

# Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #9, February 16, 2024



## Message from Principal

Hi Springwood Community

As we move through February, we're thrilled to see our students' continued hard work and enthusiasm to come to school. Please have close look at the "**After School Care interest letter**" and beware of upcoming calendar dates.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that **Monday, February 19th**, is **Family Day**, and as such, there will be **no school**.

We encourage you to make the most of this special time with your loved ones.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's continue to work together to make this school year a memorable one!

Jesse Witte

Principal

## After School Care Interest Letter

February 16, 2024

Dear Springwood Elementary School Families,

As a response to inquiries about a before and/or after-school program at Springwood Elementary School, we are looking to open a before and/or after-school care program in the fall of 2024. The program would offer after-school care every school day from dismissal time to 5:30pm for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. The cost would be \$206 per month for after-school care. We will determine a cost and start time for before school care if there is enough interest. Monthly payments would be collected through School Cash Online and applications for subsidy through the Ministry of Children and Family Development would be available at the SES office upon request. The after-school program would be run by qualified Qualicum School District staff. Having a program on site would help make the transition to and after school a positive and familiar experience. The program would be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at SES, with access to the gym and outdoor areas. When the bell rings, students in the after-school program would simply walk from their classroom to the MPR where they would have a snack, play games, make crafts, have some outdoor time, and engage in many other activities until they are picked up. This program would be convenient for children and families and would provide a safe, enriching experience in a familiar place.

If you don't already have before and/or after-school care set up and would like your child's name added to an interest list, please email Springwood Elementary School at [springwood@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:springwood@sd69.bc.ca) by **March 15, 2024** with your name, phone number, child's name and age and if you would require before or afterschool care or both. Please do not call the main office with the information.

Sincerely,

Sheila Morrison, District Principal of Early Learning and Childcare  
Qualicum School District

## Inclement Weather Procedures Reminder for Families

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

### 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.

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

## 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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## BC Family Day Free Swim - February 19th - Qualicum Aquatic Center

- **BC Family Day Free Swim:** Monday, February 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## BC Family Day Free Skate - February 19th - Oceanside Arena

- **BC Family Day Free Skate:** Monday, February 19, 1 - 4 p.m.

**FAMILY DAY**

**Mon. Feb 19th**  
1pm-4pm

**587 Beach Rd**  
**(Across from the train station)**

Crafts, Scavenger Hunt,  
& Prizes!  
Fish-Related Fun &  
Exploration!



**FREE**



**QUALICUM BEACH MUSEUM**



*Little Qualicum Falls*



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Family Day 2024

**Garden in Bloom**  
a communal art project at the MAC

- Finger Painting, Veggy Stamps and more
- Face painting on site!



**FREE EVENT!**

All Welcome  
Family Day  
Mon Feb 19, 2024  
from 9am-12pm  
McMillan Art Centre  
133 McMillan Street  
Parksville, BC



# SKATE NIGHT

YOUTH MEETUP

FEB 19 @1PM



THIS IS A QB SKATERS AND OCEANSIDE YOUTH 4 YOUTH MEETUP

DRAWS FOR SKATE DECKS, SWAG FROM SPONSORS AND LOCAL SHOPS

LEARN HOW TO FIX AND ADJUST YOUR BOARDS!

174 ISLAND  
HIGHWAY EAST  
PARKSVILLE

FREE  
DROP IN

MORE INFO: @QB\_SKATERS  
@OCEANSIDEYOUTH4YOUTH

## parenting without power struggles

Aimed for parents of preteens, this popular program encourages parents to build on their family strengths, gain confidence in parenting an emerging teen, and discover practical ideas on how to prepare for the transition from preteen to teen.

**Thursdays**  
February 29 - April 25  
7:00-8:30pm

**Virtual Sessions**  
Accessible wherever you are!

**Registration Required**  
Reserve your space today!

[bgccvi.com/pwps/](https://bgccvi.com/pwps/)  
[parentingprograms@bgccvi.com](mailto:parentingprograms@bgccvi.com)



NEXT SESSION BEGINS  
FEBRUARY 29!



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changes everything.



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