

April, 2019

Welcome  
April

Spitzee Elementary

## Message from Administration

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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 25, 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 child's 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 child's 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.



Over the next couple weeks please check our school website as well as the school council facebook page for our Spitzee School Learning and Environment Survey. Data collected through this survey provides us vital information as we work to plan for the future of our school.

As Easter Break is nearly 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 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Jump Rope for Heart assembly PM	5 Earth Rangers assembly 1:45- 2:45	6
7	8	9	10 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	11	12 Non Attend- ance Day for Students	13
14	15	16	17 Spring Showcase	18 Early Dismissal 12:10	19-20 <b>EASTER BREAK</b>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>						
28	29 Back to School	30				

# Spring Showcase



We are excited to announce our Annual Spring Showcase to be held on Wednesday April 17th from 1:00-3:00p.m. (Kindergarten, grade 1's and some of the 2/3 students) and Thursday April 18th from 9:00—11:30 (remaining 2/3 students and the 4/5 students.) The students of Spitzee will have the opportunity to share their talent with the school. This is not a competition but an entertaining showcase. Students were required to “audition” with their homeroom teacher before they were added to the program. Many students are sharing talents such as piano playing, dancing, guitar playing, and magic shows. Please note, there will be no lip synching or air guitar performances. Due to the number of acts, we also require the students to be sure their selection is 2 minutes or less.

Students are responsible for supplying music, instruments, or other required items for their talent. Other students will attend the showcase to enjoy the many talents our school has to offer.

Parents are invited to attend and enjoy the program!

## Junior Kindergarten Registration

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 Please see Mrs. LeRoux or Mrs. Perceval at the office for a package or for additional information.

## Kindergarten Registration



Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to register their child now for the 2019-2020 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, 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.

The School Council Team and Teachers would like to say thank you to our Vice Council Chair, Ila Nagus for taking the time in coordinating the dinner potlucks provided to Spitzee School Teachers on the Parent/Teacher Interview evenings. And Thank you to all those parents for their very yummy contributions.





# 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 2 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 29th to the office or your students teacher.**



### May Hot Lunch Information

May Hot Lunch ordering will open on April 1st and closes April 24th. Options for May are Pizza (3rd & 16th), Hot Dogs (10th), ReFresh Food & Drink (24th) and Booster Juice (31st). All orders must be placed and paid for by 11:59 PM April 24th to avoid cancellation.

We are also looking for a volunteer to take over running the hot lunch program for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested please contact us at [spitzeecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:spitzeecouncil@gmail.com) for more information.



### Exciting News from the Music Room....

#### Thanks, MUSIC COUNTS TD COMMUNITY MUSIC PROGRAM!

Spitzee School has been chosen as a recipient of the 2019 MUSIC COUNTS Band Aid Grant. MUSIC COUNTS is a Canadian Music education charity which is affiliated with CARAS and the JUNO awards. This program focuses on supporting music education and providing opportunities for all students to enjoy and learn to play instruments. <https://www.musiccounts.ca/our-story/>

Our Spitzee music program was awarded over \$7000.00 to support the growth of our drumming program. The money will be used to purchase new percussion instruments and travel cases, and to repair older instruments. This will help us to expand the drumming program. It allows us to travel to other elementary schools to share our drumming program, and to continue our many trips to drum with seniors in our area.

We are very grateful to the MUSIC COUNTS program for their support of our school and the musical growth of our students.

Stop by the music room to see our new instruments. Just follow the sound of the drums and you will find us!



## Spitzee School Fundraising Committee

Thank you for everyone who supported our **Purdys Easter Fundraiser** 🐰 Enjoy your delicious goodies!

Our next fundraiser will be the **Saskatoon Farm** coupons just in time for Mothers Day! 🌸

We have an exciting **MAKE IT NIGHT** in the works for the evening of June 13. There will be more details to come but save the date and get ready to create your very own sign. Tickets will be for sale very soon. Everyone Welcome!!

