

# Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #2 September 15, 2023



## Message From Principal

A big thank you for helping us through our school startup. Your support and patience was very much appreciated and I believe we are off to a great start. It was wonderful to see so many for our Open House this past week, thanks for coming. We're excited to work together to make education better, and we couldn't do it without you.

There are a few forms and information items we need you to be aware. Please check your child's back for the forms, please fill out/update and send back to the school.

Thanks for being a part of our Springwood Community.

## Forms

All students have been given a lot of information in the first few weeks of school, including very important forms that need to be completed and signed by the legal guardian/parent. Please complete and return the following forms to your students classroom teacher as soon as possible:

1. Student Verification Forms (Gold Paper)

2. Annual Update - Emergency Release and Health Information (Purple Paper).

Thank you

## Terry Fox Run – Sept 22nd

### Terry Fox Day

We will be promoting our Terry Fox run and encourage our community to give donations during the days leading to our run. Our Terry Fox run will be occurring on **Friday, Sept. 22th at 12:45-1:30 pm**. Please contact the office if you want to assist on the run or counting donations.

## CSL – Communicating Student Learning

Communicating Student Learning  
Information for Parents and Caregivers

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/english-communicating-student-learning-information-for-parents-and-caregivers-package.pdf>

## Bell Schedule

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5 min warning Bell - 8:47 am

School in Session - 8:54 am

Lunch Bell - kids go outside - 11:50 am

Lunch Bell - kids come inside - 12:25 pm

Afternoon Recess - kids go outside - 1:25 pm

Afternoon Recess - kids come inside - 1:45 pm

Dismissal Bell - 2:45 pm

Outside Supervision Ends - 3:00 pm

Office Hours - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

## SES Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear is back in full force! Every Friday staff and students show their school spirit by wearing their Springwood gear.

T-Shirts \$22.00

Hoodies \$35.00

Hats \$30.00

Toques \$22.00



Please see the front office for purchase. Cash or Cheque accepted.

If you would like to use the online option, please contact Candice in the front office.

**Candice Nikirk**  
**School Accounts Secretary**  
**Springwood Elementary**  
**250-248-2038**

## **National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – September 30th**

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and the ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.



## **PHOTO Day – Friday October 13th, 2023**

PHOTO DAY - Big Smiles!!!

Get ready to say 'cheese'! Individual student photos will take place Friday, October 13th, 2023.



## **Family Accident Reimbursement Plan – Voluntary Insurance**

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The Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) provides information for families to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through iA Financial Group, which is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family.

The plan can supplement costs not covered by your provincial health insurance or existing employer extended health and dental plans. Regardless of the size of your family, all eligible family members can be insured under one set monthly rate.

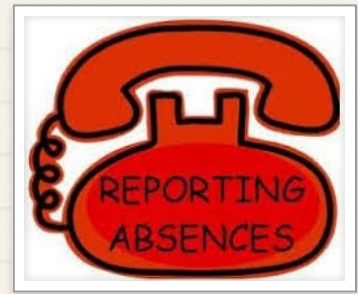
For more information or to apply online, please visit

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

## **Student Absences – Safe Arrival**

*Dear School Families,*

*School District 69 is launching the SafeArrival component of the SchoolMessenger tool. This is a tool that provides multiple ways for parents to report absences when their child will be away and also speeds the process of reaching out to parents when a child is not at school. Please see the attached letter for details.*



*In the attached letter you will see that parents have three ways of reporting an absence, regardless of which option you choose, you will need to use the contact information that you have provided to the school. Using the app or website will require you to create an account with your email address. Please use the email that the school has on file for you (the one you that is receiving this message). If you choose to use the phone system to report an absence you will be asked to provide the phone number the school has on file for you in order to use the system. This information is what connects you to your child/children in the system.*

*You can continue to report absences by calling the school at 250-248-2038 but we are strongly encouraging families to use the SchoolMessenger app, website.*

*Thank you*

*See the attached PDF with instructions.*



Safe Arrival Letter.pdf

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## **Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Events**

Please see attached posters.



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PGZParksvilleFall2023.pdf

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## **FREE Books for Preschoolers!**

See attached poster.



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## BC Youth Rocks – Try Curling

DROP IN CURLING ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH FREE FOR ANYONE OVER 8 YEARS OF AGE. COACHES, SUPERVISIONS, SAFETY CONCERNS ARE IN PLACE. DROP IN FROM 1-4PM - SEVERAL OTHER YOUTH PROGRAM OFFERINGS

See attached Poster




BC Youth Rocks - Try Curling.pdf

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## Parksville Fire Department Open House – Oct 15th



Parksville FD Open House - Oct 15.pdf

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## Fundraiser for the District 69 Backpack Program

88.5 The Beach and The Lounge 99.9 are holding a fundraiser for the District 69 Backpack Program <https://www.district69backpackprogram.com/> on Friday, September 22nd 6am – 9:45 in the parking area of the Qualicum Commons. Your donation would be greatly appreciated to help those families in our community facing food insecurities (Cash, cheque – made out to School District 69 (Qualicum), or e-transfer only please).



DISTRICT 69  
BACKPACK  
PROGRAM



## 88.5 The Beach & The Lounge 99.9 Fundraiser for the District 69 Backpack Program!

Because Hunger Doesn't Take the Weekend Off.

Friday, September 22nd, 6am - 10am.

Qualicum Commons - 744 Primrose St, Qualicum Beach

Accepting: Cheques, Cash, E-Transfers

Cheques can be made out to: School District 69 (Qualicum)

## Train and Play



Train and Play flyer.pdf

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## Upcoming Dates – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct 2nd - Statutory Holiday - students do not attend

Oct 9th - Thanksgiving Day - students do not attend

Oct 11th - Fall Conference Day (4:30 - 7:00)

Oct 12th - Fall Conference Day (3:00-5:30 pm)

Oct 13th - Photo Day

Oct 20th - Professional Development Day - students do not attend

Nov 8th - Photo re-take day

Nov 10th - Conferencing Adjustment Day - students do not attend

Nov 13th - Statutory Holiday (Remembrance Day)

Nov 14th - School Based PRO-D - students do not attend

Dec 25-Jan 5th - Winter Vacation

## Follow Us On Instagram!

@springwood\_wolves



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