

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #5 November 17, 2023



Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

As winter break approaches, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming weeks filled with excitement. Our students have dedicated themselves to their studies throughout the fall and are now fully engaged

in various activities leading up to the winter break. From concluding the basketball season to participating in choir and preparing for our winter concert, our students are very busy but still remain committed to their school work.

As the temperature changes, we kindly remind you to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder and wetter weather.

Currently, our teachers are compiling information to provide learning updates on your child's academic progress, which will be sent home the week before winter break.

In addition to academic pursuits, we are gearing up for several school events that promise to create lasting memories for our community. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to the next few weeks of fun.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Jesse Witte

Principal

Traffic Concerns/Safety

Traffic Concerns:

Whenever possible, please use the nearby dog park parking lot to park your vehicle and **walk to the school for drop-off and pick-up**. As we work to support safety, we ask that you follow these guidelines for pick-up and drop-off procedures if you are choosing to use the school's front loop.

-Please ensure that your child is ready to exit the vehicle in an efficient manner at the drop-off loop at the school's main doors in the morning.

-Please do not let children out of your vehicle while you wait in line to get to the front doors/drop-off loop.

-Travel in single lane fashion. Do not pass on the left.

-Do not park in front of the building before the end of the day. We will ask parents to "take a loop around" to keep traffic moving steadily.

-When possible, arrive at 2:55 if you are using the front loop to pick up your child. This will ensure your child is ready to go and it will alleviate some congestion immediately at dismissal.

Thank you for your cooperation in creating a safe and efficient environment for everyone.

SES CHRISTMAS CONCERTS - December 12th & 13th - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

It's that time of year again! We will have one performance Tuesday, December 12th and one performance Wednesday, December 13th.

We will be dividing the classes into two groups, one performing on

Tuesday and one on Wednesday. Currently we are working on the schedule and teachers will let parents know ASAP which day they will be performing. More information to come via school messenger email and teacher's communication.



PAC ELVES Starts Nov 20 - Dec 8th

How can you be part of the magic? Starting Monday November 20th there will be information in the school front foyer with labels marked "boy / girl / and an "age" of a student at the school.

1. Simply take that tag and add it to your shopping list this holiday season.
2. Drop the unwrapped gift off at the office by Friday, December 8th (along with the tag for sorting).
3. Your gift will be wrapped and be part of the love, laughs and holiday hope for our Springwood Families! (Elf Fun Fact: The office and SES Administrators will be the only ones who know the details of who the giving Elf was and who the receiving Elves are! It truly is holiday magic!) Please Call the office if you would like to purchase a gift but cannot make it in to grab the tag.



SES Holiday Food Drive Starts Nov 20th - Dec 8th

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 WE ARE LOOKING FOR HEALTHY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.
 FOOD WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SES FAMILIES IN NEED
 THOUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON.
 PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE FRONT FOYER



Christmas Christmas Choir

Mrs. Burn is starting a Christmas Choir for students in grades 2,3,4,5, 6 and 7, on Wednesday mornings and some Friday lunch times until the Christmas Concert. All students from these classes are welcome to attend. The choir will be held in the band/music room from 8:15 – 8:45. or when you can get here. All students in these grades are welcome to join us.



Please drop your backpacks and coats in your classroom and change into your indoor shoes (if your teacher is in the room). If your teacher is not here yet, put your shoes and backpacks in the hall outside the band/music room.

Welcome to choir!

Mrs. Burn

Winter Wonderland Skating

Winter Wonderland

We are excited to announce our upcoming Winter Wonderland event on December 21 and 22, and we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to make it a memorable experience for everyone!

Event Details:

- Dates:
- December 21 9:30 - 13:30 am
- December 22 1:00 - 2:00 pm
- Location: Oceanside Place



Volunteer Opportunities:

We are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, including tying skates and putting them away. Your support will help ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Tying and untying skates
- Assisting with skate fittings
- Managing the skate rental area

Volunteer Requirements:

To ensure the safety of all participants, volunteers must undergo a criminal record check in accordance with district policy. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to creating a secure environment for everyone.

How to Volunteer:

If you're eager to be part of our Winter Wonderland team, please contact your child's teacher. Your support will make a significant difference in creating a memorable experience for all attendees.

Important Note:

This is a school event, not a family skate. Volunteers will play a key role in assisting with skate-related tasks, but we need help getting ready and then with cleaning up. Only volunteers that have registered with us will be able to participate at the arena. There will be a checklist for all non school board employees to sign in.

Thank you for considering this opportunity, and let's work together to make Winter Wonderland truly enchanting for our school community!

Christmas Sweater Day

Let's all wear our Christmas Sweaters on Friday December 22nd.



Change of Clothes

Just a reminder to be sure to send a change of clothes for your child as the weather starts to get rainy and wet. Rain boots and rain jackets are necessary as well. Thank you!



POPCORN SALES - Every Wednesday

Popcorn Wednesdays at lunch recess outside the Foods Room window. \$2.00 per bag!



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

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

Download

135.4 KB

PAC Newsletter

See poster below for information!



PAC Update



PLEASE LABEL CLOTHING ITEMS AND
CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND.

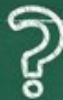
A HUGE THANK
YOU GOES OUT TO
ALL THE PEOPLE
THAT PURCHASED
FROM THE ART
CARDS
FUNDRAISER



TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY
OPPORTUNITIES AT
SPRINGWOOD, YOU NEED
TO HAVE A CURRENT AND
VALID CRC ON FILE A
SPRINGWOOD.
SOME OPPORTUNITIES
INCLUDE VOLUNTEERING
FOR OPEN GYM AT LUNCH
AND CRAFT TABLES.

