

March, 2019

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.

Cold weather has forced both students and staff indoors for recess over the last few weeks, we have however seen temperatures warming up enough in the afternoon to go out for recess over the noon hour. With this in mind, please send students to school dressed to go out for recess even if you know it is too cold in the morning as we want them to have every opportunity to take advantage of the fresh air.

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 14 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 15th we held our annual Heart to Heart Market which raised approximately \$2500 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 14th we celebrated the 100th day of school, as this marks the unofficial mid-way 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 SOS-Q 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 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 25th Learner Profiles will go home and the 27th and 28th 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 21st and 22nd.

Yours in Learning,

Brooke MacNeill and Chase Ellis

Spitzee Elementary



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3	4	5	6	7	8 Non attendance Day for Students	9
10	11	12	13 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	14	15	16
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24	25 Learner profiles go home Book Fair 9-3:30	26 Book Fair 9-3:30	27 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-8pm Book Fair 9-7:45	28 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-6pm Book Fair 9-5:45	29	30
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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 - 7:45pm** and **Thursday, March 28th from 3:30 - 5:45 pm**. **Online booking will open at 9:00am on Monday March 4, 2019 and closes Tuesday March 26th 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 **Monday and Tuesday March 25 and 26th from 8:30—3:30pm** **Wednesday, March 27 , from 4:00 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



TEACHER POTLUCK SUPPER
Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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/YTUE2143>

Please drop food items in the Staffroom by
4:30pm Wednesday, March 27, 2019



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.

April Hot Lunch Information

April hot lunch is here. Ordering will open March 1st and close March 28th. We have two new vendors in April joining our hot lunch program - Quizno's & local business ReFresh Food & Drink! As always orders must be placed and then paid for via PayPal on or before 11:59 pm March 28th to avoid order cancellation. Thank you for your continued support!

Future order dates

<u>Month</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
May	April 1st	April 25th
June	May 1st	May 30th

Spitzee School Council Corner

On Wednesday, February 13th School Council held their 5th meeting of the year. It's hard to believe that we only have three meetings left in the 2018/2019 school year. Time does fly when your having fun at Spitzee School. With only the one day after our meet came Valentines day and then council set up their annual table at the Heart to Heart Market on the February 15th. Another success as we sold every single candy bag. Thanks to the Fundraising team for shopping and filling up a total of 250 candy bags and thank you to Students and Parents for purchasing each and every one. Along with some cookie dough and our donated items for the draws we were able to empty our table and fundraise some additional funds to be used towards our playground. We can't help but admire the continued support from our Spitzee community and we look forward to our coming fundraisers remaining this year. Note the following upcoming fundraisers and watch for newsletters being sent home.

Panago Pizza Certificates: Start Date Feb 15 to March 1

Easter Purdy Chocolates: Start Date March 18 to April 8

We had an fun meet as we discussed the coming events to the school, as well as had the pleasure to sit down with the Acting Superintendent of FSD, Pam Rannali. Also joining us at our every meet is our Trustee, Jennifer Kristianson as she shares all news happening within Foothills School Division. These are often shared in our meeting minutes which are found at the front entrance bulletin, west entrance bulletin, and back east bulletin. Be sure to join our Facebook page at Spitzee Home and School so you don't miss out on the news posts and reminders as to what's coming up at Spitzee.

DID YOU KNOW.....

School Council Meetings are an hour to an hour and half each month in the Evening. This is a great way to get involved with your child's education. School Councils fundraise and donate the funds back to the school for various uses that have included literature material, sound system, computers and artistic materials and events.

Our next School Council Meet will be Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30pm. We welcome Parents and/or Guardians to students of Spitzee School to join in on all our meetings. Coffee and Tea available.

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.



OUTDOOR SPRING 2019 SOCCER:

Registration Opens: February 21, 2019 7:00am

Registration Closes: April 15, 2019 5:31pm

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 for More information.

Payment is available through the registration form with a credit card. Or by cash at the Town Registration round up on March 9th.

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

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

Foothills Ringette - Come Try Ringette

www.cometryringette.ca

Would you like to come and try the fastest game on ice?! Foothills Ringette is hosting a Come Try Ringette event. Get a chance to see what this game is all about! You will need skates, and a helmet, gloves. If you have a stick, great! If not we can supply you with one.

The event is free and will be held on March 2, 2019 at 5:30 at Piper arena in Okotoks. We ask skaters to have skates and an approved helmet. We will have some extra sticks at the event for skaters to use. It really is a fantastic sport - it teaches what team work is truly about. We invite students from across the Foothills area to come out! Please use the link to register!

<https://www.cometryringette.ca/event/foothills-ringette/?fbclid=IwAR2VWLWxyA47AFLBrDzHMTxPpiTDRH9NxsIZie3MTf94jcZwAkS2TnW33I>