THE SPITZEE BIZ

NOVEMBER 20, 2026

FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DIVISION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Nov. 23 - Tripleball Game after school
Nov 24-26 - Book Fair: Wed 3:30 to 8pm; Th 3:30 to 6pm
(Students will be visiting the book fair during day, too)
Nov 25 & 26 - Learner Conferences (Parent-Teacher Interviews)
Nov 27 - Professional Learning Day - no school for students
Nov. 30 - Tripleball Game after school
Dec. 8 - K-2 Christmas Concert - 1:30pm and 6:30pm
(doors open at 1:15pm and 6pm)
Dec. 10 - Grade 3-5 Christmas concert - 1:30pm and 6:30pm
(doors open at 1:15pm and 6pm)
Dec. 19 - Jan. 4 - Winter break - no school
January 13 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30
January 22nd - Monthly Assembly - Time TBA
Jan. 29 - Professional Learning Day - no school for students

Each week, grade 5 students in our Journalism elective will be interviewing staff members so our school community can get to know everyone.

Our Grade 5 Journalist team is learning new skills. They are going to help create our Spitzee Family slideshow for our upcoming Christmas concerts!

Your family photo (or 2) doesn't have to be a Christmas photo - it can be a photo of you camping in the summer, or together at dinner... whatever you choose!

To upload your family photo, click HERE and then enjoy the show on Dec 8th & 10th !

All of the "start of year" fees have been posted in Edsembli. Please log-in to see if you have any fees to pay. Questions? Please contact Miss Megan in the office - spitzee@fsd38.ab.ca

By Jaxon, Peter & Daniel



Meet Our Spitzee Staff!

Today we would like to teach you a little more about someone that every student gets to see during their school week. Her full name is Ms. Karen MacDonald. Purple is her favorite color. While she is not officially a teacher, if she was, she would like to teach Math. You might wonder what her favorite job might be: She loves being our school librarian. Her first job was teaching gymnastics. In fact, Ms. Macdonald still teaches gymnastics and often goes to competitions. She is a new member of our Spitzee Eagles and has been our librarian for about nine months. This is the only school that Ms. MacDonald has ever worked in. Just like our reporter Daniel, she was born in Calgary. Ms. MacDonald was very excited to see the pumpkins drop this year. She wondered if all the pumpkins would break? (they did). Did you know that Ms. MacDonald received her favorite book as a Christmas present from a teacher? It is the book called 'Little Women'. How many of you have read this book or seen the movie? I wonder if Ms. MacDonald read this book to her own daughter. Her favorite food is also Garfield's favorite food - lasagna. It was fascinating to learn that Ms. MacDonald can play every band instrument except for guitar and piano. She has two cats to keep her company at home. Ms. MacDonald has one brother. We learned so many interesting things about our school librarian.

Welcome to Spitzee, Ms. MacDonald!

School Council

MINUTES OF OCTOBER MEETING: click HERE
For more info: spitzeecouncil@gmail.com

YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL EXEC
Chair - Rozlyn Neighbour
Vice-Chair - Teresa Lund
Fundraising - Roz Neighbour
Treasurer - Tess Pfeifer
Secretary - Shelby Peters



We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported our recent fundraisers.

Our Fill Your Freezer fundraiser raised $1,658.45, and our Purdys Christmas Chocolate fundraiser raised $1,394.48!

That is a wonderful $3,052.93 raised for our school. Thank you for your generosity, as this money helps, for example, to reduce the cost of field trips and/or pay for Science specialists to come into the classrooms!

Save your Bottles

We are planning a bottle drive for the first week of January so please save you holiday bottles!



December HOT LUNCH

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
2	1	2 Okotoks Cinemas		4 Little Caesars
7	8	9 JRRR★BBQ	10	11 reFRESH FOOD & DRINK, SUBWAY
14	15	16 NICE BUNS BAKING CO	17	18 MY PIZZA STEAK HOUSE
21	22	23	24	25
28	29			

Today is the last day to order!
Click here to place your orders here

Dressing for Winter Weather ❄

As winter weather arrives, please make sure your child comes to school dressed warmly and ready for the cold. This is especially important for students who ride the bus. Sometimes buses can be delayed, and there may not be extra blankets or clothing available.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone warm this winter!





