

Message from Administration

February, 2019



Spitzee Elementary

Happy February Spitzee families! During the first half of the year our staff professional development has been aimed toward developing knowledge, skills and understandings in mathematics. Throughout this process we have worked on creating engaging math lessons where students work on foundational skills, apply these skills to higher order thinking problems and make connections between math and their own lives. A mainstay of this professional learning has been taking students beyond simple computation and having them use mathematic vocabulary to explain how and why that computation works.

Social Emotional Learning has also been an area of focus for the staff here at Spitzee as it goes hand in hand with high quality learning. In short, brains that are tired, stressed, distracted or distraught cannot access the level of functioning required to think critically and creatively. Our staff have been using the Mind Up curriculum (grades 4 and 5) the Social Thinking curriculum (grades 2 and 3) and Zones of Regulation and Kelso's Choices (grades K and 1) By focusing on mental and emotional health we hope to help students get to a place where they are confident, resilient, enthusiastic learners, ready to take on all challenges.

In addition to our academic and social emotional focus, we have a number of other exciting activities in the upcoming month here at Spitzee. Grade 5 basketball is in full swing with the final tournament on February 14 at the Aldersyde Fieldhouse. Come on out and cheer on our Stars! Within the school Ms. Saliken is currently running a Danceplay club that a number of our students are participating in. All grades take part on Fridays at lunch recess. Other amazing things happening in and around the school over the next little while include Lego Club, Drama Club, School Spirit Club and drumming. On February 15th we will be having our annual Heart to Heart market in support of our UNESCO initiatives. Please feel free to drop by that afternoon to check out all the cool things our students have for sale. We are also always searching for items to put into our silent auction, if you have something you would like to donate to this cause please contact Ms. Bulmer or Mr. Ellis. A letter will be coming home with all the details on Heart to Heart this week.

We have been very fortunate this winter in terms of the weather, with that being said we can expect colder weather as we head into January. We would like to take the opportunity to once again remind everyone that unless the outside temperature feels colder than -20 Celsius our students will be outside for recess and before school. Because of this it is essential that students be properly clothed for such weather. In the event that it is too cold for students to go outside we will also be keeping our safety patrols inside, this means that our crosswalks will be unmanned. Often students are in a hurry to get out of the cold and may not be as careful in crossing the street as usual. In order to ensure the safety of our students as they make their way to school please be diligent as you drive through these areas.

Thank you again to all of the students and families for your continued commitment to sustaining learning, pride and joy in our school community.

Sincerely,

Brooke MacNeill and Chase Ellis



FEBRUARY 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Basketball
game at
Millarville

Kindergarten
Registration
6:00pm

Non Attendance Day For
Students

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Junior Kindergarten Open
House 6:30pm

School Council
Meeting 6:30pm

Basketball
Tournament
Aldersyde
Field house
10am- 2pm

Heart to
Heart Market
1-2

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

Family
Day
NO School

Non Attendance Days For Students

24 25 26 27 28

Grade 3 Field
Trip To Sci-
ence Centre

Pink Shirt
Day

Children changing the world!

HEART TO HEART MARKETPLACE

1:00pm to 2:00pm February 15, 2019

Spitzee School Children Changing the World!

Marketplace open 1:00pm—2:00pm

Draws in the gym from 2:15 - 2:30pm



How can you help ...

- We would appreciate new or promotional items to be donated to our silent auction. These can be dropped off in the office
- Help your child participate in bringing items for the class booth
- Bake
- Take the money that is normally spent on Valentines cards and give it to your child to spend at the Market Place
- Make a craft that can be sold
- Come and “shop”
- Bring friends and relatives to “shop”

Heart to Heart Marketplace Auction Information

Once again Spitzee School is hosting the Heart-to-Heart Marketplace on the afternoon of February 15th, 2019

One of the many fundraiser activities is a silent auction and draw. Children are encouraged to bring an item that could be used for a draw or as part of the auction. The items could include promotional items from the companies you work for or with. They could be new or like new extra paraphernalia that are gathering dust at home. Baking can be a great draw for those with a sweet tooth. Just be sure to list the ingredients. It is best that they are quality items as that will attract the most interest. Obviously, we don't want this to be a financial burden, but remember the monies are going to great causes.

Thank you for being a part of a great event and we look forward to your participation.



March Hot Lunch Information

March hot lunch will open on February 1st and close on February 21st. Lunch menus include Panago Pizza (Mar 1st & 15th), Hot Dogs (Mar 7th), Booster Juice (Mar 22nd) and Dairy Queen (Mar 29th). All orders must be placed and paid for via PayPal by February 21st or your order will be canceled. Thank you for your continued support!

Kindergarten Registration

Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to register their child now for the 2019-2020 school year. A registration evening will be held on **Wednesday February, 6th at 6:00pm** at Spitzee School in the gathering area. Our school division offers high quality learning opportunities that allow each learner to explore, develop and celebrate his/her unique gifts and abilities. **Kindergarten students need to be five by the end of DECEMBER, 2019 to be eligible to attend.** For more information or to register, please call 652-2376 or stop in at the school office anytime and see Mrs. Perceval or Mrs. LeRoux for a package.



