THE SPITZEE BIZ
OCTOBER 28, 2026

FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DIVISION
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Oct. 29 - Fill Your Freezer Orders Delivered! Pick up 1:45-4:30
Oct 30th - Halloween Parade - 2:30pm
Nov. 2 - Tripleball Game after school
Nov 6th- Remembrance Day Ceremony - 10:30am
Nov 7th - 15th - Fall Break - no school
Nov. 16th - Tripleball Game after school
Nov 16th - French concert for grades 4 & 5
Nov 17th - Photo Retakes Day
Nov 18th - School Council Meeting 6:30pm - all welcome!
Nov 19th - Last Day to order Purdy's Chocolates
Nov 23rd - Monthly Assembly - time TBA
Nov. 23 - Tripleball Game after school
Nov 25th & 26th - Learner Conferences (a.k.a. "Parent-Teacher Interviews")
Nov 27th - Professional Learning Day - no school for students
Nov. 30 - Tripleball Game after school
Dec. 8 - K-2 Christmas Concert - times TBA
Dec. 10 - Grade 3-5 Christmas concert - times TBA
Dec. 19 - Jan. 4 - Winter break - no school

Save the Date - Our Learner Conferences (Parent-Teacher Interviews) are coming November 25th and 26th.

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

Meet Our Spitzee Staff!



"Hello, Spitzee School. Megan speaking..." This might be what you hear these days when you phone our school. That's because Miss Megan (Brummelhuis) is our new school secretary in the office!

Miss Megan started at Spitzee in early September, but she went to school here when she was a student! She was born in Lethbridge, Alberta but grew up in High River. Her first job was at The Moovie Ranch and most recently she has been working in the oil & gas industry. Spitzee is the only school she has worked in. Miss Megan's favourite school events are Halloween and Christmas, and she has even decorated the office!

Here are her favourites: TV show - Friends, food - sushi, colour - purple, animal - turtle, and her favourite job is this one at Spitzee! Miss Megan doesn't play any instruments but she likes the guitar. She has two girls, aged 4 and 2, as well as a dog and cat, named Penny and Izzy. She has an older brother and sister.

Welcome to Spitzee, Miss Megan!

Remembrance Day Slideshow

On Friday, November 6th, Spitzee School will be having our annual Remembrance Day assembly to honour our Canadian service personnel, past and present. If any of your family members and relatives have served with any Canadian Services (e.g. parents, aunts/uncles, grandparents), we would be happy to include their photo and a short summary of their information in our slideshow.

Please send a digital photo to spitzee@fsd38.ab.ca and provide the family member's name, who at our school they are related to, their forces assignment (e.g. Captain, Royal Winnipeg Rifles), and their years of service or their operation (e.g. WWII or Afghanistan, etc.)

Please submit photos by Mon. Nov. 2nd so we can prepare the slide show for Fri. Nov. 6th. Thank you!

Admin Message

A Note About Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

Over the past several weeks, our Grade 1–5 students have participated in government literacy and numeracy assessments. These assessments provide schools, teachers, and families with another source of information about how students are progressing in important foundational skills.

This year, families received their child's assessment results directly from the school division as an attachment to an email, with their child's date of birth used as the passcode to access the report. This was also the first year that these assessments were administered to students in Grades 4 and 5.

For our Grade 4 and 5 families in particular, we want to provide some important context. Because these assessments were new at these grade levels, the initial results had not yet been fully "normed" to establish the benchmarks used to identify students who may require additional support. Once that process was completed, updated results were sent to families before classroom teachers had an opportunity to review and interpret them.

As a former superintendent of ours often reminded us, "Standardized assessment results aren't everything, but they're not nothing either." We think that is a helpful way to consider these results. A standardized assessment gives us useful information, but it provides only a snapshot of a student's learning at a particular point in time. A timed assessment, test anxiety, misunderstanding a question, fatigue, or simply having an off day can influence how a student performs. At the same time, the results may identify an area that deserves a closer look.

Most importantly, these results should be considered alongside the many things your child's classroom teacher sees every day: classroom work, conversations, observations, assignments, ongoing assessments, growth over time, and an understanding of your child as an individual learner.

If your child's results surprised or concerned you, we encourage you to connect with their classroom teacher. Your child's teacher can help put the assessment results into context, compare them with what they are seeing in the classroom, and discuss whether any additional support or next steps may be helpful.

Our goal is not to define students by a single assessment result. Rather, we use assessment information as one of many tools that help us understand each learner, celebrate growth, identify needs, and determine how we can best support every student in continuing to learn and succeed.

Given all of this, we KNOW parents want their children to succeed at school. Need easy ways to help? Make time for reading as a daily bedtime routine, and practice those math facts (even through games) on a regular basis!

