

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #3 October 11 , 2024



Message from Principal

Dear Wolves Community,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to share how grateful I am to be part of this incredible community. It's a privilege to live and work in such a supportive environment, and I am especially thankful for the opportunity to partner with our wonderful families, teachers, and students here at Springwood.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the importance of family, friends, and togetherness. I hope you all enjoy this special time with your loved ones and take the opportunity to recharge during the long weekend.

Important Reminders:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: A quick reminder to please schedule your conference time with your child's teacher if you haven't done so already. These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, ask questions, and collaborate on their educational journey. If you need assistance scheduling, feel free to contact the front office.
- No School on Monday: Monday, October 14th, is a holiday, and there will be no school. We will resume our regular schedule on Tuesday. Enjoy the extra time off!



I truly value any feedback or comments you may have. If there's anything you'd like to share, don't hesitate to reach out. Your thoughts and input help us grow and improve as a school community. Thank you again for your ongoing support, and I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with joy, relaxation, and gratitude.

Enjoy the long weekend, and we'll see you back in school soon!

Sincerely,
Jesse Witte

School Fees

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to those who have already settled their school fees. Your timely contribution is incredibly valuable and helps us continue to provide the best possible education for our students.

If you have not yet had the chance to complete your payment, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are happy to assist you in exploring the various payment options available.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fall Parent Teacher Conferences - Oct 23 & 24, 2024

- **Parent Instructions - Opens for booking October 7th, 2024.**

Fall Parent Teacher Conference - October 23 & 24th, 2024

Wednesday October 23 - 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Thursday October 24 - 3:00 - 5:30 pm.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be open for booking appts October 7th, 2024. If you need any help making an appointment please call the office 250-248-2038.

We are offering 1 option this term:

IN PERSON:

1. Go to our school appointments web site by clicking [School Appointments](#)
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "Book Appointments" button to save your bookings



Happy Halloween

As you know, Halloween is on Thursday, October 31st. We are planning some safe, fun activities for students to do at school on that day. We have decided to once again allow students to wear costumes if they wish! Students may wear a costume on Thursday, October 31st. If your child does not want to wear a costume, we encourage students to wear black and/or orange. We do have some costume guidelines that must be followed to ensure everyone has a safe and fun day:



- Masks are NOT to be worn outside on the playground or in the hallways and washrooms.
- Masks can be worn during the parade. Teachers will give direction on the expectations in classrooms.
- No heavy make-up. Leave all costume "weapons" at home (swords, knives, guns, etc.).
- Bring a change of clothes (some students have PE class and may be asked to change if the costume interferes with mobility).
- Please make sure your child avoids costumes portraying extreme violence. After Halloween, we ask you to please limit the amount of candy you let your child take to school. Generally, we

ask students to eat something healthy first before consuming a treat. The costume parade will start at 9:30 am. Parents are welcome to come watch. This should be a great activity for SES students.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight saving time 2024 will come to an end on Nov. 3, so consider this your one-month warning. Canadians in most time zones can “fall back” on Saturday, Nov. 2 this year before they head to bed, as the clocks roll back in the wee morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 3, while most people are sleeping.



Grade 6 Immunizations

Immunization consent packages for grade 6 students have been sent home. Follow the instructions inside the consent package and return the signed consent form to the school as soon as possible. Students in grade 6 will be offered routine immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of a parent/guardian/representative.

Immunizations will be provided at the school for grade 6 students on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024 and Monday May 5th, 2025.

Contact Oceanside Public Health Services at (250)947-8242 if you have any questions.

Popcorn Sales - Everyday Wednesday

Popcorn Wednesdays at lunch recess outside the Foods Room window. \$2.50 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


Bell Schedule 2024-2025

- Bell Schedule
- 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

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct 14th - Thanksgiving Day - students do not attend
Oct 23 - Fall Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 7:00 pm
Oct 24 - Fall Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 5:30 pm.
Oct 25 - Professional Development Day - students do not attend
Oct 31 - Halloween Parade 11 am in the Gym
Nov 1st - School Based Professional Day - students do not attend
Nov 11th - Statutory Holiday (Remembrance Day)
Nov 12th - Conferencing Adjustment Day - students do not attend
Nov 29th - District Wide Planning Day - students do not attend
Dec 23-Jan 3- Winter Vacation



School Newsletter - Pertussis

Currently, pertussis is increasing in Canada as part of the expected cyclical peak of the disease (occurring every 2-5 years). Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a very contagious (easy to catch) disease of the respiratory tract. It is caused by a bacterium (germ) found in the mouth, nose and throat of a person who is infected. In Aug 2024, BC saw 72 cases of pertussis, 16 of which were on Vancouver Island and the majority of the 16 cases were unimmunized or under immunized. Cases of pertussis are expected to increase this fall/school year.