Junior Kindergarten Open House

There will be an open house for Junior kindergarten on Wednesday February at 6:30pm. Junior Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 year is now open. Junior Kindergarten students need to be four by the end of DECEMBER 2019 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 from January 7th on. Please see Mrs. LeRoux or Mrs. Perceval at the office for a package or for additional information.

Tell Them from Me and Accountability Surveys

If your child is in Grade 4 you should have recently received an envelope in the mail from Alberta Education. This is the Accountability Pillar survey issued to a variety of grades of students throughout all schools in Alberta. The Accountability Pillar survey is an innovative and straight forward way to measure our learning goals as schools, school authorities and as a provincial government.

Please take the time to fill out the survey and return it to the Government of Alberta. We value your opinion and will take your feedback to continue to make Spitzee the best place possible for your child. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

A great school helps every child to make the most of their talents and abilities, is caring and secure and allows parents to play a key role. It's all about student's success.

School Council Corner

Welcome back to all our students, teachers, parents & volunteers. Hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays. School council kicked off the new year with our 1st meeting of 2019 on Jan 16. We heard all about the great things going on across the Foothills school division & what our elected board members have been working on. One of the most important is the selection of a new superintendent. We are all anxiously awaiting the announcement.

Our fearless leaders, Mrs. MacNeill & Mr. Ellis told us all about the amazing things going on at Spitzee, such as the grade 5 outdoor ed activities & leadership program. These particular group of students are hosting a bake sale in support of the new playground. Way to go guys ! **Stay tuned on how you can help support them** . We found out about the amazing math program & how our teachers are building math confidence within each student . There are also some great presenters coming into Spitzee to share & teach great music, history & knowledge in a fun & exciting way. Watch your child's agenda for more info. Thank-you to everyone for their contribution with our past fundraisers. Cookie-dough was a great success & if you want more we still have some for purchase. Our 50-50 raffle tickets were unbelievably successful. We raised over \$1500. WOW !!! Thanks to our fundraising team for organizing, to everyone who helped out & purchased tickets. We hope to be able to continue with the 50/50 next year. Candy cane grams were lots of fun for the students & helped us with our playground fundraiser. We also threw together a last min reverse bottle drive to help with all that recycling that piled up over the holidays. Thanks to everyone who supported. Feb brings back the muchly anticipated Heart to Heart Market. Please stop by our table to say Hi & get your bag of candy. We will be kicking off another fundraiser at the beginning of Feb so please watch for that info. Rumor has it, it will be tasty! The majority of our fund-raised money is going to support our new playground build.

The Hot lunch program is still going strong. Hope the kids are still enjoying it. If you are interested in volunteering with hot lunch then you can simply sign up online when you are placing your child's order. We will gladly welcome & teach you .

Our school council meetings are open to all parents/guardians of a student within Spitzee Elementary. We would love to see some new faces. Our next meeting is on Wed, Feb 13th @ 6:30. Hope to see you there.

Spitzee school council can be contacted via e-mail at: spitzeecouncil@gmail.com

IMPORTANT FOR BUSSING STUDENTS

If your child is **NOT** going to be on the bus either in the morning or after school you **MUST** contact transportation and let them know at
403-652-6547



Catch the Reading Wave Scholastic Book Fair

Once again we are very pleased to have the Scholastic Book Fair at our school and it will be held in conjunction with our Parent/Teacher conferences. The Book Fair will run from Monday **March 25 from 9:00– 3:30pm** and on Tuesday , **March 26th from 9:00 - 3:30 pm** Wednesday, **March 27 from 9:00 AM - 7:45 pm** and Thursday ,**March 28 from 9:00 am - 5:45 pm**. There will be a large selection of books available so please mark the dates on your calendar. Children and teachers will be given previews and “wish lists” which we fill out once again. There will also be Classroom wish lists for you to be able to purchase books for your child’s teacher if you choose. See you there! If you are able to volunteer some time to help Mr. Born out please call or email him at bornm@fsd38.ab.ca



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences provide wonderful opportunities to strengthen communication between home and school. Parents and teachers can exchange information, celebrate successes and raise issues of concern. Parent/teacher conferences will be on **Wednesday, March 27th from 3:30 - 8:00pm** and **Thursday, March 28th from 3:30 - 6:00 pm**. **Online booking will open at 9:00am on Monday March 4th, 2019**



HIGH RIVER MINOR BASEBALL
2019 ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!
****online payment by credit card or EMT only****

COACH PITCH (4-6 year olds)	\$80
GRANDSLAM (7-8 year olds)	\$130
MOSQUITO (9-10 year olds)	\$140
PEEWEE (11-12 year olds)	\$160
BANTAM (13-14 year olds)	\$170
MIDGET (15-17 year olds)	\$180

*****Age as of Jan 1/2019*****

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KIDSPORT/JUMPSTART funding available if needed.