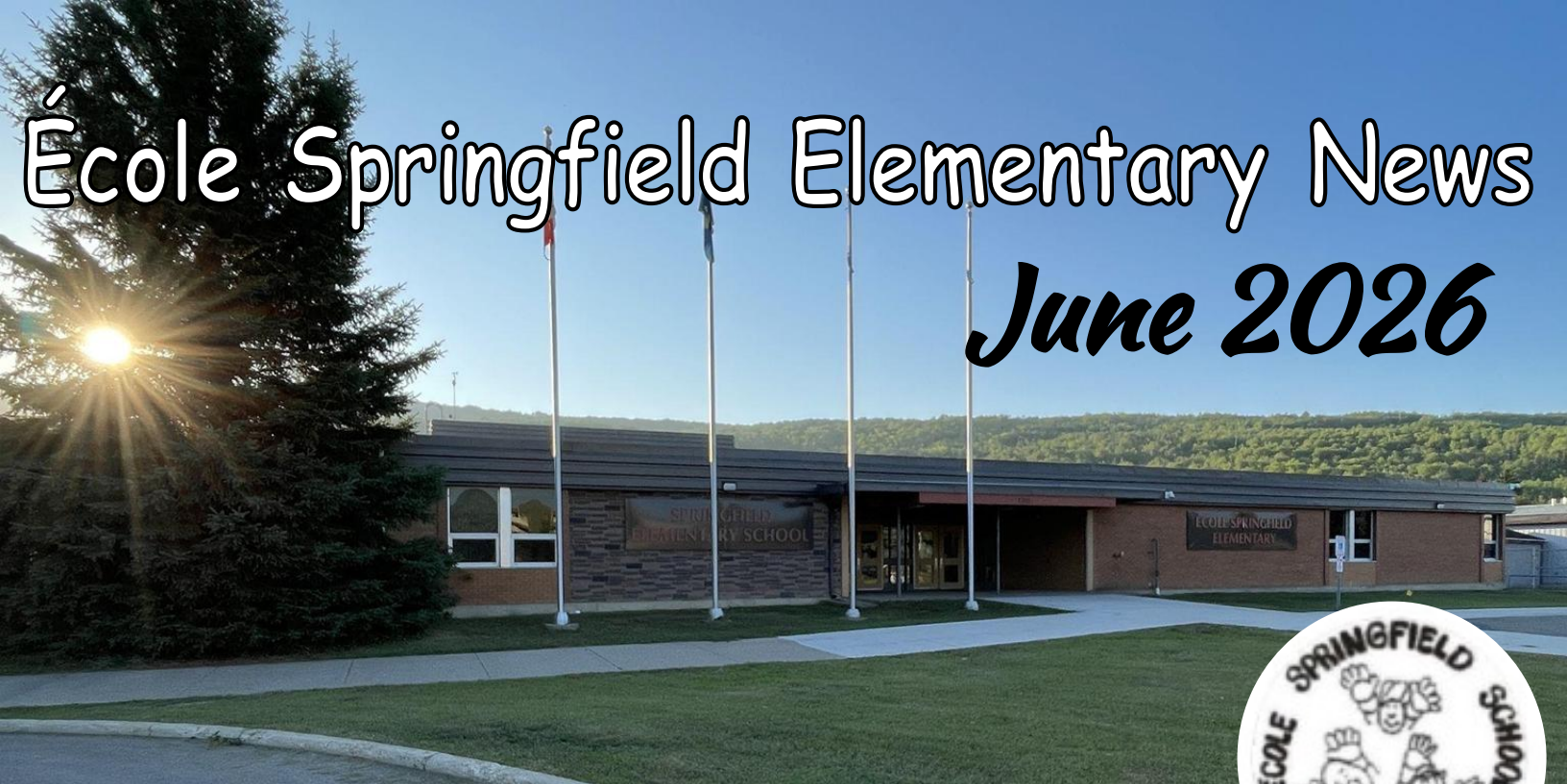


École Springfield Elementary News

June 2026



Important Dates to Remember:

June 3rd-
Last hot lunch
Coop Sandwich (if you ordered)

June 11th-
Last day of Kindergarten

June 12th-
Kindergarten Celebration

June 25th-
Last day of school!

Springfield School would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the **Family Resource Network** for their donation of an extensive set of drums to our music program! The FRN collected these drums from the former Parent Link Centre, but haven't been able to utilize them in their new programming so they have been just sitting on shelves and in the windows for decoration! We are very excited to be able to give these drums a new home where we can make use of them on a more regular basis!



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"When schools are open, that is an indication to all parents, students, and staff that the school building is safe. We would never open schools, have busses mobilized to drop children off, or require staff to report to a site known to be dangerous.

