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Message from Administration

The month of April has arrived with hope for great weather and opportunities for us to get out into the yard, the garden, the campground and around the barbeque. April promises to be a busy and exciting time here at Spitzee School as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for their tireless efforts on our most recent Learner Profiles. Sent home on March 27, the Learner Profile provides a snapshot of student learning up until this point in time. Our staff have worked diligently to collect evidence that supports student learning, compiled that evidence and communicated it to parents and guardians. As a tool for further growth the Learner Profile also includes next steps that the students, teachers and parents can apply in term 3. As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your childs' teacher for clarification.

In addition to Learner Profiles we have also recently had our latest set of parent teacher interviews. We would like to thank all families that participated in their childs interview. Along with the Learner Profile, interviews are part of the vital link between home and school that supports not only the academic, but the social and emotional learning of all kids at Spitzee.

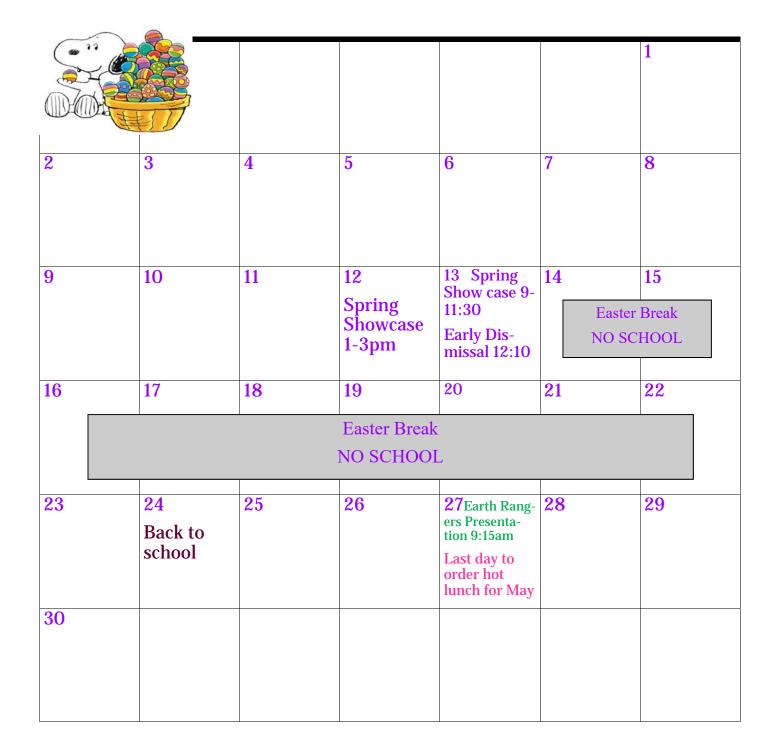
Looking forward to April it seems that the month will fly by. Our students will have the opportunity to showcase their various abilities and gifts in our annual talent show. Show times will be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm on April 12 and 9:00am to 11:30am on April 13. Please note that K-3 students will perform on Aprils 12 and grade 4 and 5 students will perform on April 13.

As Easter Break is upon us and April, May and June hold the promise of summer just around the corner, it is important that students remain focused on their learning for the final three months. With this being said we hope that everyone takes the time to relax enjoy the beauty of spring with their family and friends.

Yours in Learning,

Brooke MacNeill and Chase Ellis

April 2017 Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat





You are the Key to our Success!! Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon

Volunteers help to make our school such a great place... and we would like to thank you. Please put Thursday, May 4 from 2:00—2:45pm on your

calendar and allow us the opportunity to express our

appreciation for all you do!! Please RSVP by April 26th to the office or your students teacher.



What are we doing?

Each of our Grade 4/5 classes has agreed to informally adopt a cat and a dog currently residing at Heaven Can Wait. We have received biographies for the animals as well as a list of some of their basic needs and wants. These needs range from medical to comfort-related.

How can we help?

Spitzee Families can help out by bringing in:

- old blankets
- towels
- cleaning supplies such as paper towels, disinfectants, garbage bags
- pet food is also welcome
- cat or dog toys
- of course money is always helpful!

