

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #8, January 12, 2024



Message from Principal

Dear Springwood Community

I hope your winter break was filled with joy, relaxation, and wonderful moments with loved ones. As we welcome everyone back to school, I want to extend a warm welcome and share some highlights for the upcoming weeks.

It's fantastic to see our students return with renewed energy and enthusiasm. The first week back has been smooth, with students quickly settling back into their routines and meeting the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

With the colder weather upon us, I appreciate your ongoing efforts to ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the season. Many students have come to the office looking for clothes, sorry we don't have an endless supply. Please send your child with a coat, gloves and a hat.

While we understand the joy that comes with winter activities, please be aware that, unfortunately, sledding at recess is not feasible at this time. Safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your understanding in this matter.

As we navigate the winter season, it's crucial to stay informed about any school closures. Please keep a close eye on the district website for the most up-to-date information. Weather conditions

can be unpredictable, and we want to ensure everyone's safety and well-being.

As we move forward, please stay connected with us through our school communication channels. Any important updates, events, or achievements will be shared with you promptly. Your involvement in your child's education is vital, and we value the strong partnership we have with each of you. Remember, starting Monday January 15th there will no longer be the 8:47 AM warning bell in the morning. Instead, we will have a single bell at 8:54 AM to signify the official start of the school day. Here's to a fantastic start to the new year, filled with exciting learning experiences, growth, and success. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you

Jesse Witte
Principal

New Bell Schedule

Starting January 15th there will no long be a warning bell at 8:47 AM. Students are to enter the building at the 8:54 AM bell.

Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Families

Please review the [Inclement Weather Reminder](#) in preparation for the upcoming winter season

Survey

Happy New Year!

Thank you to the many hundreds of staff, students, parents, and caregivers who have already responded to the Qualicum School District's Later Start Survey.

[This link](#) will take you to the webpage that gives the rationale for a potential move to later start times, along with survey invitations.

If you have not had a chance yet, please take a moment to consider the information provided and respond to the appropriate survey before it closes on January 17th.

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 sales to support our Learning Services department will begin again on Wednesdays in the New Year. We have had some supply issues due to the Woodgrove Mall Kernels location permanently closing. To ensure this continues to be a profitable fundraiser, enabling us to purchase much needed items to support all students, we will be increasing the cost to \$2.50 per bag. This is due to an increase in cost from the supplier, as well to support the cost of obtaining it from the Kernels location in Victoria. We appreciate your support with this optional fundraiser and appreciate its ability to fund beneficial resources for Springwood!



Scent Free

Just a reminder our District Policy is that all worksites are Scent Free environments.



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.

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PAC EMAIL UPDATE

SPRINGWOOD PAC MEETING

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETING AT SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY!

MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 18TH AT 9AM IN MPR.

PAC WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE FAMILIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN FOOD DRIVE, PAC ELVES, WINTER SKATE AND CONCERT.

HOT LUNCH IS OPEN FOR ORDERING

WINTER/SPRING HOT LUNCH SESSION	
Hot Lunch Dates	Order Cutoff
January 15th Christine Kitchen	January 16th - 3:00 PM
February 8th Dominique/Sonia Suahi	February 1st - 3:00 PM
February 22nd Katherine Salway	February 15th - 3:00 PM
March 7th Beaton Pizan	February 29th - 3:00 PM
April 19th Tim Hichens	April 14th - 3:00 PM
April 26th Christine Kitchen	April 18th - 3:00 PM
May 9th Dominique/Sonia Suahi	May 2nd - 3:00 PM
May 23rd Katherine Salway	May 16th - 3:00 PM

We are still looking for a few more people to sponsor some students for hot lunch. Please email PAC.

REMINDER OF MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETING YOU CAN ATTEND.

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- HELD ON THIRD MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH VIA ZOOM.
- SCHOOL BOARD MEETING- HELD FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH VIA ZOOM.
- DPAC MEETING- HELD VIA ZOOM ON THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. EMAIL WITH ALL QUESTIONS TO SD69DPAC@GMAIL.COM. ALL LOGIN INFO CAN BE FOUND ON QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE.

Email springwoodpac@gmail.com any time.

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- February 19 - BC Family Day
- March 1 - PRO-D Day - Students do not attend
- March 18-28 - Spring Vacation
- March 29 - Good Friday - Students do not attend
- April 1 - Easter Monday - Students do not attend
- April 2 - School Resumes after Spring Break/Easter

April 29 - PRO-D Day - Students do not attend

May 17 - Conferencing Adjustment Day - Students do not attend

May 20 - Victoria Day - Students do not attend

June 27 - Final Day for Elementary Students

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