

Message from Administration

December, 2017



Spitzee Elementary School

Finally the busy month of November has wrapped up and Christmas is right around the corner. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of the wonderful things that have happened here at Spitzee over the course of the last month. First off we would like to extend our warmest thanks to Mrs. Koberinski, Mrs. Misura, Mrs. Budd, and Mrs. Richardson for their extensive and thoughtful work on our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We would also like to thank all of our students and families for taking part in such an important day. Spitzee is a community school and it was never more clear than on that day.

Learner profiles were sent home on November 20. Please note that even though these reports mark the official conclusion of term 1, they are meant to be a snapshot of your child's learning at a specific point in time. Our teachers put in countless hours in order to make sure the picture of student learning is fair, accurate and clear to both parents and students alike. With this in mind please continue to have conversations with your kids about what they are learning, why they are learning it, their strengths as a learner and how they might improve. It is through this communication that we are able to create the vital link between teacher, student and parent that allows all parties to take part in learning.

Looking ahead, December is a time for our school to give something back not just to our local community, but to people both near and far as well. Our staff, students and families have spent time collecting and combining items for our operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. In addition, our students and families have wrapped up our UNESCO Giving Back Project and collected donations for our local food bank.

Our staff and students are very excited to celebrate the holiday season with you all at our Christmas concerts which will be held on December 5th, 7th, 12th and 14. Please see the calendar or our website to find the date and time that your child will be performing.


December is a busy month for our students' families and staff both in and outside of the school. While we remain committed to learning at all times, we also hope that our entire school community finds time to share in the joy and magic of the season.

Wishing you all the best this holiday season,

Brooke MacNeill and Chase Ellis



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		5	6	7	8	9
		Jr. Kindergarten Concert 6:30pm		Kindergarten Concert 6:30pm Grade 1 Concert 7:15pm Dress rehearsal 1:30pm	Non Attendance Day for Students	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Grade 2 and Grade 3 Concert 7:00pm Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm		Grade 4 and Grade 5 Concert 7:00pm Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Caroling 9am Each morning				Assembly 9:30am– everyone welcome Early Dismissal 12:10	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	School Closed for Holidays—Back to school Monday January 8					

Junior Kindergarten Christmas Concert

Our Junior Kindergarten (preschool) Christmas concert will be held on
Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30pm.
Food Bank donations gladly accepted

Christmas Concert Dates

*Tuesday December 5—Junior Kindergarten Concert
6:30pm*

Thursday December 7—Kindergarten/ Grade 1 Concert

Kindergartens perform at 6:30pm

Grade 1's perform @7:15pm

Dress Rehearsal—1:30pm Everyone welcome

*Tuesday December 12—Grade 2 and grade 3 Concert
7:00pm*

The Spitzee Jazz dancers as well as the grade 2,3,4,5 Choir to perform

Dress Rehearsal—1:30pm Everyone welcome

*Thursday December 14 Grade 4 and grade 5 Concert
7:00pm*

Dress Rehearsal—1:30pm Everyone welcome

Food Bank donations gladly accepted at all concerts



Spitzee School Council Corner

November School Council met on November 15th at 6:30pm. It was nice to see some familiar faces come and join in on the discussions. We welcomed Jenn Kristiansen to her first meeting as our new Trustee and it was a pleasure to have her join us. We look forward to sharing many more of our council moments with Jenn for years to come.

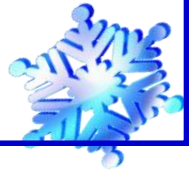
Please note that meeting minutes are made available to all parents to read via Facebook page as well as the school front door bulletin board, the west door exterior bulletin board and the back south exterior door bulletin board.

The Council Fundraising Team has reported that we again had another successful Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser and thank you to all the parents, family and friends who made it possible to reach our goal. Stay tuned for our next fundraising idea. It's gonna be a Winner!!

Please note there will be no School Council Meeting in December.

