

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #6 November 25, 2024



Message From Principal

Dear Springwood Community

Winter break is fast approaching, and we have many activities planned in the coming weeks! Please stay tuned for updates and information from your child's teacher.

Important Date to Remember:

Friday, November 29th – Ministry Planning Day.

School will not be in session on this day.

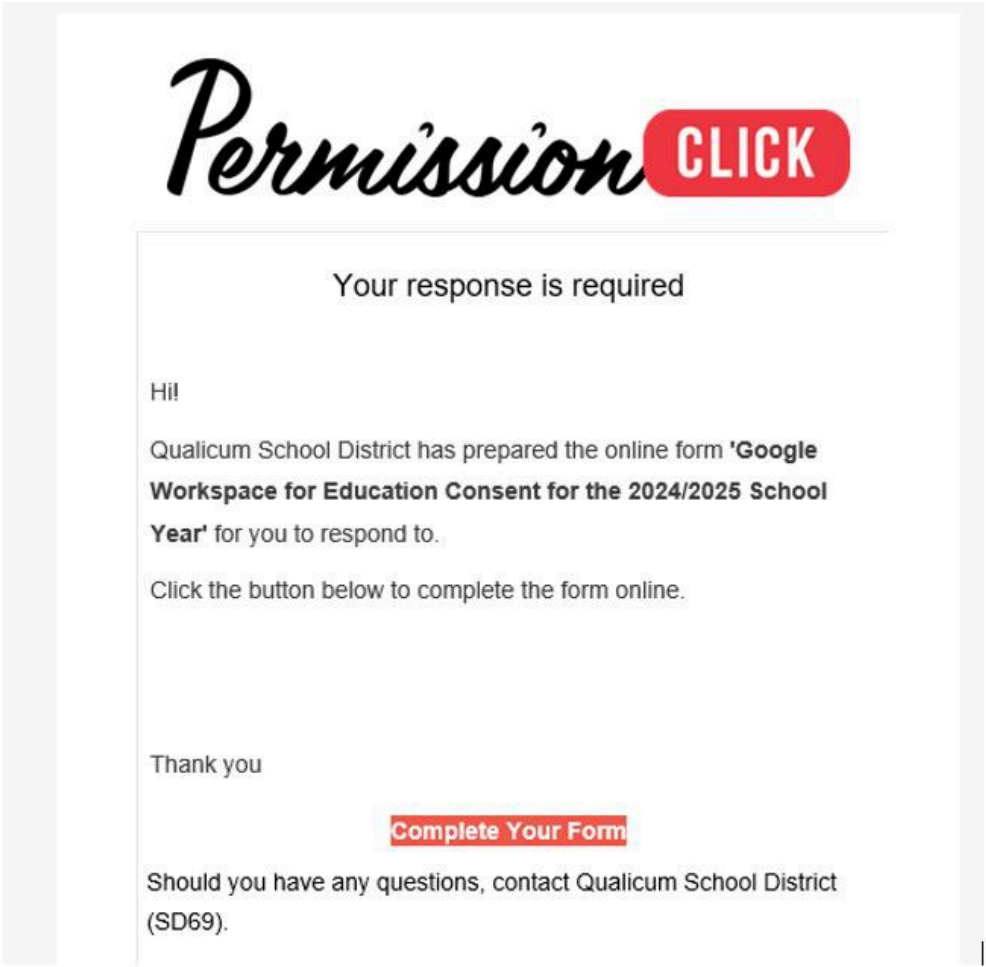
During the morning, we will focus on school planning around our classroom goals, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy. In the afternoon, our staff will participate in a session led by Carolyn Roberts, which will focus on Cultural Safety. This session will include learning about Indigenous circle protocols and facilitation, helping us deepen our understanding and practices of inclusivity and respect.

Just wanted to thank those families that have responded to our FOIPA and Google Consent forms online. Some of you may not have responded in thinking that it was spam. We wanted to confirm and reassure you that the communication you receive from "Permission Click" is legitimate and is how the district is collecting Google Consent and FOIPA. These forms use to come home on paper copy. They are now electronic. If you have not responded to or deleted the original emails that went out, not to worry they will be sent out again and you can respond at that time. If you already responded you should not be receiving any more requests for permission.

Below is an example of what Permission Click look likes. The wording may be slightly different as each one may be asking for different consent but the platform being used is safe.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a thriving and inclusive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely
Jesse Witte



LOST AND FOUND!

Please check the **LOST AND FOUND**, it's growing very quickly! All items will be donated to the SOS after the Winter Concert.



Winter Choir

Mrs. Burn is starting a Winter Choir for students in grades 2,3,4,5, 6 and 7, on Wednesday mornings and some Friday lunch times until the Christmas Concert. All students from these classes are welcome to attend. The choir will be held in the band/music room from 8:15 – 8:47. or when you can get here. All students in these grades are welcome to join us. Choir starts on Wed. Nov. 13.