Student Code of Conduct



Foothills School Division's Administrative Procedure 350 – Student Code of Conduct outlines our shared commitment to creating schools where every student feels safe, welcomed, respected, and that they belong. Students are expected to treat themselves and others with respect, contribute positively to learning, attend regularly and on time, follow school expectations, and take responsibility for their choices. Bullying, harassment, discrimination, violence, threats, and other behaviours that compromise the safety and well-being of others are not acceptable.

When concerns arise, schools use a progressive and supportive approach that considers each student's age, maturity, individual circumstances, and needs. Responses may include opportunities for learning and reflection, restorative practices, family communication, individualized supports, and appropriate consequences. The goal is not simply to respond to behaviour, but to help students build the social-emotional skills they need to make positive choices and be successful.

Families are important partners in this work. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to support regular attendance, reinforce school expectations, build positive relationships with school staff, and connect with the school whenever concerns arise. Together, we can continue to create a caring, respectful, inclusive place for all.

Spitzee Sports News



Tripleball is up and Running. Thank you to coaches Miss Daisy and Mrs. King. Players and coaches are very excited for the upcoming games they have in the next month. Games will be the next 2 Mondays in November. Parents of players, check your email for locations and times. Go Eagles!

Book Your Learner Conference!

Please remember to book a Learner Conference with your child's teacher:

- November 25: 3:30–8:00 p.m.
- November 26: 3:30–6:00 p.m.

We encourage families to bring their child to the conference and include them in the conversation about their learning. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss next steps, and strengthen the partnership between home and school. Working together helps us ensure every student feels supported and successful.

Click here to book a time!

Dear Spitzee School Community,

We hope you've had a wonderful year and that you're looking forward to the upcoming holiday season. What we all know to be true, is that not all families are looking forward to this time of the year. You have been instrumental in the past few years supporting Spitzee School in ensuring that families do not go without!! I am sending this email today on behalf of Spitzee School Council to humbly ask for your support again. "The Giving Tree" as we know it has helped numerous families in 3 years, something that is not taken for granted nor taken lately. If you choose to donate to The Giving Tree again, we know we can touch even more families, and we would be ever so grateful for your support.

Furthermore, if you would continue to speak to community builders such as yourselves and encourage people to consider Spitzee council's initative, we know we can continue to reach families locally that need our help.

Please drop off your donation of cash or gift cards to Spitzee School during the Christmas Concerts or by Dec 11. Gift cards can be for local grocery stores, restaurants, other eateries, businesses, experiences, gift shops and local stores and gas stations.

Thank you! Spitzee School Council



For families who may want to access this support, please connect with a trusted school staff or school council member of your choice. That person will make a referral to our Family School Liaison Counselor April Reschny; only those two people will know the family by name, respecting your confidentiality.
The gift cards will be matched to families by need and wishes, and then distributed the week of December 14th - 18th. We know that asking for support can be difficult, we hope that this process feels safe and supportive. On behalf of Spitzee School Council we wish you peace, joy and happiness over this holiday season.
April Reschny: reschnya@fsd38.ab.ca

We know that some families may prefer to support traditionally; we will still have a Food Bank donation box at the Christmas concerts for those who prefer it.

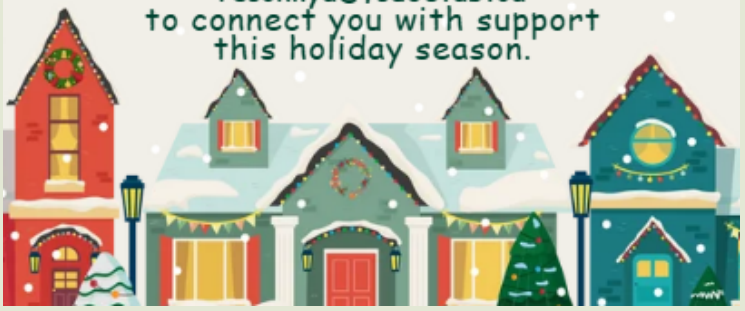


SPITZEE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT

PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON COUNSELLOR

MS APRIL
reschnya@fsd38.ab.ca
to connect you with support this holiday season.