— Dr. Jeff Thompson, Peace River School Division Superintendent of Schools



OUR COMMITMENT TO STUDENT & STAFF SAFETY

Earlier this month, the Peace River School Division became aware of a potentially threatening post on social media. Working closely with the RCMP, we received assurances from them that there was no imminent threat to student or staff safety. Schools remained open throughout, and the matter was quickly resolved without incident. While the outcome was fortunate, it was a serious and valuable opportunity to review and strengthen our safety practices.

The tragic events in Tumbler Ridge in February of this year reminded all of us that complacency is not an option. That situation shook loose any sense that these things happen elsewhere, but not here, and that awareness has sharpened our resolve.

I want to be clear about something important: we would never open schools or mobilize buses to transport children to a site that we believed was unsafe. When schools are open, it is because we, in close partnership with the RCMP and neighbouring school divisions, have information that confirms there is no imminent risk. If that assessment were ever to change, our decision would also immediately change.

During the recent incident, some of the anxiety in our community was amplified by information circulating on social media that was not accurate. Locked front doors were mistaken for a lockdown. Open schools were seen as a sign something was being ignored. I understand why misinformation spreads quickly in moments of uncertainty, and we are committed to improving how quickly and clearly we communicate with families during these situations so that the facts reach you before fear does.



A NOTE ON LOCKED DOORS

Locked doors at PRSD schools are not a sign of alarm, they are a sign of diligence. The days of walking freely into a school and heading down the hallway are behind us, and for good reason. All visitors now buzz in, identify themselves, and state their purpose before entering. This is a standard of care we apply every single day, not just during incidents. If you arrive at a school and find the door locked, please know that you are witnessing our safety culture in action.

At the provincial level, work is underway to establish minimum school security standards across Alberta. We have already submitted our safety plans to government as part of that process and accessed funding to upgrade access control technology in our schools. Once provincial standards are finalized, we will review our practices against them and adjust wherever needed, though we are confident we are already in a strong position.

To families who reached out with questions and concerns following the recent incident: thank you. Your engagement matters. We want you informed and confident. We will always protect the privacy of individuals involved in any situation, as we are required to by law, but we will never leave you wondering whether we are taking your child's safety seriously.

We hope we never face a real active threat in our Division. But we prepare as though one could come tomorrow. Our protocols exist precisely so that the people who carry them out can act decisively and calmly when it matters most. That preparedness is our promise to every family in Peace River School Division.

Dr. Jeff Thompson, Superintendent of Schools



Thank you
to all of our
wonderful Grandparents
who come and read
with our students!



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Principal's Message

And just like that, we are into the final month of 2025-2026! École Springfield has a different team of students leaving in June than those who arrived in September. There are some similarities, but most are taller, wiser and take a bit of our hearts with them as they go home to spend time with family and friends over the summer!!

All our staff are so proud of our student's achievements - academic and social! When we work together as a team, there is no end to what our children can achieve! Our future is in good hands with these amazing young people!

I want to thank the staff, students and parents of Springfield for your dedication and support as I have navigated my first year as Principal. It has been a challenging but extremely rewarding year and I look forward to working with all of you in 2026-27.

I wish each one of you a fun-filled and rejuvenating summer break, making new memories and friendships. See you in the fall!

Audrey Senft
Principal,
École Springfield Elementary School



Springfield's Project PEACE Success Coach

Hello Springfield Caregivers,

As the 2025/2026 school year comes to a close it has a bitter sweet taste to see the Grade 4's moving from Springfield school to their next learning destination. I will receive my 5 year service award this year and cannot believe that I have known many of these students since Kindergarten. I will miss each and every one of them and hope to continue to see them thriving in our schools and community.

I will be returning for the next school year and look forward to continuing providing Social Emotional learning programs in the classroom. I have received a heartwarming amount of consent forms from parents to work one on one and in small groups to extra learning support with Social Emotional skills. Thank you for entrusting me with your children.

Programs that I will be running throughout the next school year will be Rainbows (Grief & Loss), Lego Social Skills Group (social interactions development), GoZen Tapping (anxious thoughts and feelings). If you would like more details please contact me by phone or email.

Have a great summer!!

Shannon Sutherland
Success Coach
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June 2026

First Nations, Metis, Inuit



Springfield students had the opportunity to learn about Tipi teachings with our Elders Allan & Anne. They really enjoyed learning how to set up a tipi and the meanings behind certain aspects of the tipi.



Elder Kathleen Laboucan will be presenting Indigenous Storytelling to our students on June 8th & 9th. She will be sharing stories, Laboom tea & bannock with the students.

I hope each and everyone of you enjoy your summer with some rest, fun activities and sunshine! See you all next year!

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June 2026 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
	1	2	3 Hot Lunch– Coop Sandwiches (if you ordered)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Last Day for Kindergarten	12 Kindergarten Celebration	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25 Last Day for Students!	26	27
28 Enjoy your Summer Break!	29 See you back on Tues, Sept 1st!	30				

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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.

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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