

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #4 November 18, 2025



Message from Principal

Dear Wolves Community,

It's hard to believe we are already heading into the final stretch before winter break, and there's still so much more to come! Our students have worked diligently throughout the fall and are now immersed in a variety of activities leading up to the holiday season. From wrapping up basketball games to rehearsing for choir and preparing for our winter concert, they've been busy while continuing to stay focused on academics.

In addition to these activities, November has been a productive month academically. Students have completed the FSA assessments and participated in a school-wide writing activity. Teachers will use this information to guide planning for the remainder of the year. On Monday, November 24th, we have a professional development day where staff will review some of these results and collaborate on strategies to support student learning moving forward.

As the colder, wetter weather sets in, we are dressed appropriately for outdoor conditions. We also want to address traffic safety around the school. The four-way crossing on Molliett continues to be a worry, and our pick-up and drop-off area has become much busier with the seasonal weather. To help address these concerns, we will be hosting two assemblies led by ICBC to teach students the rules of the road. Additionally, our PAC will be outside in the parking lot to help reinforce school zone guidelines. Our ultimate goal is to ensure the safety of all our students.

We're also thrilled to share that our new playground is almost ready! We are waiting for the rubber surface to be installed before opening it for use. Until then, please keep children off the playground on weekends so we can ensure everything is safe before it's officially available.

Finally, mark your calendars for our **Winter Concert on December 17th and 18th, starting at 6:00 PM** each evening. The event will run for approximately 45 minutes to an hour. The choir will perform both nights, and individual class performance dates will be shared soon. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

We're excited about the learning and celebrations ahead and appreciate your continued partnership in supporting our students. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Jesse Witte
Principal

Traffic Concerns

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.

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 2:50 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.

Christmas Purdy's Fundraiser

Purdy's Chocolate Winter Fundraiser is now open!
Time to grab your Christmas chocolates and support the students of Springwood.

Order Deadline is November 23, 2025

Pickup: December 8, 2025

If you are not able to pick up during school hours, please email springwoodpac@gmail.com Order Here:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/960745-131056>



PAC ELVES

Want to spread some joy this holiday season? Here's how you can be part of the fun:

1. Look for the labels marked "Springwood Elves" on the bulletin board tree in the foyer. Each label tells you if it's for a "boy/girl/student" and their "age."

2. Grab a tag and add it to your holiday shopping list.
 3. Bring your unwrapped gift to the office by Monday, December 8th (along with the tag for sorting).
 4. We'll wrap your gift and help share the love, laughter, and holiday cheer with our Springwood families!
- *(Elf Fun Fact: Only the office and SES administrators will know who the generous Elf was and who will benefit. It truly is holiday magic!)*
- Make sure to check out the attached poster for all the details.
- Thank you for helping make this holiday season extra special!





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...

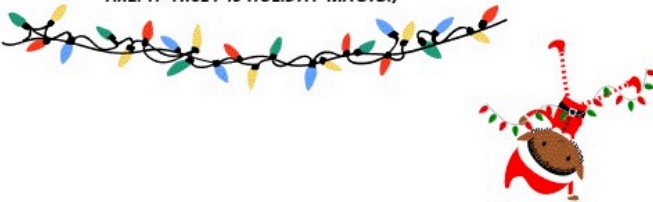
YOU ARE A PAC ELF!



HOW CAN YOU BE PART OF THE MAGIC?

1. SIMPLY TAKE A TAG AND ADD IT TO YOUR SHOPPING LIST THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
2. DROP THE UNWRAPPED GIFT OFF AT THE OFFICE BY MONDAY, 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!)



WINTER CHOIR NOTICE FOR NEWSLETTERS November, 2025

Mrs. Burn is starting a Christmas Choir for students in grades 2,3,4,5, 6 and 7, on Thursday mornings and some Friday lunch times until the Winter Concert. All students from these classes are welcome to attend. The choir will be held in the band/music room from 8:15 –9:00. or when you can get here. All students in these grades are welcome to join us. Choir is now on! New students are welcome!