Thanks!



Any questions can be directed to Karen Andrews at andrewsk@fsd38.ab.ca



Field trips and Volunteering



Please remember that if you are wanting to volunteer at Spitzee (field trips, sports days etc) you need to have a criminal record check on file that is not more than 3 years old. You can pick up a form in the office that will wave the cost of the police check. If you have any questions please contact the school at 403-652-2376.



May ordering for Hot Lunch is open and will close on April 27, 2017. Items being offered are Papa John's Pizza, Hot Dogs from JRRR BBQ, and Beef on a bun and Booster Juice. As the system is automated no late orders can be accepted. Payment can be made at the time of order via PayPal (preferred method) or via cheque or exact cash at the office. Payment must be received no later than May 3, 2017 or your order may be cancelled. Thank you for your support!



Spitzee School Council

It is without a doubt the months have been passing us by as we have now have completed our sixth School Council meet of the year. Two meetings left in the school year so be sure to come out to learn how you can be a part of your child's school year. Members met on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 to further discussions on the much fun that will be coming to Spitzee Elementary. We invite all Parents or Guardians to take part in our monthly School meets which take place every second Tuesday of the month. Feel free to show up or you are welcome to email school council to get more information regarding our monthly meets. spitzeecouncil@gmail.com

Discussions are now under way regarding the construction of our new playground at Spitzee Elementary School. The construction of a new playground can take some time so we will keep you posted as we gather more information. And please stay tuned for the fabulous fundraising to come and/or to find out how you can help with the playground set-up.

Did you know that each classroom in the school is provided with a Good food box. These boxes are filled with healthy non-perishable food snacks and some fruit to provide students with a full belly if they should require additional food outside of their daily breakfasts or lunches provided from home. This is funded on behalf of the Breakfast for Learning Program which was founded by Canadian Living. These boxes are prepped by our School Council BFL Co-ordinator Allison Pederson with Parent Volunteers at Spitzee Elementary. We invite you to learn more by visiting breakfastforlearning.ca.

Also, Did you know...once a month on a hot lunch day each classroom is provided with sliced assorted fresh fruit trays free of charge to your child this too is also provided on behalf of School Council and the Breakfast for Learning Program. Not to forget the Parent Volunteers who provide their time to distribute these fresh healthy snacks. Big Thank you to everyone involved.

Reminder to mark your calendars that "April Hot lunch" Orders are due March 30th And "May Hot lunch" Orders are due April 27th

See you at the next meeting Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30

All our best, Spitzee Council Team Thank you to all of the parents who brought in the amazing buffet of food for our teachers potluck. All of the staff at Spitzee School are very grateful for your generosity!



Kindergarten Registration



Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to register their child now for the 2017-2018 school year. 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, 2017 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.

1st Annual Discover Eagles Football

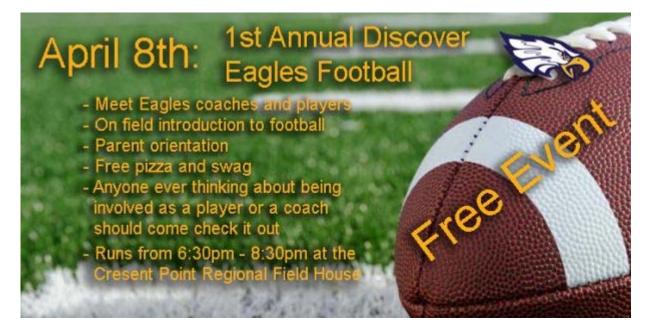
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Hello Eagles Parents and Players,

We are excited to announce our FREE inaugural introduction to football coming April 8th at the Crescent Point Field House. This is an event to introduce players from Atom to Bantam along with their parents to football and the Eagles organization. As this is an event to draw in new players, it would be great to see some of our existing players come meet their coaches and bring their friends that are interested in football!

If you have any questions, please contact Missy Henderson: <u>foothillseaglesgm@gmail.com</u>

Hope to see you there!





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Our Activities

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