

## Spitzee Elementary School

*"Home of the Eagles"*

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Hi Parents/Guardians & Students;

We are writing to you today to talk about our new playground. You may have heard that Spitzee is in need of a new playground. This project is led by the Playground Committee and School Council with support from school staff and the Foothills School Division. Our current playground structures have well exceeded their life span. Our existing play structure is very old, damaged parts are being removed and it is no longer able to support the needs of our students. The school population has also outgrown the existing structures.

We have a two-phase approach to this big project. Phase 1 is a new structure to replace the piece nearest the hospital and replace the existing swings. The new swings will be situated between the small playground and large playground structures, just southeast of the basketball courts. Phase 2 consists of landscaping and construction of an outdoor classroom complete with replica dinosaur bones to climb and learn on.

Our budget for this project is projected at about \$240,000. We have been fundraising for this over the past few years and although we have some money, we still need lots more. With many product fundraisers we receive a small percentage of the profit. As well, these product fundraisers need quite a few volunteers. Due to COVID, these fundraisers are limited.

While we are actively looking for grants & corporate donations, we are asking families to consider donating to this project directly. Perhaps your kid(s) want to collect bottles or save their allowance money and donate it. Every dollar raised is matched by a grant. Here's how you can donate:

1. e-transfer any amount, big or small to [spitzeecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:spitzeecouncil@gmail.com).
2. Drop off your donation directly to our Playground Account at Servus Credit Union in High River
3. Write a cheque for any amount over \$100 and receive a tax receipt.
  - a. Cheques MUST be payable to: **Foothills School Division**.

In the memo please write **Spitzee Playground**.

**All donations over \$350 will be recognized with your name being displayed on our playground sign.**

Building this new playground and outdoor learning space will not only benefit Spitzee kids but the entire community. It will provide a safe, exciting and welcoming place for our community families to be active and healthy.



*"We All Belong"*



If you have any fundraising ideas, have connections to a service club or group that may want to help or know of any grants please contact us at [spitzeecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:spitzeecouncil@gmail.com). Many hands make light work!

Sincerely:

Playground committee  
Ila Nagus, Alison Brown, Tiegan Jamison, Tricia Swallow, Michelle Smith, Mr. Bill Holmes



*This is a conceptual draft of the proposed playground.  
There may be some small changes as our fundraising program moves forward.*