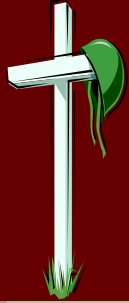


November, 2018



Spitzee Elementary School

Message from Administration

As we look back at the first couple of months we are deeply thankful for the support our students, staff, parents and families provide to our school community. The 2018/19 school year is moving full steam ahead and it is because of the effort and dedication of all involved.

We would like to extend huge congratulations to our grade 5 flag football team that brought home the Evans Cup at our recent year end tournament. The Evans Cup is awarded to the team that best exemplifies the qualities of teamwork, sportsmanship and dedication throughout the season. Great job to all of the football players as well as to the head coach Mr. Olmsted.

The safety of our students getting to and from school is of the utmost importance to all of us here at Spitzee. As the leaves fall and the air turns cool we understand that getting your kids to school can be more challenging. If students are walking to school please make sure that they are mindful of the extra time it might take to get into their winter clothes. If you are dropping your child off in the pick up/drop off loop please understand that this process can take a bit longer during the winter months. As always we ask that parents to not exit their vehicles while stopped in the loop. Please be advised that our grade 5's are out on patrols every day before and after school. We know this is very helpful, especially for our younger students, and appreciate parent support of this by being a role model and using the crosswalk when the patrol is on duty.

As we focus this year on increasing student understanding of their own learning we will continue to refine our assessment practice at the classroom level. Please ask your children about specific things they have learned at school and what feedback they received to help them improve their work. It is often helpful to ask about one specific subject area so that kids can be specific in recalling their learning.

Coming up in November we have a number of things happening here at Spitzee. We will have our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 9th starting at 10:45, all members of our school community are welcome to attend. Learner Profiles will be coming home with your children on November 19. Please look these over prior to Parent Teacher Interviews which take place on the evenings of November 21 and 22.

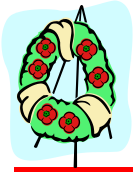
School council has held their annual general meeting and the executive is in place for this year. The next meeting is November 14 @6:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend, and we encourage as many parents as possible to get involved with school council.

Brooke MacNeill & Chase Ellis

November 2018

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Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on , **November 9th at 10:45a.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

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 21nd from 3:30-7:45 pm and Thursday, November 22th from 3:30-5:45pm.** Report cards will be going home with students on Monday, November 19th. On line booking will open on Monday, November 5th at 9:00am and will close on Tuesday, November 20th at Noon. **Go to the Spitzee school website for the online booking link under the parents tab.**

TEACHER POTLUCK SUPPER

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Once again, Spitzee School Council is coordinating a potluck supper for Wednesday November 21 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:

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/DLMQ6959>

Potluck
Dinner



Our Book Fair runs Monday, **November 19th through Thursday, November 22.** Book Fair hours are: Monday and Tuesday 8:30am - 3:30pm. Wednesday from 8:30am to 7:45pm and Thursday from 8:30am 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



Terry Fox

Thank you to everyone for participating in our Terry Fox Walk. We raised \$1464.00 to donate to the cause!

Spitzee School Council Corner

Spitzee School Council held the AGM(Annual General Meeting) on October 10th at 6:30. Executive positions were voted and the following members will be Tiegan Jamison and Tannis Zebedee as Playground Coordinators, Sharalynn Abild as Secretary, Jeanette Pentland as Treasurer, Ila Nagus as Co-Chair, and Jamie lea Tipton as Chair.

Thank you to all the parents who came to join us for this special evening.

What Is School Council?

School Council is an important forum which members of your school community can be a part of an advisory role in the school improvement planning. It consists of Parents or Guardians, a Principal, Teachers and elected members such as a Chair, Co-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. As well, a Fundraising Committee if applicable. **All Parents and/or Guardians are welcome to attend and do not need to hold a position to take part in Spitzee School Council** . School Council is a great way to be a part of your child's education.

What Does School Council Do?

School Council provides feedback to administration, monetary contributions for countless programs and initiatives while providing a significant voice for the culture and learning at Spitzee Elementary School.

When Is School Council Meetings?

At this time our meetings gather once monthly on a Wednesday evening around 6:30 pm but are subject to change with notice. Our meets will be posted on the facebook page and in the school newsletter. We have a great year of fundraising planned to get our Playground built so look out for notices being sent home with more information. Please follow us at Spitzee home and school facebook page. Any questions can be directed to Attn: Chair/Co-Chair @ spitzeecouncil@gmail.com

See you at our next School Council Meet, Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30

If anyone is interested in helping us fill these last two spots in our casino fundraiser please contact us!



