

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #9 March 5, 2025



Message From Principal

Dear Springwood Community,

Spring break is right around the corner! The days are getting warmer and longer, bringing with them a renewed sense of energy and excitement as we move into this next season.

Learning updates will be sent home on Monday, March 10th. These updates will provide a snapshot of your child's progress so far this term. In many cases, this will serve as a brief check-in since Christmas, giving you insight into their achievements, areas of growth, and any next steps before we head into spring break. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher. Open communication between home and school plays a key role in supporting student success.

This Friday is a district-wide Pro-D (Professional Development) day, meaning students will not have school. On this day, I will be participating in professional learning sessions focused on trauma-informed practice and early literacy screening. These topics are crucial in ensuring that we continue to create supportive, inclusive learning environments for all students. Trauma-informed practice helps educators better understand and respond to the needs of children who may have experienced adversity, while early literacy screening provides valuable tools for identifying and supporting young

readers. It’s always inspiring to engage in these learning opportunities and bring fresh ideas back into the classroom.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful spring break! May it be filled with sunshine, relaxation, and quality time with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Jesse Witte

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the LOST AND FOUND ITEMS! If not claimed by March 14, 2025, everything will be donated to the SOS.

Thank you



Change of Clothes

Just a reminder to be sure to send a **change of clothes** for your child that is to be kept at school as the weather starts to get rainy and wet (if your child comes home with dirty wet clothes, please replace with a new set to remain at school). Rain boots and rain jackets are necessary as well. Thank you!



Also, the lost and found is growing please stop by and see if anything belongs to your child.

POPCORN SALES - Every Wednesday

Popcorn Sales are Wednesdays \$2.50 a bag.



Scent Free

Just a reminder our District Policy is that all worksites are Scent Free environments



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.

PAC - PURDYS CHOCOLATE EASTER FUNDRAISER

Our annual Purdys Easter Chocolate Fundraiser is underway! If you would like to support the school and enjoy some delicious chocolates, please click on the link below. The order deadline is March 14th, and Purdy's orders will be delivered to the school on April 4th. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/960745-126208>
Also see attached posters with more information from the PAC.



Fresh To You Fundraiser is back!

Basic bundle -\$25

2 lb Carrots

5 lb Golden Beets

3 lb Apples

5 lb Russet Potatoes

Quantity:_____x\$25 each

Cash or cheque(Payable to Springwood PAC) can be dropped off with form in PAC drop box outside the office.

Order deadline: March 14th @ 9am PICK UP: April TBD

NAME:_____ PHONE:_____

EMAIL:_____

The Card Project – last chance to order!

A friendly reminder to those who want to order greeting cards, mugs, mouse pads, tote bags, tea towels, notebooks, sketchbooks and art prints made with their children's artwork:

The deadline for orders is this Sunday, March 9

You can see your child's art
with the access code
SN77

Go to www.TheCardProject.ca

Orders will be delivered in the week of April 7-11.



Thank you for participating in this fundraiser.

Questions? Contact Marcelle at 604 924 2660
or at Marcelle@TheCardProject.ca



FUN DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



JUNE 25th 9am-3pm



**Must have criminal record
check on file with school**



**Please email if you are wanting to help this year
springwoodpac@gmail.com**

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Mar 6th - Hot lunch - Extreme Eatery
- Mar 7th - In-District PRO D Day - student do not attend
- Mar 10th - Learning Updates go home with students
- Mar 17th -28th - Spring Break Vacation
- Mar 31st - School Reopens after Spring Break

Apr 10th - Hot lunch - Dominos/Sam's Sushi

Apr 18th - Good Friday - students do not attend

Apr 21st - Easter Monday - students do not attend

Apr 28th - School-Based PRO D Day - students do not attend

Apr 24th - Hot lunch - Chinese Kitchen


May 8th - Hot lunch - Tim Hortons


May 16th - Conferencing Adjustment Day - students do not attend

May 19th - Victoria Day - students do not attend

June 26th - Final Day for Elementary Students - School dismiss three hours early 11:45 am

DID YOU KNOW?




Ready, Set, Learn!

