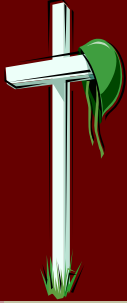


Message from Administration

November, 2019



Spitzee Elementary School

Well, the voting is done and the ballots counted . . . no, no, no, we are not talking about the federal election . . . we are talking about the retaining or renaming of our school mascot. Moving forward, we will be known as the EAGLES! Over 2/3 of the votes were in favour of the Eagles. Thanks to everyone for their input online, at the dance and in the classroom voting. It was great to have parent engagement, student engagement and staff engagement in this process.

Congratulations to our Flag Football team who competed well in all of their games . The students had fun, learned about sportsmanship and about the great game of Flag Football. This sport has a long history in FSD schools. Thanks to Mr. Olmsted for all of his extra hours on the field as well as to the other teachers who helped to cover his schedule when he was coaching. Also, we loved the engagement of the parents and other fans who showed up to cheer us on. Thank you for making this a great season!

Thanks to our teachers and students who are working on many of the extra “events / programs” that make school that much more fun and a safe place to be. Our drumming circles are up and running and besides hearing the fun names of the groups as they are called down to play, we know the importance of drumming when it comes to Leadership, Team Building and Mental Health wellbeing. We also see the students and staff hard at work preparing their lines for the Remembrance Day program and dare we say “Christmas Concert”? Yup, we are slowly starting to gear up for this seasonal extravaganza!

Congratulations go out to Cody Zebedee on Chief. He and fire fighter Shawn Noble the Gr 3's with their science / math work. Nah . . . that's not near as much fun as tended ladder truck! You want to see kids it messy! Great work Mrs. King and also a did all of the running around loading pumpkins and getting Mr. Noble in position. We love the many ways that parents can support the learning that happens at school.



becoming High River's new Fire arrived in the ladder truck to help Is it Tables? Is it Numeracy? dropping pumpkins from the engaged in their learning . . . make big thanks to Chief Zebedee who

Speaking of learning, Learner Profiles (LP) will be coming out in Mid-November. You will note a change on the front page of the LP as the FSD has moved away from Characteristics of a Responsible Learner (CORL) to Competencies for Successful Learners. There are more details in this month's newsletter but for the most part, they are similar to the CORL's, however they are assessed a bit differently. Student learning in developmental and incremental. As adults, if we look at ourselves on a daily basis, we are never consistently competent in all areas of our lives. As a child, depending on where they are in their development, they may *not yet* be there. This area of assessment is much more positive vs. the “rarely” component that used to be found on the old scale. Please read the information on the competency based approach for learning and if you have questions feel free to speak with your classroom teacher or Admin.

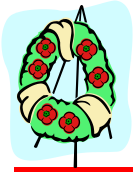
Last thing . . . we need parents to help out on the Spitze School Council! First and foremost, we need a strong Executive to help run and organize great events such as the dance, Make It Night and other various fundraisers but equally important, we have some big projects that need support, expertise and direction on. We have formed a Playground Committee to aggressively get a new community playground installed for the spring of 2021! We are looking for those individuals who know how to write grants, who can gather and engage community resources including donors, sponsors, labourers, etc. Our next School Council will be Wednesday November 13 at 6:30 p.m. You and a friend need to be there to “get things done!”

Keller

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much – Helen Keller

November 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p style="text-align: center;">BookFair</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday November 18 –8:30am –3:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday November 19—8:30am—3:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday November 20—8:30am—7:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday November 21—8:30 am—5:45pm</p>				1	2
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	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Remembrance Day</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">NO SCHOOL</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">School Council Meeting 6:30</p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<p>Learner Profiles go home</p> <p>Bookfair 8:30—3:45</p>	<p>Bookfair 8:30-3:45</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30-7:45</p> <p>Book Fair 8:30 –7:45</p>	<p>Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30—5:45</p> <p>Book fair 8:30—5:45</p>	<p>Non Attend- ance Day for Students</p>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Remembrance Day Assembly

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on , **November 8th 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 20th from 3:30-7:45 pm and Thursday, November 21st 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.**

Our Book Fair runs Monday, **November 18th through Thursday, November 21** 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 Mikaela Valgardson at 652-2376. or email at

valgardsonm@fsd38.ab.ca



News from the Learning Commons



Thanks again to all who participated in our Learning Commons Fundraiser this year. It was a great success!

School Council News ?? DID YOU KNOW ??



Have you ever wondered what school council is all about?
Have you considered attending a meeting but aren't sure if you can?
Do you have great ideas to share?

What we do & have done

We are a group of parents that advise the Principal & school board on educational matters
It is a great place to connect with other parents, build relationships & have your voice heard

We operate a Good Food box program for all kids, so they are never hungry at school
We run the hot lunch program

Help support sports day with watermelon & treats

We fundraise for many items within the school such as:

Math & language arts program materials, macbooks, tablets, sound system
music programs & instruments, bussing expenses for field trips, library etc

We run a casino every 3 years for funds such as a new TV in lobby & new technology

We support the school patrol program

Promote sense of school community through special baking days & dance

Promote school pride with a new school logo & clothing

We organize teacher potlucks on PT interview night

fun teacher appreciation days

Support unesco initiative- sell candy bags at heart to heart market

Help build a new playground !!!



