

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #12, April 29, 2024



Message from Principal

Dear Springwood Families

As we embrace the warmer weather and longer daylight hours, we want to ensure that our students are prepared for the changing season. Please take a moment to review your child's wardrobe to make sure they are equipped for the upcoming warmer days. Sunscreen, hats, and light layers can make outdoor activities more enjoyable.

Additionally, as daylight becomes longer, it's essential to maintain consistent routines with your child. Consistency helps to provide stability and structure, which are crucial for their well-being and academic success.

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Celebration of Learning events, where your child will have the opportunity to share their progress and achievements with you. Please remember that this time is dedicated to celebrating your child's learning journey. While we encourage your presence and support, it's not the appropriate time to address specific questions or concerns with your child's teacher. However, if you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We understand that life can present challenges, and we want to remind you that you're not alone. Whether it's academic, emotional, or personal challenges, we are here to support you and your

family. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance or guidance.
Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.
Warm regards,
Jesse Witte

Celebration of Learning - May 15 & 16th, 2024

Opens for booking May 1, 2024.

Spring Celebration of Learning - May 15 & 16th, 2024

Wednesday May 15th - 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Thursday May 16th - 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be open for booking appts May 1, 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

School Bus Registration for the 2024/25 school year is now open!

School Bus Registration for the 2024/25 school year is now open! Go to the Qualicum School District Transportation [website](#) to access the online application form. Get your application in before the end of this school year for the best opportunity to secure a spot for you child.

TIMELINES

April - May 31, 2024 only Eligible bus pass applications will be processed, on a first come/first served basis.

- If a bus reaches capacity, an *Eligible Rider wait list* will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.
- Courtesy rider applications received during this time will not be processed until after June 1.
- Exact bus route information will be emailed to families before the first day of school.

June 1 – June 30 2024 Courtesy, as well as late Eligible bus pass applications will be processed on a first come/first served basis as space is available on the bus route(s) requested.

- Courtesy riders that are offered a space on the bus will be notified and asked to pay the necessary fees. When payment is received the application will be finalized. If payment is not made within 5 business days of being offered the space, the application will be re-dated and put back into the queue.
- If a bus reaches capacity, a wait list will be created. You will be notified if you are put on a wait list.

Applications received after July 1 will be considered on a wait list and only accepted on a first come first served basis as space on busses allow.

POPCORN SALES - Every Wednesday

Reminder popcorn for sale Wednesdays bring your money \$2.50 a bag to help support our Learning Service Department.



Change of Clothes

Just a reminder to be sure to send a change of clothes for your child to keep at school. Thank you!



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

Garage Sale - Library

Spring clean up!
The Springwood library is clearing out some old Scholastic posters, pencils/pens and erasers in order to fundraise for new library supplies.
Sales will take place during the Spring Conference on Wednesday, May 15, from 4:30 pm until supplies last. There are very limited amounts of everything.
Everything will be \$.50, \$1 or \$2. Bring your change!

PAC - Craft Fair - May 15th 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Kids craft fair is happening again, May 15th during Celebration of Learning. Kids can sign up for a table by completing a form by the PAC Bulletin Board and handing into the drop box outside the school office. Please come support the kids.

Arrowsmith Tennis Club

Arrowsmith Tennis Club is offering tennis lessons for 8-13 year olds beginning in May.


The lessons are on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 at the Springwood courts beginning May 7th. Participants may sign up for one day or two days a week. Players will need to bring a tennis racquet and wear running shoes. We have a certified instructor who will introduce you to the game and help improve your skills. The cost is \$60.00 for one day and \$120.00 for two days per week. This includes membership in Arrowsmith Tennis Club for the 2024 year. If you are interested in registering for these lessons or would like further information please call Jill Trelawny at 250-954-3474.


PAC Newsletter - April 29th, 2024

See attached posters below with up coming events.