Please drop your backpacks and coats outside the band/music room in the hallway. Welcome to choir! Come and have a great singing time.

Mrs. Burn

FALL HOT LUNCH SESSION

Hot Lunch Dates



Order Cutoff

September 25th Dominos/Sam's Sushi	September 18th - 3:00 PM
October 9th Tim Hortons	October 2nd - 3:00 PM
October 23rd Extreme Eatery	October 16th- 3:00 PM
November 6th Chinese Kitchen/The Pretzel Guyz	October 30th - 3:00 PM
November 20th Boston Pizza	November 13th - 3:00 PM
December 4th Dominos/Chinese Kitchen	November 27th - 3:00 PM



RDN - Active Pass

Here is the active pass information and link.
<https://rdn.bc.ca/recreation-programs-registration>

Bell Schedule 2024-2025

NEW Bell Schedule

School in Session - 9:00 am
Lunch Bell - kids go outside - 11:55 am
Lunch Bell - kids come inside - 12:30 pm
Afternoon Recess - kids go outside - 1:30 pm
Afternoon Recess - kids come inside - 1:50 pm
Dismissal Bell - 2:51 pm
Outside Supervision Ends - 3:05 pm
Office Hours - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

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 50-248-2038 but we are strongly encouraging families to use the SchoolMessenger app, website.

Thank you

See the attached PDF with instructions.



Safe Arrival Letter 2024-2025.pdf

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164.6 KB

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!

Nov 20th - Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

Nov 24th - District Pro-D Day - students do not attend

Dec 4th - Hot Lunch - Chinese Kitchen

Dec 17th - Winter Concert - 6 pm

Dec 18th - Winter Concert - 6 pm

Dec 22-Jan 2- Winter Vacation

Homestay needed for Swiss Boy Grade 10

The Qualicum International Student Program is in need of a home for a boy from Switzerland, Grade 10, attending Kwalikum Secondary School. His passion is Golf and he attends the after school program at Pheasant Glen Golf. He is an excellent student and a great kid but unfortunately is allergic to cats and horses! He likes dogs, kids, biking, skiing, cooking and plays the piano. He will be at KSS until the end of the school year. **If you are able to host him and/or would like more information, please contact Jenny, ISP Coordinator/ KSS Homestay Coordinator as soon as possible at jatkinson@sd69.bc.ca.**

Also - Students arriving second semester are also being placed at both Ballenas and Kwalikum at this time.

The host family application is online at <https://schoolincanada.ca/high-school-on-vancouver-island-in-british-columbia-canada/hostastudent/>



Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

Bowser Legion – Nov. 5th @10am – 11:30am

Qualicum Beach Community Hall – Nov. 13th @12:30pm – 1:30pm

Qualicum Beach (4 Poles) – Nov. 19th @10am– 11:30am

Meet at the main beach parking lot by the washrooms.

Oceanside Community Church – Nov. 20th @2:30pm – 4pm

Nanoose Place Community Centre – Nov. 25th @10am – 11:30am

Bradley Centre – Nov. 27th @1pm – 2pm

WOW Bus is a free drop-in outreach program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their adult. Families are invited to climb aboard the WOW Bus and join us for healthy snacks, playtime, songs, and stories.

Check out our website for more details about the WOW Bus and other free early years programs: www.oblt.ca



DID YOU KNOW?



Ready, Set, Learn!

Qualicum Beach Elementary – November 3rd @10:30am–11:30am

Errington Elementary – November 3rd & 17th @1pm–2pm

Ecole Oceanside Elementary – November 4th & 18th @9:10am–10:10am

Springwood Elementary – November 5th & 19th @10:30am–11:30am

Nanoose Bay Elementary – November 7th & 21st @10:30am–11:30am

Arrowview Elementary – November 12th & 26th @1:30pm–2:30pm

Bowser Elementary – November 17th @10:30am–11:30am

Ready, Set, Learn is a free drop-in program for children from birth to kindergarten age and their parents/caregivers with the intent of supporting children's transitions into school.