The best way to protect your child against pertussis is to get them immunized. In British Columbia, the pertussis vaccine is part of the routine childhood immunization program, and is given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 18 months old, and again at age 4 to 6 years (before kindergarten). A pertussis vaccine is also given to teens at 14 to 16 years of age (Grade 9). Children who are currently in Grade 6 or 9 will be offered all immunizations they are due for through school-based immunization clinics. Information and consent forms will be distributed through the school this fall or early 2025.

The [ImmunizeBC Vaccination Status Indicator](https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator) (<https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator>) can also be used to find out if your child's immunization records are in the Provincial Immunization Registry. If your child was immunized at a public health unit, community health centre, school, or pharmacy, their record should already be in the registry. If your child was immunized at a First Nations community health centre, doctor's office, or outside BC, their record might not be in the registry yet.

- If the Vaccination Status Indicator shows that your child's vaccination status is **complete**, you do not need to do anything.
- If the Vaccination Status Indicator shows that your child's vaccination status is **incomplete**, please drop off a copy of your child's immunization record at your local public health unit, upload a copy to <https://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca/> (records must be in English or French or a certified translation), or call your local public health unit for support.

If your child is not up to date for their routine immunizations or if you have questions about their immunization status, please contact your [local public health unit](#) (<https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations>) to schedule an appointment or speak to a Public Health Nurse.

For additional immunization information you can also refer to <https://immunizebc.ca/> or <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/immunizations>

Public Health Immunization Support

Sept 2024

Parksville Fire Department - Sunday October 27th 10 am - 2 pm

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will host their annual open house on Sunday, October 27 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire Hall, 160 Jensen Avenue West. Residents are invited to learn about fire safety including home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans. There will be educational displays and activities where you will learn how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform CPR, try hose and target practice, bunker gear challenge for kids, and so much more.

MORE INFO: Contact Parksville Fire Rescue at 250 248-3242 for info about Parksville activities. For more general information about fire prevention week and fire prevention in general, visit nfpa.org/fpw, sparky.org and parksvillefirerescue.ca.

55TH ANNUAL
**COOMBS
CANDY WALK**

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Haunted House Fundraiser
Admission paid separately.

**FUN FOR ALL AGES:
FIREWORKS (8PM) ***

INDOOR TRICK-OR-TREATING

PHOTO BOOTH

CAKE WALK

CONCESSION

***NO PETS**

Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Rd., Coombs, BC

C.H.R.C.O.



**Far Out
FIREWORKS**

Funding support provided by:



SPOOKTACULAR

at Storybook Village

OCTOBER 24, 2024

744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach

4:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.

RAIN OR SHINE!

**FREE Activities for ages 0-8,
take aways, hot dogs,
refreshments & more!**

Check out our website: www.oblt.ca
and follow us on   @oceansideblt

Donations gratefully accepted



FALL/ WINTER 2024 FUNDRAISING



FRESH TO YOU

2 OPTIONS FOR
PRODUCE BOXES THIS
FALL.



MITCHELLS SOUP

VARIETY OF SOUPS
FROM A CANADIAN
COMPANY



PURDYS

WINTER PURDY'S
CHOCOLATES IN TIME
FOR CHRISTMAS



ART CARDS

MOVED TO JANUARY FOR
SPRING DELIVERY



TUESDAYS
SEP 24 - NOV 26, 2024
6:30pm - 8:00pm

FREE DROP-IN YOUTH BASKETBALL

**AGES
11-15**

**All levels welcome! Come build skills,
shoot hoops, play games and have
fun!**

More information

<https://arrowsmithrecreation.ca/classes>

COOMBS FAIRGROUNDS GYMNASIUM
1014 FORD ROAD, COOMBS, BC

Funding support provided by:



**REGIONAL
DISTRICT
OF NANAIMO**

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OCEANSIDE
VOLLEYBALL CLUB

TRAIN AND PLAY

GIRLS - Grades 6 & 7

The OVC 'Train and Play' program will help athletes to develop basic volleyball skills and prepare them for the upcoming Elementary school volleyball season

Tuesdays September 24 to November 5
Grade 6 5:30-7:00 pm
Grade 7 7:15-8:45 pm
Location: Qualicum Beach Elementary

\$90 plus Volleyball BC Membership (\$15.04)
Includes OVC Eagles T-shirt

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
www.oceansidevolleyballclub.com



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