



SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Message from Principal

Dear Wolf Pack

It's hard to believe we are already heading into Spring Break! The time between Winter Break and now has flown by, and I continue to be impressed with the focus and effort our students have shown in their learning. Update Learning Reports are on their way home, and I encourage families to take some time to review and celebrate the growth your child has made so far this year.

I am very happy with the positive tone in the school. Students have been playing respectfully with their peers and are making great use of our new playground. It has been wonderful to see students active, inclusive, and enjoying their time together.

On February 25th, we recognized Pink Shirt Day with an absolutely fantastic assembly. We spent time reflecting on what Pink Shirt Day represents—kindness, inclusion, and standing up for one another. A big thank you to Ms. Fernandez and her leadership group for organizing such a meaningful and engaging event for our school community. It was truly a great day.

As we head into the break, I hope all our families enjoy some well-deserved rest and time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed, ready for continued great learning, and hopefully some warmer spring weather ahead!

Sincerely,
Jesse Witte
Principal, Springwood Elementary School

SES Spirit Wear

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

KINDERGARTEN IMMUNIZATION

Digital Consent Introductory School Newsletter – Kindergarten



Kindergarten Immunizations

To make routine immunization more accessible to children, Island Health is offering school-based immunization clinics for students in kindergarten who are due for routine immunizations (excluding COVID-19 & influenza).

Only children who are due for routine immunization(s) will receive a letter through the school. If your child receives a letter, please complete the online digital consent tool by April 1st. **Students will only be offered immunizations in a school-based clinic with the consent of a parent/guardian.** Immunizations will be provided at the school for kindergarten students on Wednesday, April 15th.

An adult from your child's school, such as your child's teacher or teacher's assistant, or a public health nurse will be available to provide support to your child during their immunizations. If you would like to attend an appointment with your child, contact your local health unit to book an appointment.

Please ensure your child can recite their full name and date of birth, as the public health nurse will need to confirm this information with your child prior to providing immunizations.

Please contact the health unit at (250)947-8242 if you have any questions.

POPCORN SALES- Every Wednesday



Popcorn Sales are Wednesdays \$2.50 a bag.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Now that the weather is changing, students are often getting muddy and wet. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes at school, as they will be going outside for recess, gym, and Daily Physical Activity (DPA).

Thank you!

SES PAC INFORMATION

Please contact the PAC if you have any questions or concerns at spirngwoodpac@gmail.com



1 - As we move into Spring, this brings warmer weather as well as Field Trips! In addition, our PAC is looking for some solid volunteers for Hot Lunch Days and School Event Days. If you are interested in being apart of these and would like to volunteer your first step is to have a Criminal Records Check done. To obtain one is a quick and easy process. Come by the office with two pieces of ID. After that you will follow the online process for the application. Once approved we will reach out to let you know you can volunteer when needed. Thank you for being apart of our trusted school community!

mabel's labels FUNDRAISING

The Springwood Physical Education Department is excited to partner with Mabel's Labels! Their products are perfect for school, home, and sports, making organizing and identifying belongings easier and more fun.



Visit <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/> and search for Springwood Elementary School (Parkville)



Purchase labels



Shipped directly to you anywhere



Contact Jessica Threlfall @ jthrelfall059@gmail.com with any questions

The Card Project is back!

Orders open Monday, February 23

See your child's artwork made into beautiful, quality products.



Greeting cards



Canvas tote bags



Year planners



Canvases & aluminum panels



Mouse pads



Notebooks & sketchbooks



Tea towels



Mugs



T-shirts

Orders open **online** on Monday, February 23.

Go to www.TheCardProject.ca

Our school's **access code is SN77**

The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 8.

Orders will be delivered in the week of March 30 - April 3.

This is a wonderful fundraising initiative for our school. We receive 20% of the sales.

