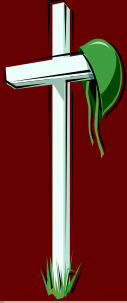


Message from Administration

November, 2017



Spitzee Elementary School

Welcome to November!

Autumn is continuing to hold off the snow but winter is just around the corner. As the mornings turn cool please remind your children to make sure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather. As a reminder it is our policy to continue to have outdoor recess as long as the temperature remains warmer than -20 Celsius. With that in mind please remind your children to wear their boots, toques, mittens and scarves to school each day.

Regular attendance at school plays a key role in student success. Recent studies show that elementary school students that miss 10% of the year struggle to learn to read and write at an appropriate rate. In addition chronic absenteeism interferes with student relationships and puts students at a disadvantage as new content is introduced. In order to support consistent attendance, classroom teachers may contact the parents of students that have missed 10% of the school year. The purpose of this contact is to gather determine the reason for missing school and, if necessary, to create a plan to support the student in getting here. Building strong attendance habits in elementary school will lead to success in high school, and later on in the work world. We thank you for all you do in getting our students from home to school each day.

Construction in and around our school grounds is starting to wrap up, as we move into November we will see MacLeod Trail opened to 6th St. This will allow for additional parking in the designated area along the south side of MacLeod. We want to sincerely thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we work through all of the changes this year.

One of the main goals of education is to help students connect what they are learning in the classroom to issues in their own community, province, country and around the world. One of the ways we try and do this at Spitzee School is through our UNESCO projects and initiatives. Ongoing projects include sending school supplies to the school in the remote northern community Kugaaruk and supporting a breakfast program in a small village just outside of Mexico City. At the local level our students have raised money and supplies to support Heaven Can Wait Animal Rescue Foundation. Our newest project is in support of the Boys and Girls Club of High River, though part of this project is about fundraising we want to stress to our students that we can

In addition to our academic work, many extracurricular programs are currently up and running. Students are participating in choir, dance club, and Lego club. Grade 5 flag football recently wrapped up, congratulations to the team and a big thank you to Mr. Olmsted for his coaching efforts.

School council held their second meeting of the year on October 18. The next school council meeting will be held on November 19th at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings and we encourage as many as possible to attend. School council meetings provide a great opportunity to have input into some of the decisions and initiatives that impact our school community.

Finally, our Remembrance Day assembly will be held on November 9 at 11 am. This ceremony is an important part of our school and community culture. For the students and staff of Spitzee School it is a time to reflect on what is truly important in our lives, and to give thanks to those who have sacrificed so much in order for us to live free and safe. Please feel free to join us in remembrance on November 9th.


Thank you again to everyone for all of your work in supporting our students in the classroom, the hallways, the playground and at home. Together we make Spitzee School a great place to be.

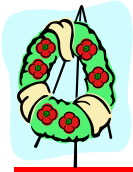
Sincerely,

Brooke MacNeill and Chase Ellis

November 2017

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|  <p>Bookfair Hours: November 20: 9:00– 3:45pm November 21: 9:00–3:45pm November 22: 9:00–7:45pm November 23: 9:00–5:45pm</p> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |
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| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 Purdy's orders to be picked up | |



Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on **Thursday, November 9th at 11 a.m.** in the gymnasium. We welcome any students involved in Guides, Cubs or Cadets to wear their uniforms on that day. If you would like to make a donation for a poppy, students can bring their change to the office any time before next Friday to receive a poppy. We invite you to join us at our ceremony for this special time of Remembrance

Notes from the Music Room

Grade 2,3,4 and 5 Choir



We have 80 students in our grade 2,3,4,5 this term. IT is terrific!. We will perform at the Remembrance Day assembly on November 9th and a Christmas concert in December. We are looking for 2 parent volunteers to help with choir t-shirts for these performances. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Misura at misuram@fsd38.ab.ca

Christmas Concert Help

Mrs. Misura and Miss Daisy are looking for a few parent volunteers to help paint sets, make props and organize costumes for our Christmas concerts this year. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Misura at misuram@fsd38.ab.ca

Parent-Teacher Conferences

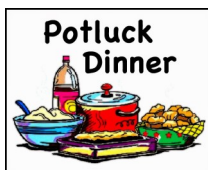
Conferences provide wonderful opportunities to strengthen communication between home and school. Parents and teachers can exchange information, celebrate successes and raise issues of concern.

Parent teacher conferences will be on **Wednesday, November 22nd from 3:30-7:45 pm and Thursday, November 24th from 3:30-5:45pm.** Report cards will be going home with students on Monday, November 20th. On line booking will open on Monday, November 6th at 9:00am and will close on Tuesday, November 21st at Noon. **Go to the Spitzee school website for the online booking link under the parents tab.**

TEACHER POTLUCK SUPPER

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Once again, Spitzee School Council is coordinating a potluck supper for Wednesday November 22 for the teachers. This is a late night for the teachers as they are here until 8:00pm. We have decided to try something new this year with an online potluck sign up. the link is:



www.PerfectPotluck.com/HPFV3537

Spitzee School Council Corner

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 and on behalf of Spitzee School Council we would like to wish all Students and Parents a Happy Fall and 2017/18 School year. We had our Election of Officers at the AGM and they are as follows,

Chair- Jamie-lea Tipton

Vice Chair-Ila Nagus

Treasurer- Jeanette Pentland

Secretary- Melanie Berry

We are ready to ignite ideas, goals and visions for the 2017/2018 school year. We have our three year plan in place and we will make it a success. We can't wait to be a part of this community of Parents, Teachers and Students.