Bowser Elementary – March 3rd @ 11am – 12pm
Errington Elementary – March 3rd @ 1pm – 2pm
Ecole Oceanside Elementary – March 11th @ 10:30am – 11:30am
Qualicum Beach Elementary – March 12th @ 10am – 11am
Arrowview Elementary – March 13th @ 1:15pm – 2:15pm
Nanoose Bay Elementary – March 14th @ 9:45am – 10:45am
Springwood Elementary – March 14th @ 12:30pm – 1:30pm

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





Meet at the main beach parking lot by the washrooms.

Rathtrevor Beach – March 13th @ 1:30pm – 3pm

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



This session will explore strategies to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse within online gaming environments, providing practical guidance and expert perspectives. The webinar is facilitated by GamerSafer, a safety tech company focused on protecting players and gaming communities from digital risks and harms.

This session will be hosted on Zoom. To register, please click on the link below. You will then receive a confirmation email with login details.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Targeted participants: Parents, caregivers, educators and civil society organizations.

Wand-Making Art Therapy Workshop

with Erica Williamson RSW, RTC

- ✓ Still Waiting for your hogwarts letter.
- ✓ Love being creative



This art therapy workshop will focus on learning to manage your worries through art. Participants will go home with their own witch/wizard wands and magic room spray.

Friday March 21, 25 5-6:30pm

Ages 8-12

Registration \$50.00.

email:artnsoul.ew@gmail.com

Venue: McMillan Arts Centre (MAC)

133 McMillan Street, Upper Level, Parksville, BC V9P 2H5



For Grades 4-8
Deadline: 03/31/25



Call for Entries

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Kids Write 4 Kids Contest Deadline: March 31, 2025

There is still time to enter. Whether you're a budding novelist, a poetic soul, or someone who loves to tell tales, this is your platform to shine.

Why You Should Enter?

- **Get Published:** Winners become published authors.
- **Make an Impact:** Book sales proceeds are donated to the winner's charity of choice.
- **Join the Panel:** Winners will become judges for next year's contest.

Educators, parents, and creativity enthusiasts – spread the word! Display [our poster](#) in your school, library, or community center to help discover the next wave of storytellers. <https://kidswrite4kids.ripplefoundation.ca/>

Meet our diverse and inspiring individuals on our [Kids Write 4 Kids judging panel!](#)

Easter EGG-STRAVAGANZA

15\$ PER CHILD
AIMED FOR CHILDREN
UNDER 8
KIDS BRING YOUR ADULTS

SPRINGTIME CRAFT
EGG DYEING
EASTER EGG HUNT
IN THE GARDEN

SAT APRIL 19, 2025
9:30AM-10:30PM
& 10:30AM-11:30AM

REGISTER AT
THE MCMILLAN ART CENTRE
MCMILLANARTCENTRE.COM

School
for the
Creative
Arts

Create
Kids

MAC

MCMILLAN ART CENTRE (BRANCH)
131 Westhollow Avenue, Upper Level
Parksville, BC, V8P 2V3
(250) 248-8881
www.mcmillanartcentre.com
Gallery, 10-12th Street, Tuesday, Wednesday, 11am-4pm

Mindfulness in May

“Have Your Say” 2025 Art Exhibit

Open Call to Youth for Submissions

Grades 5-12 in SD 69 & surrounding areas,
including home learners

THE SILENCE OF STIGMA 2015

THE ART OF KINDNESS 2021

THE ART OF MINDFULNESS 2025

Early Submissions by **March 21st** for a chance to be featured on the exhibit posters and win extra prizes!

All Media – Digital (non-AI), Fabric arts, Mixed Media, textiles, Sculpture etc.

3 Categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Literary Art

All works due by April 4th
Submit online here:
<https://mindfulmay.artistquarter.com/>

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& PIZZA HOUSE
Pleasant Quality


Stephanie Higginson MLA
Ladysmith-Oceanside

VANCOUVER ISLAND
REGIONAL LIBRARY

Exhibition: May 1st-11th at the Qualicum Beach Library
660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach

OPENING EVENT MAY 1ST 6:00-7:00PM
SHOW RUNS APRIL 30TH-MAY 10TH DURING LIBRARY HOURS

For questions or more info, contact Diane at moraninthemoon@gmail.com



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@springwood_wolves



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