## Spitzee School Council Corner

It's so hard to believe that Spring has already arrived with only two more council meetings to go this year. We have much on the go. Fundraising is in full swing so keep in touch on our Facebook page and watch for notices coming home. Proceeds will be going to our playground.

At the March 13th School Council Meet we discussed the arrival of our Casino funds. We were surprised to receive a healthy sum of monies that will contribute to our much needed literature and technology material. Yay!! Thank you to all Volunteers for making the casino event a success. We could not have done it without you!

A big shout out to the following volunteers who made those two days happen

Tiegan Jamison	Donald Hauser	Jayna Dykstra	Christine Janes
Tannis Zebedee	Connue Hauser	Kelly Hartmann	Keith Masur
Kristin Ellis	Brian Popawich	Sharalynn Abild	Tasha Harvey
Ila Nagus	Tamara Daub	Eve Barden	Chantel Bolton
Melanie Berry	Sarah May	Angela Morris	Chelsie Niemens
Tricia Remezoff	Jordan Rasmussen	Kathy Johnson	Christina Churchill
Jeanette Pentland	Ben Herr	Kathy Herr	

## Calling all Parents!

**Our Weekly Hot lunch Program is at risk of not existing next year.**

We are in need of a Hot lunch Coordinator next school year 2019/2020. That person will oversee and coordinate the program online and with all other volunteers. If interested in this position please contact us at [spitzeecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:spitzeecouncil@gmail.com)

We are also looking for parents who are willing to volunteer and facilitate each hot lunch. For example if one parents wants to facilitate only taco in the bag days, another to facilitate hot dog days, and another for pizza days etc! This would help tremendously. Coming to a school council meet would be helpful to discuss the planning and procedures for our hot lunch program. Please email us at [spitzeecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:spitzeecouncil@gmail.com) with questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Note our next School Council Meet will be Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30. Join us for coffee or tea and a informative discussion involving your child's education.**

Don't forget to hand your Purdys chocolate order in by April 2,2019. Orders will be ready for pick up on Tuesday April 16th. Mark it down on your calendars!

Last but not least.....

HAPPY EASTER TO OUR SPITZEE FAMILY! HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Much gratitude, Your Spitzee School Council



## Heaven Can Wait Project

We are excited to tell you about our UNESCO Grade 5 Leadership initiative. We as a group looked at High River and are and have decided to put our efforts towards raising awareness and donations for Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue Foundation.

How can we help?

Spitzee Families can help out by bringing in:

- old blankets, Towels , Sheets or dog beds
- cat or dog toys
- cleaning supplies such as paper towels, disinfectants, garbage bags
- pet food
- Rabbit care items such as litter, rabbit pellets, timothy hay
- Money is also welcome to help pay vet bills

All items need to be in by April 16. Thank you for your support of our project!



## OUTDOOR SPRING 2019 SOCCER



**Registration Is Open Now**

**Registration Closes:** April 15, 2019

Welcome to Outdoor Spring 2019 Soccer.

Soccer this year is available for all youth Ages 3-16 (As of December 2018). We Offer House league and Travel League. Check out our Program Section of our website for more information.

Payment can be made by credit card through the website registration form or via interact eTransfer (contact us for details).

If alternative arrangements are needed (KidSport, Jumpstart), please contact [info@highriversoccer.ca](mailto:info@highriversoccer.ca)

**Register online at:** <http://www.highriversoccer.ca/registration/>



# Ready, Set, Go!

## Kindergarten Readiness

Help your child build the skills and confidence for a successful transition into kindergarten.



Communication and social skills



Movement skills



Routines and self help skills



Scissor and pencil skills



This 6-session group is offered free of charge by  
AHS - Rural Pediatric Allied Health Team  
Dates: July 2,3,4, 8,9,10  
Group times: 9:30-10:30 or 11:00-12:00  
Location: Joe Clark School  
High River, AB



For more information and to register, please phone  
403-995-2638



## 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.