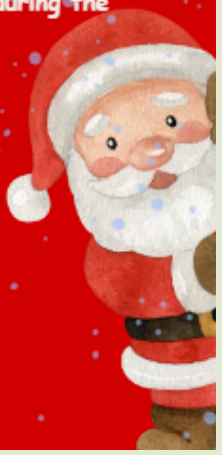


magic of christmas Foothills

Magic of Christmas Foothills is a community-based, volunteer-driven program that provides gifts, food, holiday treats, and Christmas cheer to local families facing emotional or financial challenges. Through the generosity of donors, volunteers, businesses, schools, and community agencies, Santa and his elves help create meaningful holiday experiences that ensure families throughout the Foothills feel supported, valued, and remembered during the Christmas season.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO MS APRIL TO HAVE HER COMPLETE A REGISTRATION
reschnya@fsd38.ab.ca

registration deadline is November 27



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PRESENTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Shop of Wonders

A Little Gift, A Lot of Joy.

Families can register and schedule a time to shop for their family.

Click HERE to register

Okotoks, High River, Diamond Valley, Millarville, Blackie, Cayley, and Longview.

The Salvation Army Foothills Christmas Hamper Registration

For anyone needing a little extra help this holiday season!

Food & Children Gift hampers available

Please come to The Salvation Army Church
117 2nd Ave. High River

~~No appointment required~~

Thursday, Nov 12 @ 10am-12pm & 1-3pm
Friday, Nov 13 @ 10am-1pm & 2-5pm & 6-8pm
Saturday, Nov 14 @ 10 am-1 pm & 2-5 pm
Monday, Nov 16 @ 6-8pm

PLEASE BRING ID FOR EVERYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD

Please Call Tina at 403-603-8099 with any Questions
Check out our Website at salvationarmyfoothills.ca

THE SALVATION ARMY

Giving Hope Today



SHEEP RIVER DOG RESCUE

Sheep River Dog Rescue is a 100% volunteer-run, foster-based, and donation-funded registered charity dedicated to a simple but powerful goal: rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming dogs in need.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

This holiday season, help us fill our toy bins and bring a little extra joy to the dogs in our care!

WHY A TOY DRIVE?

Toys provide mental stimulation, reduce stress and help keep our rescue dogs happy and engaged during their stay with us while they wait for their forever homes.

WHAT WE'RE COLLECTING

New and gently used, washable dog toys, including:

- Plush and squeaky toys
- Balls
- Chew toys
- Tug and rope toys

Other dog-related donations are welcome too!

Thank you for helping make Christmas a little brighter for our rescue dogs!

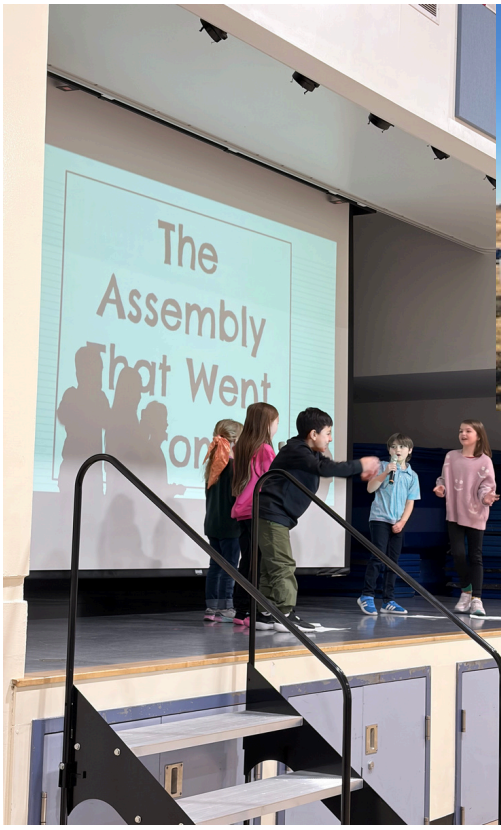
Drop off bin will be at the Spitzee Office!

