

Message from Administration



The first month of school is officially in the books! September saw a busy but successful startup as swim suits and sunscreen were traded in for note books and pencil crayons, and students and teachers alike dove back into the routines of school here at Spitzee.

We would like to thank all of our students, staff and families for helping make the beginning of the new school year such a success. We know that the abrupt shift in lifestyle from summer to school can feel quite abrupt, especially when you have to manage this shift in the midst of changing pick up and drop off locations, every changing parking situations and slightly delayed bus routes. Throughout these challenges our students, staff and families have responded with flexibility and grace. We truly appreciate your understanding as these improvements are completed in and around our school.

Aside from construction September was an exciting month here at Spitzee School. We began the year by kicking off our UNESCO initiatives, our work this year will be to continue to support the northern community of Kugaaruk by sending them school supplies and resources. We have also committed a number of our fundraising dollars both locally (Heaven Can Wait) and internationally (La Estacion, lunch program in Mexico). Other exciting events around Spitzee include the startup of our grade 5 flag football team as well as our drumming program. Also of interest, the first school council meeting took place on September 20, please note the next meeting will take place at 6:30pm on October 18, all are welcome to attend.

As many have seen our grade 5 patrol teams have been trained and are now working at the crosswalks. Please remind your children be sure to use the patrolled crosswalks to ensure they get across some of our busy intersections safely.

Throughout all of the busyness of the start of the year our staff have remained laser focused on providing the highest of quality education for our students. Staff learning throughout the beginning of the school year has been concentrated on two main goals; first, creating a safe and caring learning environment by developing Social Emotional Learning competencies in our students. Secondly our staff are working on providing effective feedback to students in order to improve their work and deepen their understanding in all subject areas. As we move through the school year please be sure to ask your child about the feedback they are receiving from their teacher.

Again, thank you all for making the start of the 2017-18 such a success. With one month already passed we are truly excited for what's to come.

Brooke MacNeill and Chase Ellis

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Flag Football Game Spitzee @ Turner Valley 	4	5 Flag Football Game Big Rock @ Spitzee 	6 Non Attendance Day for students	7
8	9 Thanksgiving No School 	10	11	12 Flag Football Game Spitzee @ Percy Pegler 	13 UNESCO Assembly 2pm 	14
15	16	17	18 School Council AGM 6:30pm	19 Flag Football Tournament @ Foothills Comp. 	20 Non Attendance Day for students	21
22	23	24	25 Picture Retake day 	26	27 Purdy's Fundraiser Starts 	28
29	30	31 Halloween Dressup in Afternoon 				



Halloween @ Spitzee School

Spitzee School is celebrating Halloween on October 31st. Students are invited to wear their costumes on Halloween. To help make this celebration successful the following guidelines will be used:

Costumes will be put on **AFTER** Lunch Recess.

Students should be able to put their own costume on.

Students must be able to sit, walk, breathe, see and hear in the costume. Shoes must be worn with costumes.

Costumes must not be of a scary, gory or adult themed nature.

Facepaint and makeup may not be worn as there isn't time for students to put it on during the day.

Costumes cannot be associated with drugs, alcohol or weapons in any way.

No 'props' such as swords, wands, guns, knives, etc.

Events happening in each class will vary. Teachers will provide information to their class about Halloween Afternoon.

Kindergarten NEWS

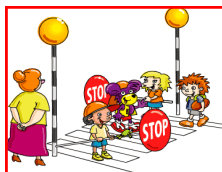
Our kindergarten classes will be visiting the Firehall in October and November to learn about fire safety and meet some of our local firefighters. They will also be going to the hospital on Halloween to show the residents their costumes! The residents love it when our students come for a visit!



Spitzee School Council Annual General Meeting

Wednesday October 18 at 6:30pm in the Staffroom

Everyone is Welcome



Parents

Please cross with our patrollers—they are there for **everyone's** safety. Please watch the yellow line when you are parking.

