

March, 2018

## Message from Administration

February was an eventful and rewarding here at Spitzee School. Throughout the month students and staff took part in a number of exciting activities that supported academic learning as well as provided valuable social and cultural experiences for all involved. As we inch toward spring we have many reasons to celebrate here at Spitzee school.

First off we would like congratulate our grade 5 basketball team on an outstanding season on the court. Approximately 35 of our students took part in a 5 game season that culminated with a final tournament on February 15 at the Crescent Point Field House near Aldersyde. Our team improved greatly throughout the season because of the effort, sportsmanship and team work they demonstrated on and off the court. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous commitment put into our team by their coach Mr. Olmsted, as well as all staff involved. Parents of grade 4 and 5 students keep watch for notices about Track and Field as we move towards the spring.

On February 9<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Heart to Heart Market which raised approximately \$2400 which Spitzee will put toward our UNESCO initiatives. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our staff, students and community members that contributed their valuable time and energy, not to mention goods that were donated to be put up for sale and auction. Because of you Spitzee School is once again in a position to give back to our community.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, as this marks the unofficial midway point of the school year it is a time to not only celebrate the past, but to look forward to the future. As we work through the last few months of this school year we will begin collecting data from our students, families and staff that will inform planning for next year. Some of these data points, such as the Tell Them From Me survey have already been completed, while others such as the Accountability Pillar Survey and the Spitzee School Learning Environment survey are in progress or upcoming. Please watch for both in over the next couple weeks. As always if you have any questions or further feedback please don't hesitate to contact us.

Please note that on March 19<sup>th</sup> Learner Profiles will go home and the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> are parent teacher interviews. As we build towards these dates please engage your children in conversations about their learning. Teachers aim to present the most meaningful and accurate description of student achievement possible, in order for this to occur we need the valuable input of both students and families as well. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher prior to parent teacher interviews should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours in Learning,

Brooke MacNeill and Chase Ellis

Spitzee Elementary



# MARCH 2018

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4	5	6	7	8	9 Non attendance Day for Students	10
11	12	13	14 School Council Meeting 6:30	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Parent teacher Interviews 3:30-8pm Book Fair 9-7:45pm	22 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-6pm Book Fair 9-5:45	23 Book Fair 9-3:30	24
25	26 Book Fair 9-3:30	27	28 Spring Showcase 1:00pm Jr. Kindergarten Open house 6pm	29 Early Dismissal for Easter Break 12:10pm Spring showcase 9 Last day to order April Hot Lunch	30 Easter Break until April 9th	31

# 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 21st from 3:30 - 8:00pm** and **Thursday, March 22nd from 3:30 - 6:00 pm**. **Online booking will open at 9:00am on Monday March 5 2017 and closes Tuesday March 20th at Noon.**

## 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 **Wednesday, March 21**, from **4:00 AM - 7:45 pm** and **Thursday, March 22** from **9:00 am - 5:45 pm**. **Friday March 23** from **9:00– 3:30pm** and on **Monday March 26th** from **9:00 - 3:30 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](mailto:bornm@fsd38.ab.ca)



### TEACHER POTLUCK SUPPER Wednesday, March 21, 2018

**Once again, Spitzee School Council is coordinating a potluck supper for Wednesday March 21st for the teachers. You can sign up at :**

**<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/FSEN8688>**

**Please drop food items in the Staffroom by  
4:30pm Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

## Registration for the 2018 season is now open!



**Registration is March 1 to April 8.**

**Cost: \$100 for House League**

**\$160 for Travel League (more competitive)**

After April 8<sup>th</sup> registration for both leagues increases to: \$150 for House League and \$210 for Travel League.

The 2018 season runs April 23 to June 23.