Stop, Drop & Go Lane
Just a reminder to our families that the Stop, Drop & Go lane on the west side of the school is intended for quick drop-offs only. To help keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently, families should remain in their vehicles while using this lane and allow their child to exit independently. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please park in a designated street parking spot instead. Parking or leaving your vehicle in the Stop, Drop & Go lane creates traffic backups and can impact the safety of students and families.



Staff Parking Lot
For safety reasons, we ask that families dropping off or picking up their children use available street parking rather than the staff parking lot. The staff parking lot is reserved for school staff, therapists, guest speakers, and volunteers. Limiting vehicle traffic in this area helps ensure a safe environment for students arriving and leaving school.

We appreciate drivers not turning left when patrollers are out. Please go straight or turn right.

School Council

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

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

SPITZEE

Purdys CHOCOLATIER

FUNDRAISER!

FOR FIELD TRIPS!
Open Now Until Nov.19/26!

Order Here!



Hi Spitzee Families!
We are doing our annual Chocolate Fundraiser to raise money for Field Trips.
Please consider making a purchase & Sharing this with family and Friends!
We will have your orders available for pick up at the Christmas Concerts
Dec 8 & 10 Afternoon & evening shows
Please Email Spitzeecouncil@gmail.com with Alt. Pick up arrangements or Questions!
Campaign ID: 000039060
Spitzee School Council

Click HERE to order PURDYS



We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our volunteers who helped at the Sunset Drive-In last month. This brought in $1040. which allows us to support the "Classroom Stockup". Thank you to Luna, Rowan, and James for accepting the cheque on behalf of Spitzee!

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			
28	29			

December orders open on November 2nd!
Click here to place your orders here

December Orders Close November 20th @12 pm

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!





Darker Days!



Usually by this time of the year, we have had our "Fall Back" to standard Mountain Time and we see more daylight in the mornings again. This year, we are noticing just how dark the mornings are already, and we have two more months for that to increase! Please have conversations with your child/children about how difficult it can be for drivers to see pedestrians who are dressed in dark clothing. It makes it even more important to be predictable as a pedestrian, as a bike rider, or as a driver.

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 on Mondays in November, starting November 2nd. Parents of players, check your email for locations and times. Go Eagles!

Phone calls at the end of the Day



Please make after-school arrangements with your child before the start of the school day whenever possible. By reviewing pick-up plans, transportation arrangements, or after-school activities in advance, you can help us ensure that everyone's day runs more efficiently. Thank you for your helping in maintaining a safe & well-organized school for everyone.

Get Ready for Halloween!





Halloween is just around the corner, and we're excited for a fun afternoon at school! Because classroom plans may look a little different across the school, please connect with your child's teacher about their specific expectations. In particular, many classes are asking students to bring their costumes to school and change into them at lunchtime. Throughout the afternoon, classes will enjoy some Halloween-themed fun before everyone gathers in the gym at 2:35 p.m. for our annual costume parade.

To help make the celebration fun and comfortable for all of our students, please remember:

- No weapons, including toy weapons
- No gore or overly frightening costumes, especially with our littlest learners in mind



We can't wait to celebrate together!

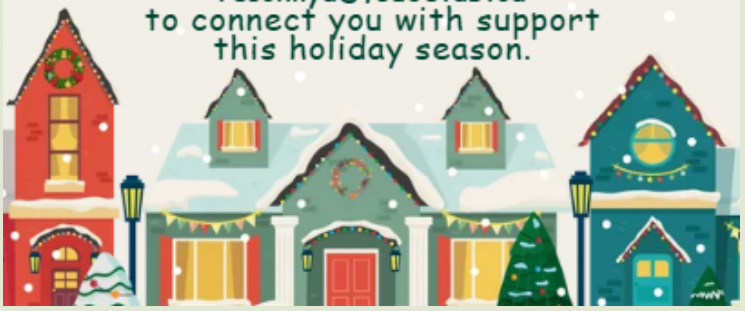


SPITZEE SCHOOL

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.

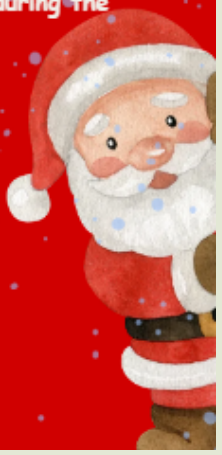


magic of christmas Foothills

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



MYCITYCARE OKOTOKS
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

Spitzee Eagle Photos

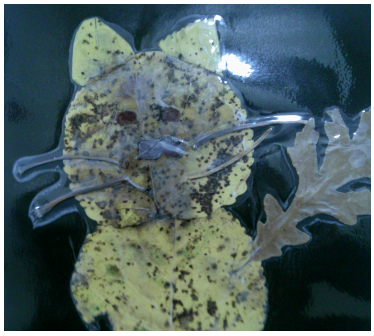


























TOTAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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

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

ACADEMY

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