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

PAC Elves

PAC ELVES Starts November 13th - December 9th.

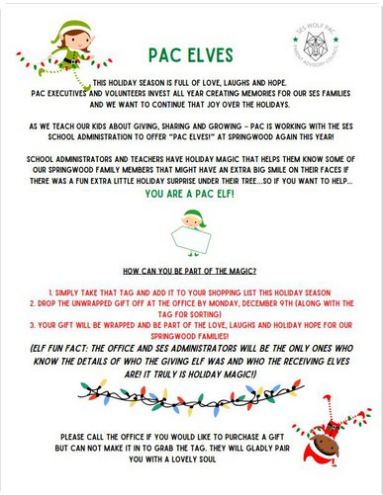
How can you be part of the magic? Starting Wednesday November 13th there will be information in the school front foyer with labels marked "boy / girl / and an "age" of a student at the school.

- 1. Simply take that tag and add it to your shopping list this holiday season.
- 2. Drop the unwrapped gift off at the office by Monday, December 9th (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!)

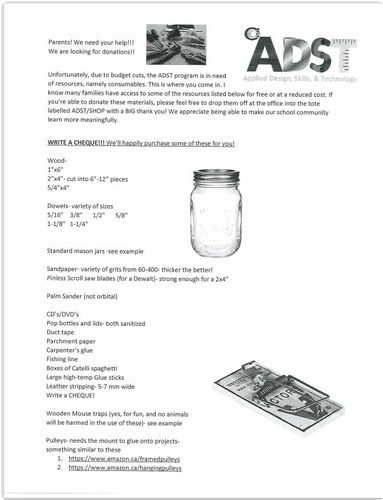
Please Call the office if you would like to purchase a gift but cannot make it in to grab the tag.



ADST

Parents! We need your help! We are looking for donations!!

The ADST program is in need of resources, namely consumables. This is where you come in. I know many families have access to some of the resources listed below for free or at a reduced cost. If you're able to donate these materials, please feel free to drop them off at the office into the tote labelled ADST/SHOP with a BIG thank you! We appreciate being able to make our school community learn more meaningfully.



Food and Beverages in Schools

In accordance with the **Ministry of Education's new 'healthy food' policy** we actively discourage 'junk food' at school. This includes all high sugar, high fat, high salt foods (eg. pop, candy, chocolate bars, potato chips). Our district recognizes that schools must at all times be in compliance with both the 'Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in Schools' as well as the 'Public Health Act - Food Premises Regulation' and associated guidelines established by our local Health Authority (VIHA); therefore our district has instituted a procedure that all food that is available to students comes from a Food Safe kitchen. This means that any food available to students via sales or celebrations **must be prepared in a Food Safe kitchen**, therefore **homemade food is no longer to be distributed at school**.

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 2:55 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.

If your student is arriving late and cannot get in the exterior doors they need to come to the front exterior doors and report to the office. Thank you

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Nov 29 - District Wide Planning Day - students do not attend
- Dec 5 - Hot lunch - Dominos Pizza
- Dec 18 - Winter Concert - 6 pm
- Dec 19 - Winter Concert - 6 pm
- Dec 19 - Winter Wonderland Skate - 12:30-2:15 pm
- Dec 20 - Winter Wonderland Skate - 12:30-2:15 pm
- Dec 23-Jan 3- Winter Vacation
- Jan 6 - School re-opens

PAC UPDATE

WE ARE OFFICIALLY ON FACEBOOK! PLEASE CLICK HERE TO LIKE AND FOLLOW US AND HELP US GROW OUR AUDIENCE BY INVITING YOUR SES FRIENDS TO DO THE SAME! WHILE OUR EMAILS WITH OUR WEEKLY REMINDERS AND UPDATES WILL CONTINUE, OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WILL ALSO HAVE GREAT UPDATES AND INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS!



Springwood PAC
57 likes • 108 followers

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE PURDYS FUNDRAISER, COUPON BOOK, MITCHELLS SOUP AND PRODUCE FUNDRAISERS. WE RAISED \$ 12,668.49 FOR THE NEW PLAYGROUND.

WE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE ON DEC 1ST FROM 1-5 PM AT JENSEN CENTRE FOR OUR WINTER CRAFT MARKET.



SPRINGWOOD PAC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
BGC CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND

WINTER CRAFT MARKET

132 Jensen Ave E, Parksville, BC

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY SUPPORTING SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$50,000 FOR A BRAND NEW PLAYGROUND!