Check out our website to book your spot:
www.oblt.ca



COOKIES & CAROLS

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025 • 2 - 4 PM
Jensen Centre

Live music and entertainment, visit from Santa.
 Many activities - crafts, letters to Santa, facepainting
 Cookies, hot chocolate bar and more! **Something for everyone!**

FREE EVENT

City of Parksville hosted by the City of Parksville parksville.ca

**SOS Caring for
Community at Christmas**

Creating the magic of Christmas
for local residents since 1968

Drop-in to register

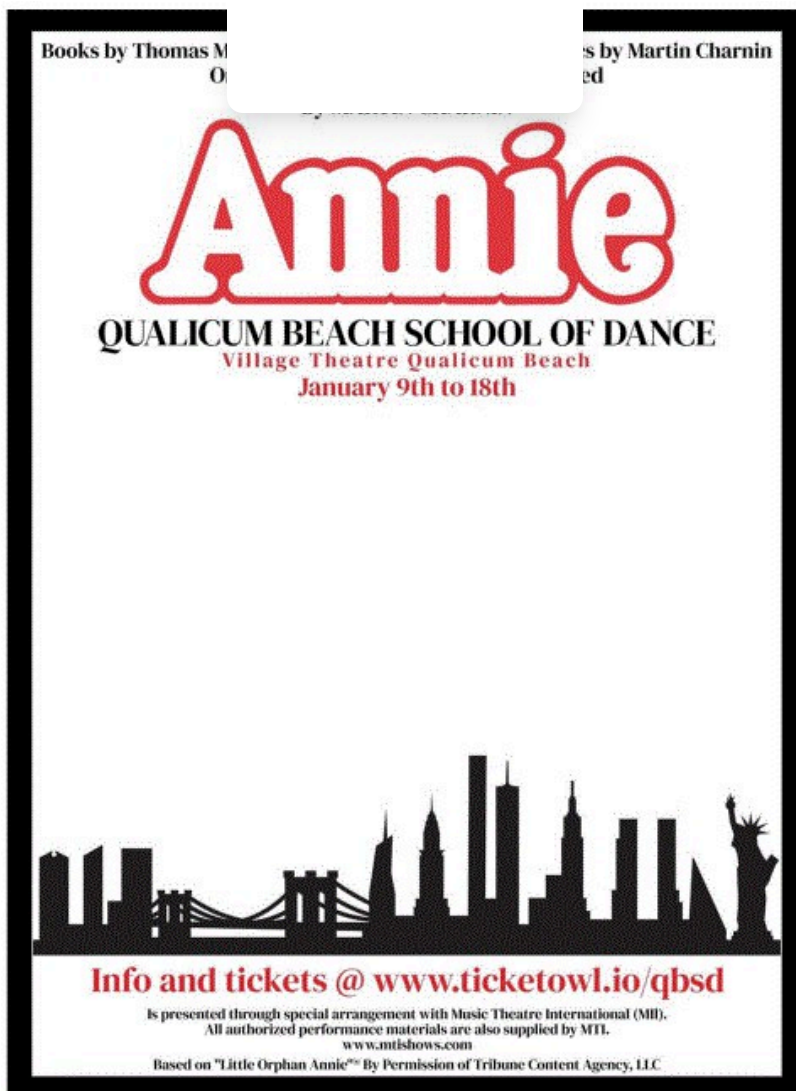
Starting Nov. 18, low income families and individuals can register at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville from 9:15 am - 11:30 am and 1:15 pm - 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday. Parents and grandparents receive help providing gifts for children and youth, and grocery gift cards are provided to adults, seniors and families. Proof of residence, income and picture ID are required for all household members. CareCards, birth certificates or passports are acceptable ID for children.

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 Centre 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 Centre
www.sosd69.com | 250.248.2093 ext. 229
 245 Hirst Avenue West, Parksville
coordinator@sosd69.com |

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Community Information

To support awareness of erase resources within school communities, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has developed new erase infographics for [parents/caregivers](#).

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