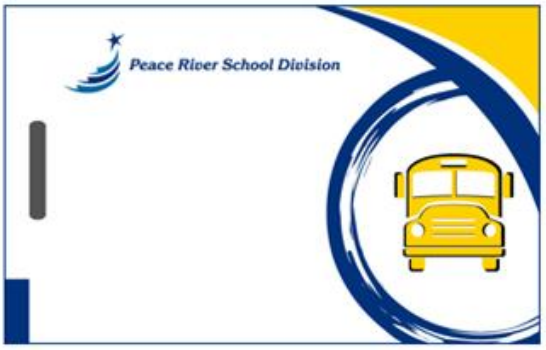
PRSD Transportation Introducing New Bus Attendance Cards- For more information click below-

https://www.prsd.ab.ca/our-division/transportation/attendance



PRSD is excited to announce the full rollout of our new Bus Attendance Card system across our Peace River School Division (PRSD) bus routes. This system is designed to significantly improve the safety and efficiency of student transportation for the benefit of all students and drivers.

This new process is now in place and your child's bus driver will be distributing the new cards to all registered students. We expect every student who rides a PRSD bus to have their card by December.

How the New System Works

These ID cards are a crucial part of our updated bus attendance procedure. They contain only the student's name and a system-readable number. Please be assured that no other personal or identifying information is stored on the card itself.

Students will be required to scan their card using the card reader installed on their bus when they get on and off the bus. This simple action allows us to achieve several vital safety and operational goals:

- **Increased Driver Focus:** By automating attendance, drivers can remain focused on the road and the safe operation of the bus, removing the distraction of manually logging students.
- **Enhanced Safety:** The system ensures students get on and off at the correct bus stop and school. It will instantly alert the driver if a student attempts to scan in or out at an incorrect stop.
- **Support for Spare Drivers:** The system provides spare drivers with turn-by-turn directions to every stop and an accurate, automated attendance process. This is particularly helpful when a space driver may not personally know each child.

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Springfield School
Office #
780.624.2143

December 2025 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2	3 Hot Lunch Matt's Pizza (for those that ordered)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Hot Lunch Freson Bros (for those that ordered)	11	12 Dress like Christmas	13
14	15	16	17 Hot Lunch Freson Bros (for those that ordered)	18 Formal Day Christmas Concert 9:30am & 1:15pm	19 PJ Day Hot Lunch Reddi Mart (for those that ordered)	20
21 Christmas Break →	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Christmas Break →	29	30	31	See you back on Monday, Jan 5th (except Kindergarten)		

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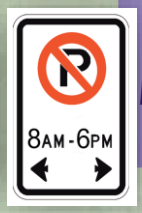
General Information

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.

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.

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!

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.

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The Trusted Platform for School Community Engagement

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.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!

Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 724665

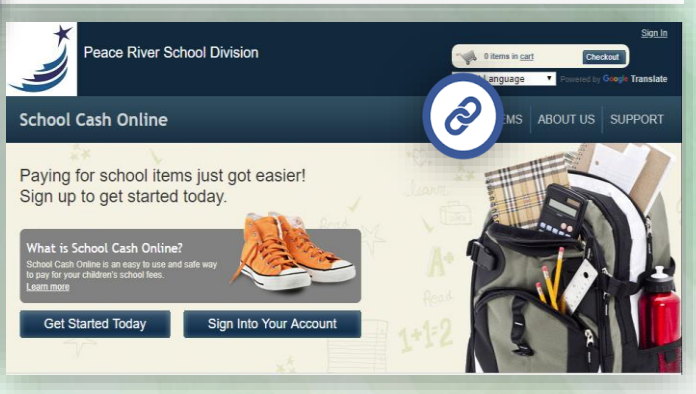
SLOW DOW, PLEASE!
A reminder to parents who are dropping students off in the mornings and picking up after school: Please slow down in the Student Drop-Off Loop - SAFETY FIRST, PLEASE-

Pay School Fees Online

Safe. Simple. Secure

Go to https://prsd.schoolcashonline.com and register.

Participating parents will be notified by email of student fees once they register on the School Cash Online website.



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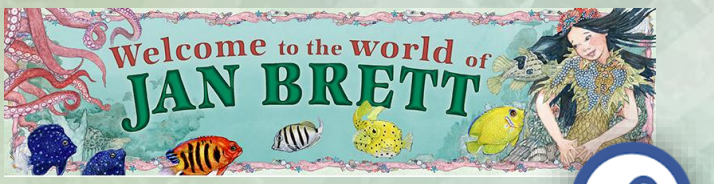
FREE RESOURCES

Storyline Online

PBS KIDS



SplashLearn

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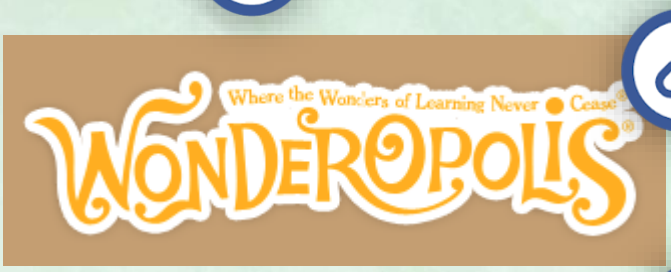

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