

March, 2020

Message from Administration



Spitzee Elementary



March Madness: To many people “March Madness” refers to basketball playoffs but around Spitzee it seems that the craze refers to all things traffic. It starts away from the school where we have had at least 3 reports of people driving through the “STOP” flashers deployed on the school busses. On one occasion, the alert student and their grandmother stayed back, wary of the oncoming vehicle which did indeed drive on through the flashing lights.

Another area of concern is the Stop, Drop & Roll where frustrations have been growing and we are hearing about it in the office. The system works great when parents only drop off or pick up their children, however getting out of the vehicle to “quickly do something”, causes issues throughout the SD&R. If you know you have to get out to pick up a project or meet quickly with the teacher, please pull out of the line and park your vehicle. Thank you.

Finally, we want to remind families that the front of the school is ONLY for school buses from 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. Some vehicles have applied to transportation and our school for special permission to drop off students with medical or other special needs. Other day cares or visiting groups may also be using the bus drop off zone which extends the entire length of the front of Spitzee School. Due to this fact we ask that you either wait until the bus drop off is not in effect or park elsewhere on McLeod Trail. Jay walking is not only against traffic laws but is also dangerous when you are crossing between buses, who may not be able to see you due to the length of the bus. Also U Turns in the bus zone could result in fines handed out by local law enforcement.

No matter what area of the roads you are using, the rules and laws are there to protect everyone. We don't want anyone to be physically hurt and we don't want anyone to be witness to an accident. Be Safe!

P.A.T.H.S.: Working with Minds Matter, our school is beginning to work with the *PATHS*[®] curriculum from Pre K to Grade 5. “It is a comprehensive program for promoting emotional and social competencies and reducing aggression and behavior problems in elementary school-aged children. When we teach children through the use of both social and nonsocial neural systems, as achieved with the implementation of the *PATHS*[®] program, learning is easier, much more enjoyable, and far more effective. In other words, using the *PATHS*[®] curriculum, and thereby engaging both neural systems, is literally teaching the whole child.”

Important Dates: Well, Valentine's Day marked the 100th Day which means we are on the backside of the school calendar. You may think that our icy winter made for some slick action, it is nothing like the last 4 months of school. Activities in March: 11th – School Council / 13th – PD Day / 23rd – Learner Profiles go home / 23rd to 26th – Book Fair / 25th & 26th – Parent Student Teacher Interviews

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Online Book- ing for Par- ent Teacher interviews open at 9am	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 School Coun- cil Meeting 6:30	12	13 Non attend- ance Day for Students	14
15	16	17 Grade 3-5 to Joe Clark for Chris Hatfield 11:45	18 Jr. Kindergar- ten Open House 6:30pm	19	20	21
22	23 Learner profiles go home Book Fair 9-3:30	24 Book Fair 9-3:30	25 Book Fair 9—7:45pm Parent teach- er Interviews 3:30-7:45pm	26 Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-5:45pm Book Fair 9-5:45	27	28
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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 25th from 3:30 - 7:45pm and Thursday, March 26th from 3:30 - 5:45 pm. Online booking will open at 9:00am on Monday March 2, 2019 and closes Tuesday March 24th at Noon.



Spitzee's Spring Book Fair is from March 23-26 during Parent Teacher Interviews in the Learning Commons. Ms. Valgardson is looking for parent volunteers to help out during recesses 10:25-10:40am and 12:15-12:35pm that week. Any questions or volunteers can email valgardsonm@fsd38.ab.ca. Happy Reading!

Book fair times:

Monday, March 23—9-3:30
Tuesday, March 24—9—3:30
Wednesday, March 25 9—7:45
Thursday, March 26 9—5:45

TEACHER POTLUCK SUPPER Wednesday, March 25, 2020



Once again, Spitzee School Council is coordinating a potluck supper for Wednesday March 25th for the teachers. You can sign up at :

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/JXZJ0932>

Please drop food items in the Staffroom by 4:30pm Wednesday, March 25, 2020



Kindergarten Registration

Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to register their child now for the 2020-2021 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 2020 to be eligible to attend. Our registration is open. Please **visit this [link to register online](#)**.

For more information , please call 652-2376 or stop in at the school office anytime and see Mrs. Perceval or Mrs. LeRoux .



SPITZEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
**2020 - 2021
 JUNIOR
 KINDERGARTEN**

There is still space available in the Monday/Wednesday am & pm classes, Tuesday/Thursday pm or Monday/Wednesday all day. Your child must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2020 to be able to attend.

Please contact Mrs. Perceval or Mrs. LeRoux at the office for more details or to enroll.