Please note that Council Minutes will now be available for all Parents/Guardians review on Facebook, at the front door entrance bulletin board, at the west side door bulletin and the eastside back doors. Council Minutes provide you with Our Council discussions and plans. However, all Parents to Students at Spitzee School Elementary are welcome to attend School Council Meetings at their convenience. There you can provide us with feedback and support. You may also contact us by emailing Spitzeecouncil@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the Parents of Spitzee Elementary School. Your continued support with hot lunch, taking part in our monthly council meetings and your contribution to fundraising which is used to enhance student learning is very much appreciated.

Please note the School Council Meeting dates for the remaining of the 2017/2018.

Our Meetings have been moved to Wednesdays

November 15th

January 17th

February 8th(Thursday)

March 14th

April 18th

May 16th

Council dates are subject to change but you will be notified via Facebook or in the student agenda.

Much gratitude,

Spitzee School Council



Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser has started!

Please keep a look out for your booklet and order form from your child in the next couple days.

Orders can be done on the paper form inside your booklet or online at www.purdysgpp.com

Please create an account and find our fundraiser with our # 34578.

We will be running this fundraiser until November 16th. All orders will be available for pick up December 1st.

Thank you so much for supporting our Literacy Libraries and Jerseys for our athletic teams for our school!

Please direct any questions to :

spitzeecouncil@gmail.com



December Hot Lunch

December Hot Lunch is open for ordering and will close Thursday, November 23, 2017. Lunches for December will be Papa John's Pizza (1st & 15th), Hot Dogs (7th) and Chili (21st). All orders must be paid for via PayPal on or before the 23rd or the orders will be canceled. Thank you for your support!



Operation Christmas Child

Spitzee Elementary is excited to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year and we need your help. This program brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift filled shoeboxes. Since 1993, millions of shoeboxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. This year boxes will find their way to children in Central America, South America, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras and Venezuela. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas. If you are interested in helping Spitzee School bring Christmas to children around the world, empty shoeboxes can be attained from your child's homeroom teacher. We ask that families help to fill these boxes with small items for needy boys and girls. Please use the gift ideas located below. Please return your filled shoebox to your child's teacher no later than **November 9th**. We hope that this will be a special way to share with students the gift of giving.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewellery, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans



Our Book Fair runs Monday, **November 20** through **Thursday, November 23**. Book Fair hours are: Monday and Tuesday 9am - 3:45pm. Wednesday from 9am to 7:45pm and Thursday from 9am to 5:45pm.

Volunteers are needed. If you are able to donate an hour or two of your time to assist with book fair set up, assist customers with their selection, man the cash desk or help us pack up the fair, please call Myron Born at 652-2376. or email at bornm@fsd38.ab.ca



Christmas Break Dates

Students will be dismissed at 12:10 on Friday December 22

and will return on

Monday January 8th, 2018

Terry Fox

Thank you to everyone for participating in our Terry Fox Walk. We raised \$300.00 to donate to the cause!



Christmas Concert Dates

Tuesday December 5— Junior Kindergarten Concert
6:30pm

Thursday December 7— Kindergarten
6:30pm –7:00pm
Grade 1
7:15— 7:45pm

Tuesday December 12— grades 2 and grade 3
7:00pm

Thursday December 14— Grade 4 and Grade 5
7:00pm



Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school or late due to an appointment, could you please leave a message on the main office voicemail at 403-652-2376. This is the most efficient way for us to receive this important information.

If your student rides the bus and will not be riding please let the transportation



Event at the High River Library

Next week, the High River Library is celebrating International Games Week with the following programs: International Games Week Kids and families can come to the library from October 30 to November 4 for board games, video games, Minecraft, and life-size games like Jenga and Kerplunk. Game Creation Kids are welcome to create their own unique board game, interactive game, or video game concept on Wednesday, November 1 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. If you have any questions, you can email nathaliem@highriverlibrary.ca or call at 403-652-2917.



Castle Mountain Resort is pleased to offer your child a FREE 2017-2018 Season Pass

Welcome to the Castle Mountain Resort ATB SnowKids Next Door Program. Your child will receive a 2017-2018 Season Pass courtesy of Castle Mountain Resort and ATB Financial, for a nominal processing fee. The SnowKids Next Door Season Pass entitles your child to unlimited and unrestricted skiing or snowboarding for the entire winter season. **There are no blackout dates.** This offer is available to children within the boundary area, in **grades K to 6.**

The pass, valued at \$349, is available to your child attending SPITZEE for a \$15 administration fee, until **December 7th 2017.** After December 7th, the pass remains available, through to **January 31, 2018** for a \$25 administration fee. **SnowKids passes will not be made available after January 31, 2018.**

Upon pass pickup don't forget your SnowKids coupons! Enjoy discounts on tickets for accompanying adults, free hot chocolate, lesson discounts, and more.

To sign up for this program, please visit <http://www.skicastle.ca/snowkids/> and click on the "SIGN UP NOW" button at the bottom of the page.

SIGN UP NOW

Please use this log in exactly:
(CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE)

Group Name: SPITZEE

Password: SPIELE

Once you have registered online, you can stop by Castle Mountain Resort Guest Services starting Dec. 15th, during regular business hours, to get your picture taken and we'll give you your season pass and coupons.

This program would not be possible without the support and financial contribution of ATB Financial in Pincher Creek. If you have any questions or need any more information, please contact us using the info below.

Phone 403.627.5101 Toll Free 1.888.754.8667 info@skicastle.ca

ATB Financial
Where there's a way



How to Order School Day Photos from Lifetouch after the deadline date:

If you were unable to submit your fall school day photo order on/before the deadline date and want to order photos please do **ONE** the following:

Go online to www.mylifetouch.ca enter in your student's unique portrait ID and access code located on their proof sheet. Once in the website order from the various package and a la carte options.

Lost your Portrait ID and Access Code? Call 1.866.457.8212 and they will find the codes for you or you can order packages over the phone