

Message from Administration

October, 2019



Spitzee Elementary

Wow! What an awesome start to the 2019 2020 school year! It is great to have this group of students in our building showing off their smiles, giving high 5's and creating such a positive vibe which makes Spitzee such a great place to want to be for students and staff.

The year kicked off with our annual pancake breakfast and once again we would like to thank the High River Pickleball club as well as the other volunteers for coming out and helping with the setup, cooking and serving of the sausages and pancakes. Without community and parental involvement, we could not successfully do as many things as we do which makes school an even more enjoyable place to be.

There are already a number of school activities that are under way and the kids and staff are busy getting those programs going. The patrollers have done their training and are out with staff, making sure that everyone is safe crossing our busy streets. Mr. Olmsted has kicked off flag football, winning our first game vs. Longview and looking forward to some exciting games against C Ian McLaren, Turner Valley and Senator Riley. Practices are held at lunch time but if you were able to help out Mr. O and the Gr. 5's, please send him a note. Mrs. Misura Drumming Program is also underway with a number of students involved in that and finally the milk program is running to ensure that students have great opportunities to add more healthy choices to their lunch.

School Council happens the second Wednesday of each month. The first SC Mtg. took place on September 11th and plans for fundraising as well as other opportunities to support the work that staff and students do at Spitzee were discussed. One of the points that came forward at the meeting was whether we should remain the STARS or should we change our mascot? Looking at the history of our school, are there other "things" that we could/should "rebrand" to? Look for more information in the coming weeks. Finally, School Council is hosting a Family Dance on Thursday October 10th from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a great opportunity to show your parental involvement in the school and have some fun! **Don't forget, the next School Council meeting is Wednesday October 9th at 6:30 p.m. Come out and bring a friend.** It is the AGM but you can still attend without being "voted in" to a position. Many hands make light work.

Also, Spitzee is getting SWAG! We are in the process of setting up a link to order SPITZEE CLOTHING. (Hoodies, T-shirts, Shorts, Coats, Toques, etc.) Hopefully we will have some samples ready for the Family Dance. A portion of each order will go towards new playground equipment. Thanks to Diamond Embroidery for making this plan come to fruition.

Finally, we have set out three goals for our Education Plan this year. #1 Engage students with a focus on numeracy and literacy #2 Foster a safe, healthy and inclusive environment for all students and #3 Foster relationships with our community stakeholders to improve learning and reduce anxiety for students. Using the data collected through student and family surveys, we will continue to use the information to better our programming and plan our next steps. Until next month . . .










Brooke MacNeill

Principal

Bill Holmes

Vice Principal

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Inspire Kindness fundraiser kick off	4	5
				Football game here vs C Ian McLaren 		
6	7	8 Football game at Senator Riley 	9	10 Fall Family Dance 6-8pm 	11 Non Attendance Day for students	12
13	14 Thanksgiving No School 	15	16 School Council AGM 6:30pm	17 Football game here vs Turner Valley 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Football Tournament at FCHS 	25 Picture Retake day 	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Dressup in Afternoon 		

Library Fundraiser

The Inspire Kindness Cool Cards Fundraiser will start on October 3 till October 17. Each family will have one box of cards sent home with the oldest child as well as order forms with every child. Boxes are \$40 for 35 cards. If families are not participating please send back the box in good condition. More details will be sent out in a letter to parents next week.

ORDER UP

Hot Lunch Ordering for
NOVEMBER

Hot Lunch ordering for November will open on October 1st and close October 31st . As the system is automated no late orders can be accepted. Payment must be made on or before the cutoff date or your order will be canceled. Thank you for your support!

Spitzee School Council Annual General Meeting

Wednesday October 16 at 6:30pm in the Staffroom



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.

Spitzee Elementary School

Fall Family DANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Local DJ
Charlie
Brown**

FUN!