Spitzee Eagle Photos











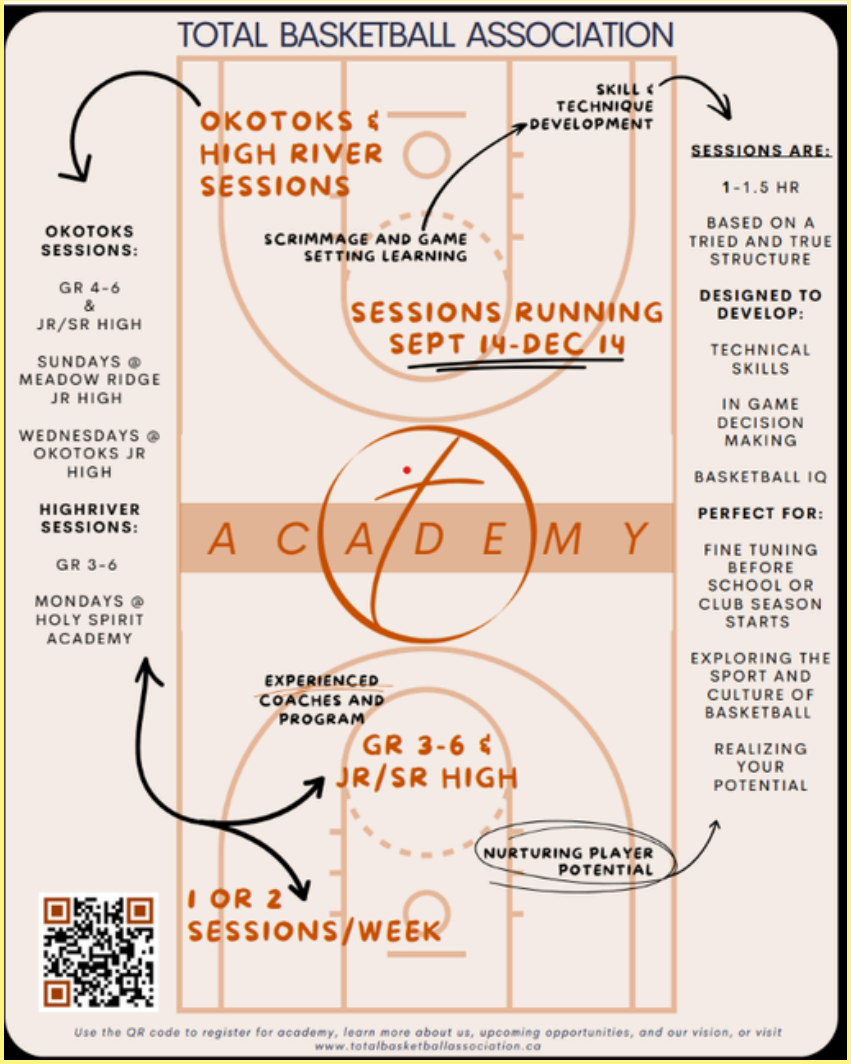









CLASSIFIEDS


TOTAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
OKOTOKS & HIGH RIVER SESSIONS
SKILL & TECHNIQUE DEVELOPMENT
SCRIMMAGE AND GAME SETTING LEARNING
SESSIONS RUNNING SEPT 14-DEC 14
OKOTOKS SESSIONS:
GR 4-6 & JR/SR HIGH
SUNDAYS @ MEADOW RIDGE JR HIGH
WEDNESDAYS @ OKOTOKS JR HIGH
HIGHRIVER SESSIONS:
GR 3-6
MONDAYS @ HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY
ACADEMY
SESSIONS ARE:
1-1.5 HR
BASED ON A TRIED AND TRUE STRUCTURE
DESIGNED TO DEVELOP:
TECHNICAL SKILLS
IN GAME DECISION MAKING
BASKETBALL IQ
PERFECT FOR:
FINE TUNING BEFORE SCHOOL OR CLUB SEASON STARTS
EXPLORING THE SPORT AND CULTURE OF BASKETBALL
REALIZING YOUR POTENTIAL
EXPERIENCED COACHES AND PROGRAM
GR 3-6 & JR/SR HIGH
NURTURING PLAYER POTENTIAL
1 OR 2 SESSIONS/WEEK
Use the QR code to register for academy, learn more about us, upcoming opportunities, and our vision, or visit www.totalbasketballassociation.ca


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2026-27
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SPURS
WINTER CONDITIONING CAMP
THURSDAYS
JANUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 25
BOB SNODGRASS RECREATION COMPLEX
Register at FoothillsLacrosse.com


BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Located in Spitzee School
A safe place to learn, play & grow!
CONVENIENT CARE
Before school, after school, PD days & holiday weeks.
SAFE & CARING
Dedicated staff in a secure, welcoming environment.
FUN & ENGAGING
Games, crafts, outdoor play & learning through play!
FLEXIBLE OPTIONS
Choices to fit your family's needs.
HOURS OF OPERATION
6:00 AM – 8:15 AM
3:15 PM – 6:00 PM
SCHOOL DAYS
FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR FAMILY!
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE $625 PER MONTH
MORNING ONLY $250 PER MONTH
AFTER SCHOOL ONLY $275 PER MONTH
PD DAY CARE $50 PER DAY
HOLIDAY WEEKS $200 PER WEEK
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