April Hot Lunch Information

April hot lunch is here. Ordering will open March 1st and close March 27th. As always orders must be placed and then paid for on or before 11:59 pm March 27th 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 28th
June	May 1st	May 26th

School Council Update

What a fabulous Heart to Heart market we had. It was so nice to be able to participate & see how excited all the kids were to do some serious shopping. Thanks to everyone who stopped by our table. All 199 candy bags & the sucker pull were sold out within the hour. . Thanks to Tiny Feet Photography for the generous donation of a gift certificate & to the family who donated the flames tickets. Those tickets were a hot item! Congrats to the winners & thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket. We raised \$348.70 for our new playground. Wahoo!!!

It appears as if candy grams were a huge hit this year. We had a record amount of sales on those too. Our candy gram gals counted out a whopping 1549 candy grams by the end of the week. WOW, that is a lot of candy. Thanks to everyone who made this such a great success. . Once we finish rolling all that change we will have a total for you.

Playground committee is looking for some energetic & creative helpers. We have gone back to the designer to make some changes to up the WOW factor & make this new playground amazing! Stay tuned for new drawings & a display at the school. This is a big venture that will take lots of time & planning. We need parent & community involvement to make this a reality. If you are interested in joining our committee , have fundraising ideas or want to know more about this project please email council @ spitzeeCouncil@gmail.com.

Learner profiles & parent teacher interviews are on Mar.25 & 26th. Council is once again hosting a teacher appreciation potluck on Mar.25th. This is a great opportunity to give back to our hard working teachers. They rarely get the opportunity to come together as a team & enjoy a meal. If you can help out that would be muchly appreciated. Follow this link to sign up.

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/JXZJ0932>

Our next fundraiser has us feeling hungry ! We are trying something new & are selling perogies & Sausage.. MMMM & they are so delicious. What a great meal saver idea too. Forms came home recently & are due back to the school by Mar.9th. This gives you 2 weeks to share with your families & friends. **Pick up** will be on **Mar25th**. All orders **MUST** be picked up between 3-5pm. The reefer truck can only stay for so long. It will be parked at the back of the school . If you can not make this time please find a friend or alternate to pick up for you. The school has very limited freezer space.

All of our meetings are open to all parents/guardians of a child within Spitzee School. Feel free to come join us at our next meeting. Council is a great place to get involved in your child's education. Catch our daily/weekly updates on FB & instagram. **Next meeting** is scheduled for **Mar.11th @ 6:30**. Watch for our sign in the stop, drop & roll announcing the next meeting as well. Hope to see you there.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."



PEROGIE AND SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 24TH-MARCH 9TH

ORDERS MUST BE

PICKED UP AT

THE SCHOOL MARCH 25TH 3-5PM

Spitzee families,

We are very excited about this Perogie and Sausage fundraiser!!! All proceeds will go towards our new playground and school initiatives. Please return order forms no later than Monday March 9th with either cash or cheques made payable to Spitzee Home & School Association. All orders MUST be picked up on Wednesday March 25th between 3-5pm in the staff parking lot by the junior kindergarten doors. We appreciate your help and support,

Spitzee Fundraising team

SPITZEE SCHOOL

FUNDRAISING TEAM MEETING

MARCH 4TH 2-3PM

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*please
join us*



HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR NEEDED

This program needs you to keep operational. Do your kids love hotlunch? Do you want to help out our school but can't be there? Then this is the job for you. What an opportunity!!

-computer experience needed & a small time commitment to learn the system & get it set up-

TRAINING & SUPPORT AVAILABLE

MORE INFO AVAILABLE BY E-MAILING
SPITZEECOUNCIL@GMAIL.COM



**10 Year Celebration of the
Foothills Children's Wellness Network
PRESENTS - ALYSON SCHAFER**



HONEY, I WRECKED THE KIDS

Misbehaving children always make us question if we are parenting properly. We feel like we are messing up all the time! In this talk based on her best selling book, Alyson discusses why millennial children are a different kind of child from past generations and how to parent them effectively. Parents will learn:

- The conditions that have lead to our current parenting confusion
- The 4 misbehaviour "dances" we do with our children
- New effective discipline techniques to replace punishment and rewards.
- To feel more confident and positive about their parenting!

10 Year Celebration of the Foothills Children's Wellness Network
Medicine Tree Room at the Highwood Memorial Centre
March 5, 2020
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Free Event & Childcare available ages 2+
 To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/207EVng>

Alyson Schafer is a therapist, best selling author and internationally acclaimed parenting expert with an approach that empowers families to live as a democratic unit. Her style is fast, witty, warm and engaging. She is the resident expert on The Marilyn Denis Show, CanadaAM and a HuffPost Canada Parents contributor. She is an international speaker including the Inaugural TEDxKids in Brussels and offers free parenting tips at www.alysonschafer.com

