



THE SPITZEE BIZ

FEBRUARY 20



Upcoming Events



- Feb 23 - Classes resume!
- Feb 25 - Pink Shirt Day - Awareness against Bullying
- Feb 26 - Gr 5 Basketball Tournament
- Feb 27 - Gr 4 & 5 Activity Day (Castle Ski Trip or Local Activities)
- March 2 - 13th - School Council Purdy's Fundraiser - yum!
- Mar 11 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm - all welcome
- March 16 - Divisional PD Day (Monday)
- March 20 - final day to submit videos or photos for Talent Show (see article below)
- March 27 - Talent Show! (afternoon, time TBA)
- March 30 - April 6 - Easter Break
- April 7 - Classes Resume
- April 7 - Green Shirt Day - Organ Donation Awareness Day
- Apr 8 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm - all welcome
- April 14 - 16 - Book Fair
- April 15,16 - Learning Conferences (Parent-Teacher Interviews)
- April 17 - Divisional PD Day
- April 20-24 - Volunteer Appreciation Week!
- April 24 - Volunteer Appreciation assembly - time TBA

 **FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DIVISION**
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

School Council

Next Meeting: Wed. Feb. 11 @ 6:30pm
in the Learning Commons

MINUTES - [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information email
schoolcouncil@gmail.com

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL EXEC

- Chair - Rozlyn Neighbour
- Co-Chair - Teresa Lund
- Secretary - Tess Pfeifer
- Treasurer - Karalee Fox
- Fundraising - Roz Neighbour

HOT LUNCH



Don't forget to place your orders at
spitzee.hotlunches.net
Orders for March are open but will be closing on
February 26 @ 8 pm.

If you would like to **VOLUNTEER** to help with hot lunches for March, there is a place to do so right in the hot lunch website OR you can click [HERE](#)

Thanks to Pam Milligan for organizing hot lunch!
Thanks to Teresa Lund & the volunteers for running it!

the parent portal



Happy New Year!

As Term 1 comes to a close, your Learner Profiles will be available online! As well, School fees, field trips, sports activities, certain art projects, etc. can be paid online via the

Parent Portal!

(Of course, we still take cash, cheque, debit, Visa, Mastercard)

You need to sign on as this will be a vital link to keeping track of all that happens this year. If you can't get into the **Parent Portal**, please contact Ms. Michelle.



Join the "[Whats App Chat](#)" called **Spitzee School Volunteers**.

We mostly discuss Hot Lunch but if there are any **volunteer opportunities** that come up or anything Council needs help with, a quick note can be sent out!

We can keep everyone in the loop for Spitzee Volunteering or Events even if they can't make Council Meetings 😊

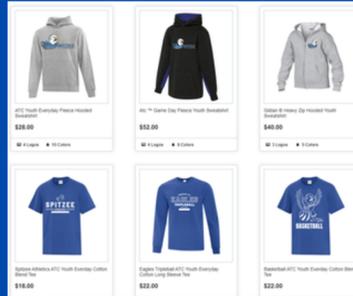
SPITZEE SPIRIT WEAR



Spitzee School is excited to announce that the Spitzee Spirit Wear is ready to order. The link below will take you to our clothing line.
<https://spitzeeelementaryschool.zemorder.com/sale>

You can order by credit card online or drop by Diamond Embroidery & Apparel to place an order and pay by cash or debit

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Message From Admin

As you likely know through an email this week from Foothills School Division, Ms Sherry Opas and Ms Karla Davis will be acting Principal and Vice-Principal respectively of Spitzee School while I am away for a hip replacement (and Mr. Holmes is at Senator Riley). It is very difficult to leave during the school year, but I know that our students will be in good hands. The staff at Spitzee are tremendously competent and caring, and will continue to meet the needs of your child/children. I do hope that I'll be healing fast and back at work before you know it.

We continue to be grateful to have Mrs. Speelman staying with us at Spitzee School, teaching Phys Ed and French during our absences. Mrs. Speelman is one of our regular and preferred guest teachers, and knows our students, staff, and routines very well.

Just before the Winter Break, we had a School Council meeting where we answered a question, stating that no schools in Alberta had seen any of the 3000 new teachers nor 1500 Educational Assistants that were part of the teacher job action agreement in the fall. Low and behold, the very next day, we received news that **Spitzee School will be receiving one of the 476 complexity teams** that were announced by the province (**each team has one teacher and 2 Educational Assistants**). This is indeed helpful! We are grateful, as Spitzee was the only school in Foothills identified to receive this additional staffing.



We have been working hard to determine how best to deploy this team, with a focus on closing any gaps in learning (academic, social-emotional) while ensuring minimal disruption. More details about how the team can be deployed arrived late yesterday (Th. Feb 19) from the government and we have been brainstorming ideas, listing priorities, and ensuring that every minute will be well-used. The positions will be posted soon (if not already) and the interviewing/hiring process will take place in early March. How exciting for Spitzee student learning! More info will follow in the next Biz... stay tuned!

Take care & hope to be back soon! Mrs. Shannon Culbert





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home to Drop-In
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7 - 9 p.m.



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What is Life Literacy?

Life literacy signals the importance of lifelong and life-wide literacy and learning. It's the literacy skills you need to live your life fully and the new skills you need to acquire throughout your life. Workplace, family and community are important areas in your life where developing your skills can result in a more productive and more successful life experience.

Having adequate literacy skills means being able to understand, evaluate, use and engage with written texts. It also means being able to participate in society, achieve your goals, and develop your knowledge and potential.