WE NEED YOU



We are looking for new parents to come on out & see what council is all about.
Without more parent involvement we are at risk of losing some very valuable pieces within
your child's school. Our meetings are open to all parents/guardians. You do not need to have
an elected position to attend & there is no pressure to take on a role. We would love to meet
you, to hear your good ideas & have your help to support our awesome school.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. Nov 13@6:30



TEACHER POTLUCK SUPPER

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Once again, Spitzee School Council is coordinating a potluck supper for Wednesday November 20 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/VIMV9926](https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/VIMV9926)

Dear Foothills Families

We are updating our student Learner Profile to align with Alberta Education. You will notice that the first page of our Learner Profile reports on **Competencies for Successful Learners**.

These are designed to represent the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required to be successful in school, life, and work. They are intended to give you an overall snapshot of your child’s development towards an independent, confident, and responsible citizen.

It is our hope that these competencies will also provide students with clear and consistent language to monitor their own progress and work with their teacher to grow and develop the skills of a successful learner.

Please note that the academic grades and comments sections of the Learner Profile will remain unchanged.

If you have any questions about this change or any other concerns regarding your child’s education, please contact your child’s school.

Competencies for Successful Learners				
<p><i>Competencies are knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to be successful in school, life, and work. The following indicators are outlined by Alberta Education and give you an overall snapshot of the development of your child’s development towards an independent, confident, and responsible citizen.</i></p>				
Reporting Key	Not Yet Your child demonstrates this competency infrequently.	Sometimes Your child demonstrates this competency more often than not.	Consistently Your child demonstrates this competency almost always.	
Concept	Indicators	Report 1	Report 2	Report 3
I am a Lifelong Learner who...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sets goals, follows through, and reflects on learning • Plans and manages learning time, space, and materials • Takes responsibility for behaviour and choices • Is resilient, flexible, and optimistic • Focuses on strengths, while improving the areas needed to achieve personal excellence 			
I am a Communicator who...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates respect, empathy, and responsibility when communicating with others • Considers audience, context, and intended message to communicate effectively in a variety of situations • Uses both verbal and non-verbal communication effectively to send and receive ideas or information 			
I am a Collaborator who...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respects and supports others in group settings • Shares responsibilities, works towards common goals, and contributes positively to the group • Nurtures effective working relationships: compromises by considering and integrating ideas of others to move the group forward, and acknowledges the contributions of others • Seeks to build shared understanding and learns from others ideas and perspectives 			
I am a Global Citizen who...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes choices and advocates for well-being of self and others in various contexts including digital spaces, community, school, and world • Acknowledges and respects diversity and different perspectives • Has the mindset, "I can make a difference" 			
I am an Innovative Problem Solver who...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Values honesty, fairness, and open-mindedness • Analyzes situations, chunks problems into smaller parts, and creates a plan of action • Takes initiative and perseveres when taking action • Evaluates and reflects on possible options and their consequences • Uses independent and collaborative problem-solving approaches to improve relationships 			



December Hot Lunch

Ordering for December hot lunch opens on Friday November 1 and closes on Friday November 22. This month's hot lunches are: December 6, Taco in a bag, December 12, pizza from Picasso's and Hotdogs on December 19. NO late orders will be accepted.



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 15th**. 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

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 department know at 403-652-6547



Christmas Concert Dates

**Tuesday December 3— Junior Kindergarten
Concert
6:30pm**

**Thursday December 5— Kindergarten
6:30pm –7:00pm
Grade 1
7:15— 7:45pm**

**Tuesday December 10— grades 2 and grade 3
7:00pm**

**Thursday December 12— Grade 4 and Grade 5
7:00pm**



Terry Fox

Thank you to everyone for participating in our Terry Fox Walk. We raised \$1563.30 to donate to the cause!

Christmas Break Dates

***Students will be dismissed at
12:10 on Friday December 20
and will return on
Monday January 6th, 2020***



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

Did you know...



**One water bottle
filled with dimes =
\$100!**

**PLEASE SEND IN
YOUR DIMES TO
SCHOOL TO HELP
FUNDRAISE FOR
OUR NEW
PLAYGROUND**

**The first 5 classes
to fill their bottle
wins an ice cream
party!**



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3D Printing



Science Experiments



Over 3 Saturdays in November 2019, design solutions to help Jack and Annie rescue a lost scroll from the ancient city of Pompeii

Dates: November 16, 23, and 30th

Time: 1:30PM – 3:30PM

Book: "Vacation Under the Volcano" by Mary Pope Osborne

Ages: 9 - 13yrs

Fee: \$30

Location: High River Library

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

www.brainstemalliance.com

Register online at highriverlibrary.ca

OR call the Library at 403-652-2917



Tasty Treats

Design, Build, Test, Repeat!