See you **Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30** for our next meeting. At this meeting we will be sharing our amended bylaws that our council has created and then posted on bulletins for review. Come join in the discussion.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Spitzeecouncil@gmail.com
From your Spitzee School Council we wish you all a very Happy Holiday!



Thank you

Thank you to all the parents who brought food in for the Teachers pot luck during parent teacher interviews. It was truly a feast and enjoyed by all. A big thank you to the Purdy's fundraiser volunteers for all their hard work on this very successful fundraiser.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thanks to all families who completed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Boxes have been delivered. We are grateful for your giving spirit!

Junior Kindergarten Registration

Junior Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 year will start on **Monday, January 8, 2018**. Junior Kindergarten students need to be four by the end of DECEMBER 2018 to be eligible to attend. Spitzee School offers high quality learning opportunities that allow each learner to explore, develop and celebrate his/her unique gifts and abilities. Registration forms can be picked up at the school office anytime. Please see Mrs. Perceval or Mrs. LeRoux for a package or for additional information.

Hot Lunch Ordering

January hot lunch opens December 1st and will close on December 28th. January's offerings are Hot Dogs, Papa John's Pizza, and Taco In A Bag. Please remember that as the system is automated all orders must be paid for on or before the cutoff date or they will be canceled. Thank you for your support!

The kindergarten classes will be going to the hospital for a fieldtrip on December 11th (Mrs. Traber's M/W students), December 15 for Mrs. Budd's class and December 19th for Mrs. Traber's T/T students. All performances will be at 12:40pm. They will start their tour on the second floor where they will perform a short version of their Christmas concert for the residents.



do you need help? THIS CHRISTMAS

RESIDENTS OF BLACK DIAMOND / TURNER VALLEY / LONGVIEW / MILLARVILLE & PRIDDIS

- Christmas Meal Hampers: Oilfields Food Bank, 403-612-1291 or 403-669-3668
- Toys (Children-high school & under): The Salvation Army Foothills Community Ministries, 403-652-2195 ext. 2

RESIDENTS OF HIGH RIVER & MD OF FOOTHILLS REGION

- Christmas Meal Hampers and Toys (Children-high school & under): The Salvation Army Foothills Community Ministries, 403-652-2195 ext. 2

RESIDENTS OF OKOTOKS

- Christmas Meal Hampers: Okotoks Food Bank, 403-651-6629
- Toys (Children-high school & under): The Salvation Army Foothills Community Ministries, 403-652-2195 ext. 2

RESIDENTS OF MD OF FOOTHILLS

- Christmas Family Assistance (gifts): MD of Foothills, 403-603-6229

WHERE TO GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS!

Several organizations provide Christmas support to residents in the Foothills region. Please contact them for details on how or what you can give or volunteer.

Oilfields Food Bank: 403-612-1291/403-669-3668
Christmas meal hampers. Donations of food and cash are gratefully accepted.

Okotoks Food Bank: 403-651-6629
Christmas meal hampers. Donations of food and cash are gratefully accepted. You may also choose to Adopt-a-Family.

High River FCSS: 403-652-8620
Donations of gifts, gift cards and cash for single/senior adults.

Magic of Christmas: 403-803-3085 or 403-938-5800
Christmas cheer and gifts to referred residents. Donations of cash and gift cards are appreciated or donate new, unwrapped toys at Monkey Mountain, Village Lane Dental, ATB Okotoks and Fountain Tire Okotoks.

MD of Foothills: 403-603-6229
Offering a "hand up" to those in need. Cash donations and gift cards for gas and grocery stores are appreciated.

Okotoks Family Resource Centre: 403-995-5375
Help residents facing financial challenges "the other 364 days" of the year. Donations will fund emergency gas and grocery cards.