ORDER UP

**Hot Lunch Ordering for
NOVEMBER**

Hot Lunch ordering for November will open on October 1st and close October 26th. November's lunches include Papa John's Pizza (Nov 3 & 17), Hot Dogs (Nov 9) & Booster Juice (Nov 24). As the system is automated no late orders can be accepted. Payment must be made by PayPal on or before the cutoff date or your order will be canceled. Thank you for your support!

SPITZEE SCHOOL MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Let's help our school raise money for

Our School Learning Commons

CHECK OUT OUR NEW PRODUCTS ONLINE @ WWW.QSP.CA

ANY ITEM PURCHASED ONLINE WILL GIVE YOUR **SCHOOL PROFITS**

GIFTS, CHOCOLATES, PHOTO BOOKS, BULBS AND MORE...



Collect payment with orders.
Cash, Cheques or Credit Card
Cheques Payable to:
Spitzee School



Sale starts:
TODAY!
Sale ends:
OCTOBER 11TH



Our goal is for each student to sell 5 or more items!

Shop Online. Spread the Word.

GO TO WWW.QSP.CA

YES! Online sales count toward prizes!

CLICK "SHOP NOW" and
ENTER ONLINE ID
3694882



Just a Few of the Top Selling Titles...hundreds more online or in the brochure

Sports Illustrated
50 Issues - \$56
Code # 1730



Chirp
10 Issues - \$39
Code # 5374



Reader's Digest
10 Issues - \$32
Code # F800



Canadian Living
24 Issues - \$47
Code #F794



Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

All Orders must be in by Friday November 17, 2017

Order pick up date: Thursday November 30

****PLEASE NOTE THAT ONE OF THE ORDER FORMS INCLUDES GST AND ONE YOU NEED TO ADD IT IN AT THE TOTAL.****

Please direct any questions to :
spitzeecouncil@gmail.com



*A reminder to our families that at this time, the Anglican Church parking lot is for church parking only. We ask that you please respect their wishes and not park in their lot. Also please be careful not to park in front of our neighbours driveways. You are still welcome to park in the lot at the Christian Reformed Church parking lot but please **DO NOT** park on the grass. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.*

High River Minor Soccer is offering indoor soccer for the following age groups:

U12/14

Mondays (in the Ecole Senator Riley School gym)

6:45 – 8:15 pm

October 16th to December 18th

U8/U10

Wednesdays (in the Ecole Senator Riley School gym)

6:45-7:45 pm

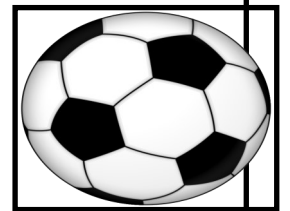
October 18th to December 20th

Fee is \$75 per player

Shin pads, socks and a pair of indoor runners are mandatory.

Please sign up at www.highriverminor.com starting on October 1.

Thanks



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Project

READesign

"Engineer Your Story"

Based on the Novel Engineering program by Tufts University: participants design, build, and test prototype devices to solve problems for a story book character.

Fall 2017 Program

Saturdays: November 4, 18, 25, & December 2

Time: 1 – 3:30PM

Ages: 10-14yrs

Fee: \$50

Location: High River Library

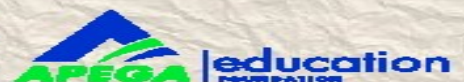
Instructor: Gillian Hurst, P. Eng

E-mail: program@highriverlibrary.ca / Call: 403-652-2917 to register



High River Library

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September 29, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In partnership with Bow River Regional Collaborative Service Delivery we are working together to support children/youth, families and staff in our school.

This year, members of the School-Linked Team will be visiting our school regularly. This Team may include:

- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Mental Health supports
- Other supports as required.

The School Linked Team will visit classrooms and work alongside teaching staff to plan and support all learners. The school will contact you, followed by a call from a member of this Team, if **any follow-up is required for your child**. If specific services are required your consent will be obtained prior to your child being seen the recommended supports.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 403-652-2376.

Sincerely,

Brooke MacNeill
Principal

Darcy Koberinski
Learning Coach



"We All Belong"