**Lets
Move!**

Music

**Free
Admission**

A Spitzee Family Event.
Children are to be accompanied by an adult



Spitzee School Council News

We would like to officially welcome back students, staff & families. Thank you to everyone who came to the 1st day pancake breakfast & to those who stopped by councils info table. Congrats to the lucky families who won their school fees & a prepaid milk card for their student in our door prize draws. We had a very successful 1st meeting on Sept 11. Our AGM is on Oct 16th. At this meeting we elect new members into any open positions & announce returning members. All of our meetings are open to everyone that has a student within the school. Come on out to see what is happening within our school & share your ideas with us.

School council is hosting a family fun dance on Oct 10 from 6-8pm . What a great way to meet & mingle with past friends & make new ones. Hope to see you & your kids on the dance floor having a blast. This is just the beginning of the fun things we have planned to build up school spirit. Stay tuned!!!

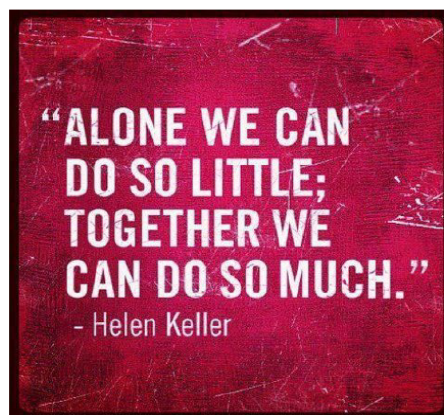
Our hot lunch program has kicked off with another great menu. Welcome to our new coordinators, Jill Truscott & Kylie Sigglekow. If you would like to volunteer with a hot lunch please select the volunteer button upon ordering. It is a great way to get to know new parents & help out our students.

Ordering link:<http://spitzee.hotlunches.net/>

Fundraisers are being thoughtfully planned & hope to have some interesting new ways to raise money. This year we are brainstorming ways to get the students involved with our fundraising. By doing this we hope to get them excited & feel apart of the proposed new playground.

If you have any ideas you would like to share with us, talents to share, questions to ask or concerns to be heard please email council at : spitzeecouncil@gmail.com
Hope to see you around the school & at our meetings.

Next meeting Oct 16th @ 6:30



SPITZEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOT LUNCH ORDERING

As we get ready for another exciting year at school, it is also time to get the Hot Lunch Program up and running. We will be doing online ordering for all orders to ensure accuracy with the orders and to make the process as easy for everyone as possible.

Here's how to get started...

Go to **spitzee.hotlunches.net**

Click on "Click Here to Register"

Enter Access Code **SHL**

Complete the rest of the registration form. (Including your email address will ensure you receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week)

Click the "**Register Now**" button at the bottom

Follow the instructions to add each child in your family who attends Spitzee. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"

Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)

Bambora:

We only accept hot lunch order payments through Bambora (www.bambora.com/en/ca/). **No cheque or cash payments will be accepted at any time.**

You can pay with a credit card directly within the Hot Lunches website (Visa, Mastercard or Amex).

The hot lunch online order system requires a small amount of setup time at the beginning as you must register each child you have attending our school prior to ordering hot lunch. Once the initial setup process is complete, your hot lunch orders for the remainder of the year should be quick and simple.

****Please Note:** Should you experience any issues with your Bambora account, you must contact Bambora directly to solve the issue.

Hot lunch order opening and cut off dates for 2019-2020

<u>Month</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
November	October 1st	October 31th
December	November 1st	November 22nd
January	December 1st	December 27th
February	January 1st	January 27th
March	February 1st	February 27th
April	March 1st	March 27th
May	April 1st	April 28th
June	May 1st	May 26th

Look for our fundraiser coming soon!

IT WILL START OCTOBER 15TH AND ORDERS WILL BE
DUE OCTOBER 29TH.

WITH THE DELIVERY THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1ST, 2019



Thank you for helping us
fundraise for our new playground