Rowan House Emergency Shelter: 403-603-5998
Bring joy to women and children fleeing domestic violence during this difficult time of year. Visit www.rowanhouse.ca to purchase items from our wish book. Donate cash and gift cards. **Volunteers needed!**

The Salvation Army: 403-652-2195 ext. 2
Toys for children (highschool and under). Donations of new, unwrapped toys and gift cards are gratefully accepted. Christmas meal hampers. Financial donations welcome. **Volunteers needed!**

MyCityCare's Campaign Shop of Wonders: okotoks@myvictory.ca
Help make wishes come true. Donations of toys and gifts are appreciated. Drop off at 94: Take The Cake, The Alberta Dance Academy and Save On Foods.

We're on the Web
[Http://
Spitzee.fsd38.ab.ca](http://Spitzee.fsd38.ab.ca)





Castle Mountain Resort is pleased to offer your child a FREE 2017-2018 Season Pass

Welcome to the Castle Mountain Resort ATB SnowKids Next Door Program. Your child will receive a 2017-2018 Season Pass courtesy of Castle Mountain Resort and ATB Financial, for a nominal processing fee. The SnowKids Next Door Season Pass entitles your child to unlimited and unrestricted skiing or snowboarding for the entire winter season. **There are no blackout dates.** This offer is available to children within the boundary area, in **grades K to 6.**

The pass, valued at \$349, is available to your child attending SPITZEE for a \$15 administration fee, until **December 7th 2017.** After December 7th, the pass remains available, through to **January 31, 2018** for a \$25 administration fee. **SnowKids passes will not be made available after January 31, 2018.**

Upon pass pickup don't forget your SnowKids coupons! Enjoy discounts on tickets for accompanying adults, free hot chocolate, lesson discounts, and more.

To sign up for this program, please visit <http://www.skicastle.ca/snowkids/> and click on the "SIGN UP NOW" button at the bottom of the page.

SIGN UP NOW

Please use this log in exactly:
(CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE)

Group Name: SPITZEE

Password: SPIELE

Once you have registered online, you can stop by Castle Mountain Resort Guest Services starting Dec. 15th, during regular business hours, to get your picture taken and we'll give you your season pass and coupons.

This program would not be possible without the support and financial contribution of ATB Financial in Pincher Creek. If you have any questions or need any more information, please contact us using the info below.

Phone 403.627.5101 Toll Free 1.888.754.8667 info@skicastle.ca

ATB Financial
Where there's a way



Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school or late due to an appointment, could you please leave a message on the main office voicemail at 403-652-2376. This is the most efficient way for us to receive this important information.

If your student rides the bus and will not be riding please let the transportation department know at 403-652-6547

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

From time to time I am asked about Christmas gift ideas for teachers and staff. Your best wishes are most appreciated. Another idea is a donation to a local charity or organization such as the High River Foodbank, High River Hospital, library or FCSS. Thank you for supporting our local charities at this busy time of year.



PARKING

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking. Please be careful **NOT** block their driveways.



HIGH RIVER LIBRARY EVENTS

A Night on The Polar Express

All aboard The Polar Express for a magical evening of adventure! Enjoy a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's book while sipping hot chocolate. Meet the conductor, find the lost sleigh bell, take pictures on the train, and more. Pajamas are encouraged.



Friday, December 8 at 6:30 pm

Ages 4+

High River Library

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909 1st St SW | High River, Alberta, T1V 1A5 | 403-652-2917 | www.highriverlibrary.ca

Saturday, December 9 @ 1 pm

3D
Printed
Christmas
Ornament

Curious about 3D printing? See a Prusa i3 printer in action at the library

Try out 3D design skills to make your own Christmas ornament

Register at 403-652-2917, \$5

Printer on loan from BrainSTEM Alliance - a non-profit specializing in development of STEM programming for other non-profits and organizations

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Paint Night for Kids

Create a winter wonderland painting with local artist Sharon-Rose Fraser.

Friday, December 15 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm (Ages 8-12)

Register at 403-652-2917. Limited space



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