Research shows that adults who have inadequate literacy skills are more likely to have poorer overall health, lower salaries, and lower levels of participation in their community.



Adult Literacy in Canada

49% of adult Canadians have literacy skills that fall below a high school level, which negatively affects their ability to function at work and in their personal lives. (*Literacy, numeracy and adaptive problem-solving skills of Canadians: Results from the 2022 Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies* – Statistics Canada, 2024)

19% function at the lowest level, where they may, for example, be unable to read the dosage instructions on a medicine bottle. (*Literacy, numeracy and adaptive problem-solving skills of Canadians: Results from the 2022 Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies* – Statistics Canada, 2024)

Just over half (51%) of adult Canadians score in the three lowest skill levels in numeracy, down from 54% in 2012. (*Literacy, numeracy and adaptive problem-solving skills of Canadians: Results from the 2022 Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies* – Statistics Canada, 2024)

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Adults who are employed demonstrate higher literacy and numeracy levels than Canadians who are unemployed or out of the labour force. (*Survey of Adults Skills 2023: Canada – OECD, 2024*)

Canada ranked 10th out of the 31 OECD countries evaluated by the PIAAC (The Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies) on the percentage of adults with suitable literacy skills. (*Literacy, numeracy and adaptive problem-solving skills of Canadians: Results from the 2022 Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies* – Statistics Canada, 2024)

Adults who score at the highest levels of the proficiency scale were significantly more likely to report high levels of life satisfaction and being in very good or excellent health than adults who score at or below Level 1, in Canada as well as on average across OECD countries. (*Survey of Adults Skills 2023: Canada – OECD, 2023*)

PARENTS

STUDENTS

2025 - 2026

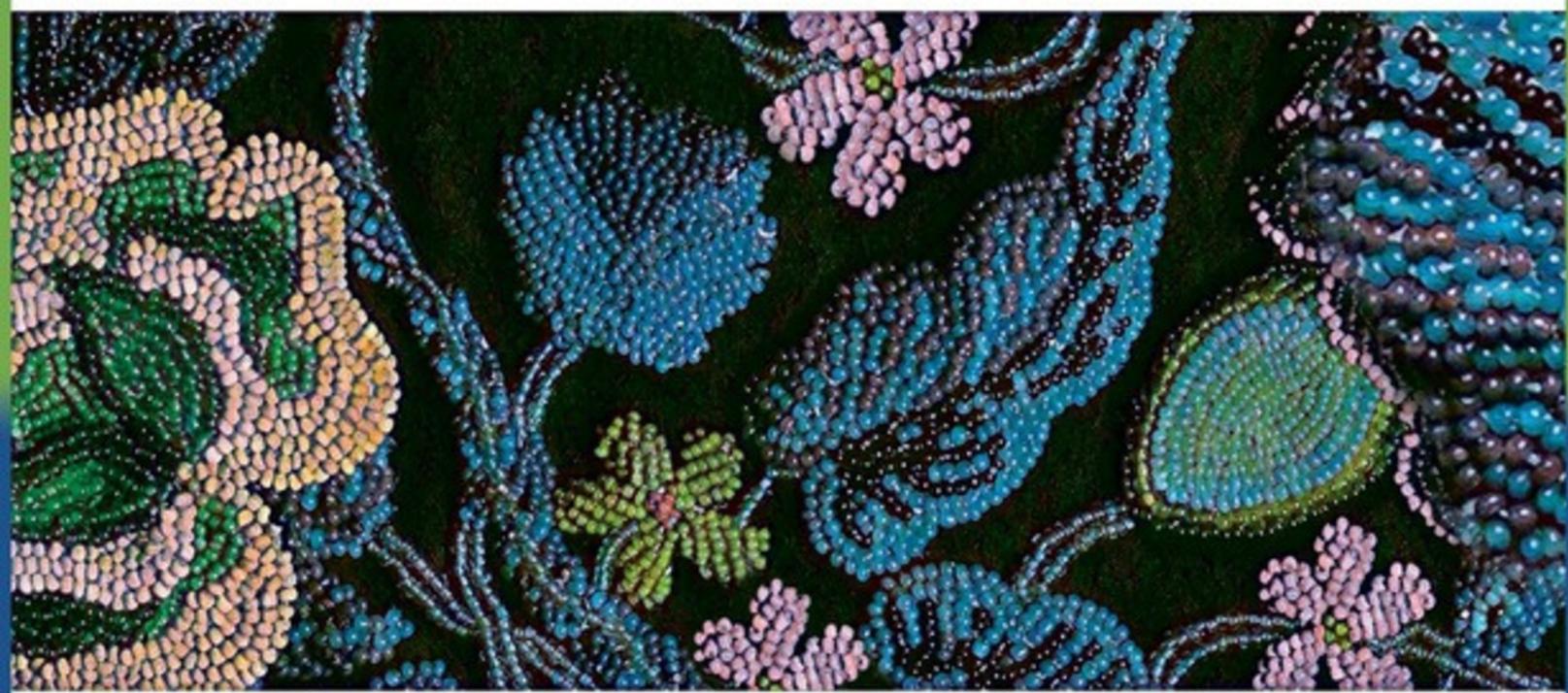
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ADVANCE TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WITHIN THE FOOTHILLS
SCHOOL DIVISION TOGETHER THROUGH AUTHENTIC VOICE AND ACTION!

Gathering @Foothills Composite HS @ 6:00 PM

Oct1

Dec3

Feb 24

Apr 29



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