↓ SPITZEE CASINO FUNDRAISER POSITIONS TO FILL

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29TH
10:00am-7:00pm
BANKER
CASHIER
6:30pm-3:30am
BANKER
CASHIER
-CHIP RUNNER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30TH
10:00am-7:00pm
-GENERAL MANAGER
BANKER
CHIP-RUNNER

IF YOU CAN HELP US PLEASE EMAIL
spitzeecouncil@gmail.com

!! Look out for the In-dey-go Cookie Dough Fundraiser that is coming up . We will be running it November 1st- November 13th with the delivery on November 21st. !!

Christmas Break Dates

Students will be dismissed at 12:10 on Friday December 21

and will return on

Monday January 7th, 2019



December Hot Lunch

Hot Lunch for December will open on November 1st and close on November 29th. December's offerings are Panago Pizza (7th), Mac & Cheese (13th) & Dairy Queen (20th). All orders must be paid for via PayPal on or before the due date to avoid cancelation. 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 6th**. We hope that this will be a special way to share with students the gift of giving. Also a donation of \$10.00 is appreciated to help with shipping costs.

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

OTHER

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; Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Spitzee School Fundraising 2018-2019

All fundraiser information sent home this year will be for our new playground build!

Please look at the agenda or order forms for the dates of the fundraisers. It will state how long they are running, when they are due back and when they will be delivered.

Our Fundraisers as of November are:

InDeyGo Cookie Dough- Due back November 13 & Pick up November 21
50/50 Draws at the Christmas Concerts in December
Candy Cane Grams- December before break
Panago Pizza- End of January-February
Heart to Heart Market Candy Bags- February 15th
Purdys Chocolate- April- Easter
Saskatoon Farm- May- Mothers Day
InDeyGo Beef Jerky- June- Fathers Day

They may or may not change slightly but will keep you updated.

This is a big task that requires your help! The kids are already looking forward to it 😊

Thank you everyone for all of your support that we get year after year. We couldn't do it with out your help!



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 transportation know



Our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc. (iA Financial Group).

If you are interested in more information on this or to sign up please go to the link below.

<https://www.fsd38.ab.ca//Kids%20Plus%20Accident%20Insurance.php>



Christmas Concert Dates

Tuesday December 4— Junior Kindergarten Concert
6:30pm

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

Tuesday December 11— grades 2 and grade 3
7:00pm

Thursday December 13— Grade 4 and Grade 5
7:00pm



WANT TO TRY CURLING?

Registration is still open

Come out and try one night of free curling
No equipment necessary

Ages: 8-10, Tuesdays 5-6pm

Ages: 11 and up, Wednesdays 5-6:30pm

Season costs:

1/2 season: \$135

Full season: \$205

Location:

North side of the Cargill Field House

If interested or have any questions, please contact:

Farol or D'Arcy Finlay
Farol: 403.336.3743
frf366@gmail.com
D'Arcy: 403.336.3664
darcyf101@gmail.com

www.highwoodcurling.com



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



Important Changes to Castle's SnowKids Program

While you may have heard about changes to Castle Mountain Resort's SnowKids program, back in the spring, we wanted to make sure that all parents, within our past participating schools, were aware of what's going on with the program.

In short, the SnowKids program has been absorbed into our regular children's season pass program which removes geographical restrictions, all while keeping the program open to all children ages 6 – 12. This enables more children to take advantage of the program, regardless of where they live.

The new sign up process is significantly more efficient for parents, since there is no longer a need for a special school code. Parents can simply visit <http://www.skicastle.ca/passes/> to purchase passes for any member of their family or, if desired, call one of our guest services representatives at 888-SKI-TONS or 403-627-5101 for assistance.

Children's / SnowKids passes are also now eligible to be included as part of a family pass. An example of how buying a family pass can be hugely beneficial is that a family pass with one adult and 2 children / SnowKids is actually less expensive than buying a single adult pass.

The team at Castle Mountain Resort is always looking for new and creative ways to keep children and their families engaged in skiing / snowboarding and we're excited about the positive feedback we've received on this change so far.

Our deadline for a \$49 Child / SnowKid pass is extended to November 15th, 2018.

All the best,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Cole Fawcett", is written over a light blue scribbled background.

Cole Fawcett
Sales & Marketing Manager
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