

## Springwood Elementary School

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Principal: Mr. Jesse Witte Vice-Principal: Mrs. Lauren Nikirk

Springwood families,

We are approaching school supplies for 2025/2026 the same way as last year. There will be a one-time school supply fee of \$55 for all students in grades 1-7. (Families with kindergarten students coming in the fall will receive communication related to that process.) We are able to keep the cost relatively low by obtaining special pricing and purchasing in bulk through our suppliers. If purchased individually, some of the lists can cost upwards of \$100.

In order to help families and to support the students with their learning, we feel this system is the best approach. This fee covers all supplies for the year with the exception of locks for lockers if older students wish to have one.

This has been working very well for the past few years and has streamlined things for families getting ready to go back to school in the fall. Teachers get the supplies they truly need. What one teacher needs for supplies another may not require. The fee also provides consistency for the students as everyone receives the same quality supplies. Our intermediate teachers often use the fees to fund technology resources. The fee covers all physical materials needed for learning, as well as giving students access to online learning programs that enhance student knowledge and engagement, and make learning more accessible, both in the classroom and remotely.

We will open up School Cash Online in mid-August for payment with a due date of September 30th. Families can pay the fee online, or via cash or cheque. If you would like to pay your fee before September, payment can be dropped off at the Springwood office. Please keep in mind that cheques will not be deposited until late August or early September.

If you need financial assistance, please contact the front office or Principal, Jesse Witte.

Jesse Witte Principal