**Register online at: [www.highriversoccer.ca](http://www.highriversoccer.ca)**

We will also be at the Registration Roundup on Saturday, March 17 from 12-3 PM at the Bob Snodgrass Recreation Complex

## Fundraising Raffle

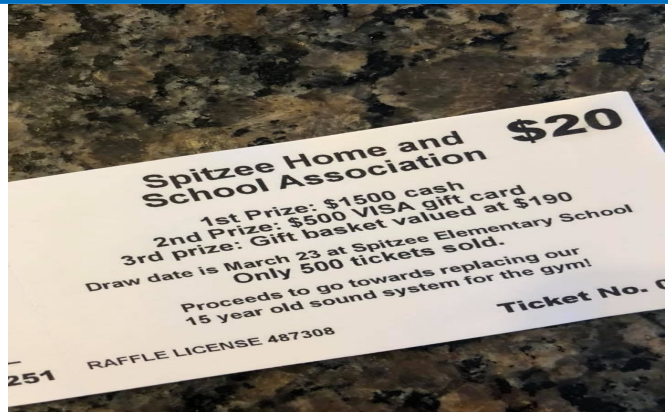
### School Council Corner

School Council meeting was scheduled for February 8th but due to weather we had to cancel this meeting!

Please join us on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 to join in on the discussion!

Regards, School Council Team

Just a reminder to keep selling those raffle tickets! If you would like to purchase a ticket or two please contact the office. Draw date is March 23 so please make sure to have all tickets back before then  
Thank you to everyone for the support towards our school.



## Junior Kindergarten Registration And Open House

Junior Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 year is now open. 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 from January 8 on. Please see Mrs. LeRoux or Mrs. Perceval at the office for a package or for additional information. There will also be an open house for Junior kindergarten on Wednesday March 28 at 6:00pm



## Kindergarten Registration

Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to register their child now for the 2018-2019 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 2018 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.

# Spring Showcase



We are excited to announce our Sixth Annual Spring Showcase to be held on Wednesday March 28th from 1:00-3:00p.m. (Kindergarten, grade 1's and some of the 2/3 students) and Thursday March 29 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!

## April Hot Lunch Information

April hot lunch ordering opens on April 1st and closes on Thursday April 29th. Hot lunches will be Hotdogs(13), Pizza from Papa Johns(19) and Taco in a bag(27). The cut off for ordering hot lunch for April is Thursday April 29th. 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.

## What's happening in March At the High River Library

### **Project READesign (ages 10-14)**– Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, \$50

Based on the Novel Engineering program by Tufts University: participants design, build, and test prototype devices to solve problems for a story book character while developing engineering design skills. Participants will design an earthquake-proof building and test in on jelly ground, design a thermal suit, and use food to create lava rock candy and more,

### **Peeps Diorama Contest** – Contest starts on March 1 and ends on March 29

Pick up Peeps and a cardboard box at the library and create an amazing scene. Work on your diorama at home or at the library. Prizes awarded to the best dioramas! Everyone can participate.

### **Learn to Cook for Kids: Pasta (7-13 years)** – Saturday, March 24 at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, \$30

Learn to make yummy pastas with chef, Deb Fraser and then have a feast!

### **Minecraft (ages 6-12)** – Fridays, March 9 and 23 at 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm

Challenge your design skills and build your problem-solving abilities with Minecraft! This is not facilitated. Registration required. \$2/session.

### **Paint Night for Kids (ages 8-12)** – Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Local artist, Sharon-Rose Fraser, will guide young artists in creating a painting inspired by the northern lights.

### **Spring Ball (ages 6+ and family)** – Saturday, March 17 at 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Celebrate the beginning of spring with a scavenger hunt and crafts like flower crown making and rainbow wind catchers. Fun for the whole family.

### **Amazing Race (ages 10+)** – Friday, March 23 at 7:00 pm

Just like the television show, participants will complete tasks, obstacles, and more to be the first to cross the finish line. Register in teams of two.



# Social Media Awareness + Parenting the Digital World



**Wednesday, March 7**

**7:00 – 8:30**

**Ecole Senator Riley Middle School**

**For all Foothills School Division parents of School aged children and youth.**

With society heading in a direction of being constantly connected to technology, what do we need to know as parents to protect our kids and teach them responsible and appropriate use of technology? The parameters of rules and expectations that you put in place at home will undoubtedly guide their behaviour in the years to come. Please join us for an informative presentation which will cover the following topics and more!