VENDORS

NUNA TRENDS
CREATED WITH LOVE GIFT BASKETS
CHRISCRAFTS
FOREST SPIRIT CREATIONS
RITUAL CONCRETE AND GOODS
K9 KRUNCHIES
ISLANDER CRAFTING
L.E.C HOBBIES
TUPPERWARE
AND MANY MORE.....

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

ESSENTIAL OILS
WESTCOAST TEES
EPICURE
GAMES
TRAVEL VOUCHER
GOLF PASSES
GIFT BASKETS
AND A LOT MORE

ONLINE RAFFLE FOR VANCOUVER CANUCKS TICKETS

And come take your own picture
with a professional photo set up

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

December 1st 2024

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
ENTRY BY DONATION





JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY SUPPORTING SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$50,000 FOR A BRAND NEW PLAYGROUND!

20+ COMMUNITY
AND STUDENT
VENDORS

ONLINE RAFFLE FOR
VANCOUVER CANUCKS
TICKETS

DROP OFF FOR
FOOD DRIVE

TREATS

SILENT AUCTION

PROFESSIONAL BACKDROP
TO TAKE YOUR OWN HOLIDAY PICTURE

Craft for kids



INFORMATION RELEASE

November 5, 2024

Celebrate with the City at Cookies, Carols and More!



Get ready for a magical afternoon filled with holiday cheer at the City of Parksville's annual Cookies, Carols and More! event. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7 from 2 to 4:30 pm** and gather your kids, families, friends, and neighbours to join in the festivities and fun at the Jensen Centre (132 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville).

Parksville Council is pleased to host this free event for a second year and look forward to seeing you there, spreading joy and holiday cheer! This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with your community, forge new friendships, and create lasting memories. Everyone welcome!

Here are some of the activities we have planned:

- **Live music and entertainment:** Delight in the music of Easy Street Duo and local song leader, Sylvia Humble, for a carol singalong.
- **Crafts and games for kids and parents:** Unleash your creativity with an array of holiday-themed crafts. Kids and parents can collaborate to create beautiful decorations, charming ornaments and other delightful projects to take home and treasure. We've added some fun games to keep little ones entertained.
- **Visit from Santa:** Santa Claus himself will make a special appearance! Bring your cameras for a magical photo opportunity with Santa and share your wish lists with the jolly old man. We will have everything needed to write a letter to Santa, mailed just in time.
- **Christmas cookies and hot chocolate bar:** Savour a delectable assortment of cookies and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate from our hot chocolate bar, customized with marshmallows, whipped cream and other scrumptious toppings.
- **Facepainting:** Add a touch of festive flair with holiday-themed facepainting. Whether you want to transform into a reindeer, a sparkling snowflake, or a twinkling Christmas tree, our talented face painters will bring your holiday spirit to life.

We look forward to welcoming you to Cookies, Carols and More! on December 7. Should you wish, donations of non-perishable items will be accepted for the Salvation Army foodbank. Everyone is welcome at this free holiday event.

After November 20, the **North Pole mailbox** will be at 100 Jensen Avenue East ready to collect letters for Santa. Once again, kids can bring letters or write one here, envelopes ready and no postage necessary!

For more information:
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The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



**Starting
Nov 4th**



Ready, Set, Learn!

at your local elementary school!

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



KEEPING KIDS SAFE online

Keeping Kids Safe Online is a 60-minute presentation **designed for parents** to learn how to help children stay safe online while using apps, social media, and gaming platforms.

Join us for a presentation and follow up information specific for Oceanside from Oceanside RCMP and Sources Mid-Island Sexual Assault Services.

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
6:30-8pm
at Ballenas Theatre

Part 1: Overview – discusses and defines different forms of online sexual exploitation, including sextortion and intimate image sharing, as well as red flags of luring and grooming.

Part 2: App Literacy – a review of today's most popular apps used by children and youth.

Part 3: Practical Conversations – how to talk children and youth about online safety and sexual exploitation.

 **Children of the Street**

childrenofthestreet.ca

SOS Caring for Community at Christmas

Creating the magic of Christmas for local residents since 1968



Drop-in to register

Starting Nov. 19, 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 - 2:45 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.

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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Services



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE | NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 10

SHINE THE LIGHT ON SAFETY

NOVEMBER 27TH, 2024

WALK STARTS AT 5:00PM

MEET AT SOURCES OCEANSIDE

RESOURCE CENTRE

198 MORISON AVE. PARKSVILLE

**ARRIVE 10-15 MINUTES EARLY TO SIGN
CONSENT FORM & ENJOY REFRESHMENTS**

Join us for our second annual Shine the Light on Safety event! All community members are welcome to participate in our 2km walk through Parksville. Together, we can show solidarity to those impacted by gender-based violence!

Cash donations accepted - all proceeds go towards Anti-Violence Services at Sources Oceanside Resource Centre.

Refreshments kindly provided by Parksville Tim Hortons.



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