PURDYS FUNDRAISER IS
UP AND RUNNING:
[HTTPS://FUNDRAISING.
PURDYS.COM/960745-
109070](https://fundraising.purdys.com/960745-109070). ORDERS MUST
BE IN BY NOVEMBER
24TH!

KIDS CRAFT FAIR WILL BE
DECEMBER 8TH FROM 3-5:30 PM.
THIS WILL ALSO BE PICK UP TIME
FOR ART CARDS, PURDYS
CHOCOLATE AND LIVE CHRISTMAS
TREE FUNDRAISER. PLEASE COME
SUPPORT THE STUDENTS.



Please email springwoodpac@gmail.com
with any questions





PAC ELVES



THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IS FULL OF LOVE, LAUGHS AND HOPE.
PAC EXECUTIVES AND VOLUNTEERS INVEST ALL YEAR CREATING MEMORIES FOR OUR SES FAMILIES
AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE THAT JOY OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

AS WE TEACH OUR KIDS ABOUT GIVING, SHARING AND GROWING – PAC IS WORKING WITH THE SES
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO OFFER “PAC ELVES!” AT SPRINGWOOD AGAIN THIS YEAR!

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS HAVE HOLIDAY MAGIC THAT HELPS THEM KNOW SOME OF
OUR SPRINGWOOD FAMILY MEMBERS THAT MIGHT HAVE AN EXTRA BIG SMILE ON THEIR FACES IF
THERE WAS A FUN EXTRA LITTLE HOLIDAY SURPRISE UNDER THEIR TREE...SO IF YOU WANT TO HELP...

YOU ARE A PAC ELF!



HOW CAN YOU BE PART OF THE MAGIC?

STARTING THIS WEEK, THERE WILL BE LABELS WITH “SPRINGWOOD ELVES” TAPED TO THE OFFICE
WINDOW IN THE FOYER. EACH LABEL WILL BE MARKED WITH “BOY / GIRL / STUDENT” AND AN “AGE”
OF A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL.

1. SIMPLY TAKE THAT TAG AND ADD IT TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
2. DROP THE UNWRAPPED GIFT OFF AT THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH (ALONG WITH THE
TAG FOR SORTING)
3. YOUR GIFT WILL BE WRAPPED AND BE PART OF THE LOVE, LAUGHS AND HOLIDAY HOPE FOR OUR
SPRINGWOOD FAMILIES!

*(ELF FUN FACT: THE OFFICE AND SES ADMINISTRATORS WILL BE THE ONLY ONES WHO
KNOW THE DETAILS OF WHO THE GIVING ELF WAS AND WHO THE RECEIVING ELVES
ARE! IT TRULY IS HOLIDAY MAGIC!)*



PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A GIFT
BUT CAN NOT MAKE IT IN TO GRAB THE TAG. THEY WILL GLADLY PAIR
YOU WITH A LOVELY SOUL





An event for the whole family to enjoy!

BERWICK PARKSVILLE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

with special guest, SANTA!

Saturday, December 2nd 1:00pm-4:00pm

Berwick Parksville is hosting their first craft market. Come shop, browse and get in on the fun. Live music, resident crafters and photos with Santa.

Donations and sale proceeds towards the SOS Angel Tree program.

**Complimentary
Santa photos from
1:00pm-4:00pm**

- Live Music
- Art & Crafts
- Baked goods
- Santa onsite for photos
- Resident Crafters
- Proceeds towards the SOS Angel Tree Program



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www.berwickparksville.com | 250-468-6000


BERWICK
PARKSVILLE
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

SOS Caring for Community at Christmas

Creating the magic of Christmas
for local residents since 1968



Drop-in to register

Starting Nov. 15, low income families and individuals can register at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville from 9:15 am - 11:30 am and 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm, Monday - Friday. Parents and grandparents receive help providing gifts for children and youth, and grocery gift cards are provided to adults, seniors and families.

Support the program

Financial donations: Donate online, by phone or in person.

Gift donations: New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the SOS Community Services Centres in Parksville: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4:30 pm. Attend a local event benefitting the program, or locate an SOS Angel Tree at a participating business.

Thank you for helping create magic for residents in need!

SOS Community Services Centres

www.sosd69.com | 250.248.2093 ext. 229
245 Hirst Ave. W., Parksville | 744 Primrose St., Qualicum
coordinator@sosd69.com |    



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Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach

The Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach is going to Guatemala in February 2024 to help improve the lives of single Mayan mothers and their children. Part of this project is to supply school supplies to children ages 5-10 years. Without shoes, they are not allowed to go to school. We are collecting used running shoes to take to them. If you can donate, please bring these to the school office where there will be a bin with a sign on it. Your support is greatly appreciated.

MJ Thorne

Rotary QB

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Nov 20 - Dec 8 - PAC ELVES STARTS

Nov 20 - Dec 8 - SES Holiday Food Train Starts

Nov 23 - Hot Lunch - Domino's/Sam's Sushi

Dec 1 - District Wide Planning Day - students do not attend

Dec 7 - Hot Lunch - Tim Horton's

Dec 12 - SES Christmas Concert - Time TBA

Dec 13 - SES Christmas Concert - Time TBA

Dec 21 - Winter Wonderland Skating - 9:30-10:30 am
Dec 22 - Winter Wonderland Skating - 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Dec 22 - Christmas Sweater Day
Dec 25-Jan 5th - Winter Vacation

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