- **Social Media Update** – The most current apps & trends in their social media lives
- **Pick Your Battles!** – You will have to balance the yin with the yang, promote independence whilst taking a strong stance on certain subjects
- **Current Research** – Brain development & technology, violent video games
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** – With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note – What will they find? What will they leave behind?
- **Tips & Tricks to Use at Home**

**PARENTS: Do not miss this free event!**



**SAFER SCHOOLS TOGETHER**  
is an organization focused on promoting a climate and culture of safety in schools through comprehensive education.

Please email [brummelhuism@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:brummelhuism@fsd38.ab.ca) to RSVP and reserve your seat!

**The Foothills Children's Wellness Network**  
invites you to our 4th annual Report to the Community.

**Learn more about Anxiety in Children & Teens.**

Featuring Dr. Sandra Clark a clinical psychologist who has been working in the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Clinic at B.C. Children's Hospital for over 20 years.

**Topics to be covered include:**

- Understanding anxiety & common causes
- How it presents & what it looks like
- General coping skills for children & teens
- Strategies for parents
- More strategies (including a brief overview of the Taming Worry Dragons Program)

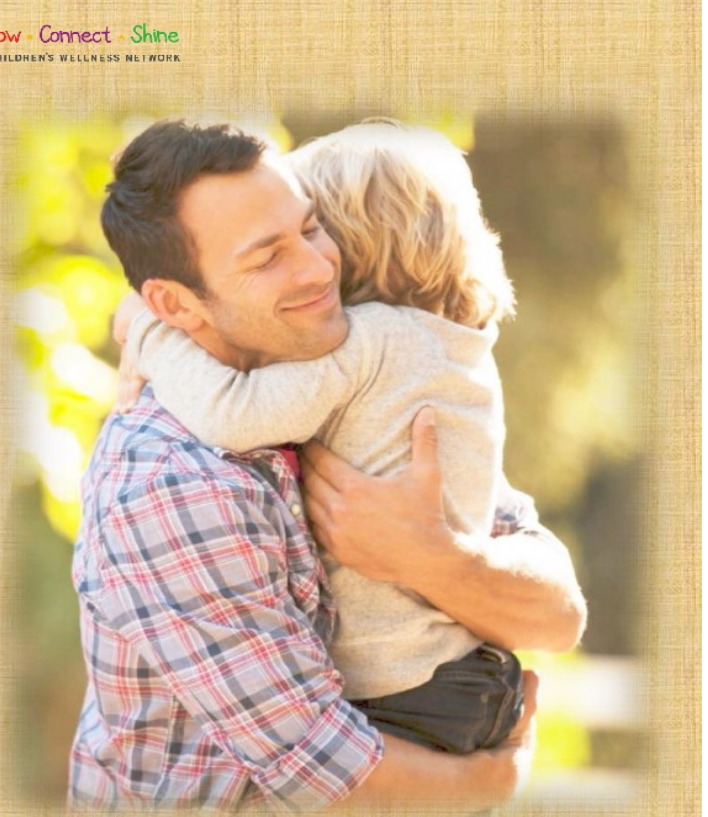
**When:** Thursday March 22, 2018

**Where:** Turner Valley Golf Course – clubhouse

**Time:** Doors open at 6:00, presentation at 6:30 pm

**Cost:** FREE

There will be appetizers and nonalcoholic beverages.



Seats are limited RSVP by March 12th at: [www.eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite) and Search: The Foothills Children's Wellness Network



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Project

# READesign

*"Engineer Your Story"*

*Based on the Novel Engineering program by Tufts University: participants design, build, and test prototype devices to solve problems for a story book character while developing engineering design skills.*

**Spring 2018**

Saturdays: March 3, 10, 17 & 24

Time: 1:00 – 3:00PM

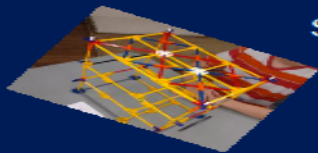
Ages: 10-14yrs

Fee: \$50

Location: High River Library

Instructor: Gillian Hurst, P. Eng (BrainSTEM Alliance)

E-mail: [program@highriverlibrary.ca](mailto:program@highriverlibrary.ca) / Call: 403-652-2917 to register



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