Questions? Contact Marcelle at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca

Important Dates

- ***March 5 - Hot lunch - Boston Pizza***
- ***Mar 16 – 27 – Spring Break***
- ***Mar 30 – Schools reopen***
- ***Apr 3 – Good Friday***
- ***Apr 6 – Easter Monday***
- ***Apr 9 - Hot lunch - Chinese Kitchen/The Pretzel Guy***
- ***May 7 Hot lunch - Tim Hortons***
- ***May 14 - MATA District Pro-D - students do not attend***
- ***May 15 - Conference Adjustment Day - students do not attend***
- ***May 18 - Victoria Day - students do not attend***
- ***May 21 - Hot lunch - Extreme Eatery***
- ***June 25 - Final Day for Students - Schools dismiss three hours early***

Community Events



parent workshop

Inclusive Classrooms

What They Are, Why They're Complex, and How Families Can Support Them

This parent-friendly workshop helps families better understand inclusive classrooms, why they can feel challenging at times, and how families can support inclusion in meaningful, realistic ways.

Sunday, March 8
4:00- 5:30 pm

In this session, parents will:

- A clearer understanding of what inclusive classrooms are and why complexity is part of the reality
- Insight into how inclusive classrooms impact students, peers, educators, and families
- Practical ways families can support inclusion through conversations at home and respectful school partnerships

Facilitated by Carly Eirikson
Inclusive education & school leadership

This session is intended to be informative and supportive of inclusive education. It does not provide guidance on individual student situations or specific school-based decisions.

Hosted by your DPAC

CREATIVE Writing Contest

KIDS WRITE 4KIDS

CALL FOR ENTRIES
FOR GRADES 4-8
DEADLINE: MARCH 31, 2026

RIPPLE FOUNDATION Educational Charity
ripplefoundation.ca/contest

Creative Kids at The MAC
ages 8-12

ART DAY

Thursday, March 19th
9:30am-3:30pm

\$75

A day full of fun art activities in the studio

Art games
Painting
Sculpture
Mosaic



McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)
133 McMillan Street (Upper Level)
Parksville, BC V9P 2H5
(250) 246-8126
www.mcmillanartscentre.com
Gallery & Gift Shop Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11am to 5pm

Feb 2nd - Mar 1st 2026
Opening Reception Sat Feb 7, 1pm

Creative Kids Art Show
UNFILTERED EXPRESSION

Accepting art from artists
under 16 years old.

CALL TO ARTS

Submit admission by **Extended!**
to Jan 30th

Email creativekids.mac@gmail.com for
submission form, subject CALLTOART

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Oceanside Building Learning Together



Climb Aboard the WOW Bus!

**Brant Wildlife Children's Festival @ Qualicum Beach
Elementary School** - March 5th @ 1:30pm - 3pm
Parksville Community Centre (223 Mills St.)
- March 10th @ 10am - 11:30am

Home Hardware Building Centre - March 11th @ 10am - 11:30am
Parksville Community Park - March 12th @ 2pm - 3:30pm
Errington Community Park - March 31st @ 10:30am - 12pm

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?



Oceanside Building Learning Together



Ready, Set, Learn!

Qualicum Beach Elementary - March 2nd @ 10:30am - 11:30am
Ecole Oceanside Elementary - March 3rd @ 9:10am - 10:10am
Nanoose Bay Elementary - March 6th @ 10:30am - 11:30am
Bowser Elementary - March 9th @ 10:30am - 11:30am
Errington Elementary - March 9th @ 1pm - 2pm
Arrowview Elementary - March 11th @ 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Springwood Elementary - March 13th @ 9:30am - 10:30am

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



Mindfulness in May
The Art of Empathy and Kindness 2026
Open Call to Youth for Submissions
 Grades 5-12 in SD 69 and Surrounding Area
 Including Home Learners




EARLY SUBMISSIONS BY FEBRUARY 14TH FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED ON THE EXHIBIT POSTERS AND WIN EXTRA PRIZES

Visual Art: drawing, fabric art, painting, mixed media, sculpture.
Literary Art: poetry, song, music. **Photography:** digital, and print.

ALL WORKS DUE BY MARCH 13TH

Submissions will be displayed at the Qualicum Library during BC Youth Week and National Mental Health Week

SUBMIT ONLINE HERE:
<https://mindfulmay.artistquarter.com/>

Sponsored By:






EXHIBITION: APRIL 28TH - MAY 10TH
 For questions or more info, contact Diane at moraninthemoon@gmail.com

[Spring 2026 Active Living Guide](#)

Follow us on Instagram!



@springwood_wolves

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