PAC UPDATE

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER. PAC RAISED \$460






WANT TO BE KEPT IN THE LOOP?
SIGN UP FOR WEEKLY PAC EMAILS BY EMAILING SPRINGWOODPAC@GMAIL.COM

REMINDER KIDS CRAFT FAIR IS FAST APPROACHING. SIGN UP DEADLINE IS MAY 10TH. PLEASE RETURN CONTRACT AND FEE TO DROP BOX OUTSIDE THE OFFICE.

MAY 16TH PAC MEETING IS EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS FOR 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE SEND NOMINATIONS TO SPRINGWOODPAC@GMAIL.COM



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
-CROSS COUNTRY TRACK MEET MAY 10TH 9-12PM
-WHEELY WEDNESDAY ALL MAY - FUN DAY
JUNE 14TH 8AM-3PM
(DON'T FORGET TO BOOK IT OFF AND HAVE YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD COMPLETED)

Please contact springwoodpac@gmail.com with any questions

WHEELIE WEDNESDAY!

Kindergarten to Grade 2

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 2 STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO BRING A BIKE OR SCOOTER TO SPRINGWOOD ON WEDNESDAYS IN MAY TO PARTICIPATE IN WHEELIE WEDNESDAY HOSTED BY PAC.

STUDENTS CAN RIDE IN BACK PARKING LOT AT LUNCH RECESS ON A SUPERVISED COURSE.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S HELMET FITS CORRECTLY AND IS BROUGHT WITH THEM TO PARTICIPATE.

Checking the Helmet
As your child's safety is our top priority, making sure they have a well-fitting helmet is of utmost importance. Here is what to look for:

IS IT ADJUSTABLE FOR HEAD SIZE?

- Turn your child's helmet upside down.
- Look inside to see if the helmet can be adjusted so it fits snugly on your child's head.
- If your child's helmet is not adjustable it will only fit one size of head diameter.
- We strongly suggest a helmet that has an adjustable dial called a **retention system**.
- From our experience skateboard or dome style helmets rarely fit properly.

IS IT TOO BIG?

- Place your child's helmet on their head.
- Keep straps unbuckled (straps will not affect the head fit).
- Have child shake their head front to back and side to side.
- Helmet should not move front to back or side to side.
- If there is movement and no adjustable dial the helmet is too big.

IS IT TOO SMALL?

- Place your child's helmet on their head.
- Face your child.
- Check that there is no more than a two-finger gap between your eyebrows and the front part of the helmet.
- If the helmet sits too high on your child's head then the helmet is too small.

MAY 16th 2024

ELECTIONS AND APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTION FOR SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY PAC.

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN, AGM FOR PAC EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS FOR 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

POSITIONS:



CHAIR	DIRECTOR
VICE CHAIR	DIRECTOR
SECRETARY	DIRECTOR
TREASURER	DPAC REP

PLEASE EMAIL ALL NOMINATIONS AND POSITIONS TO SPRINGWOODPAC@GMAIL.COM BY MAY 16TH AT 9AM

SES PAC CONSTITUTION WAS UPDATED AND NEEDS TO BE VOTED ON TO APPROVE REVISIONS



Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- May 1st - Wheelie Wednesday Starts
- May 9th - Hot Lunch - Dominos/Sam's Sushi
- May 9th - Grade 7 Health Conference
- May 10th - Qualicum School District Cross-Country Race
- May 15 - Celebration of Learning 4:30-7:00 pm

May 16 - Celebration of Learning 3:00 - 5:00 pm
 May 17 - Conferencing Adjustment Day - Students do not attend
 May 20 - Victoria Day - Students do not attend
 May 23rd - Hot Lunch - Extreme Eatery
 June 6th - Welcome to K 5:00 - 6:00 pm
 June 7th - School Track Meet
 June 14 - Fun Day - SES
 June 27th - Year End Assembly 9:15 - 10:15 am
 June 27th - Learning Updates to Parents
 June 27 - Final Day for Elementary Students
 June 28th - Admin Day

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Contact Us

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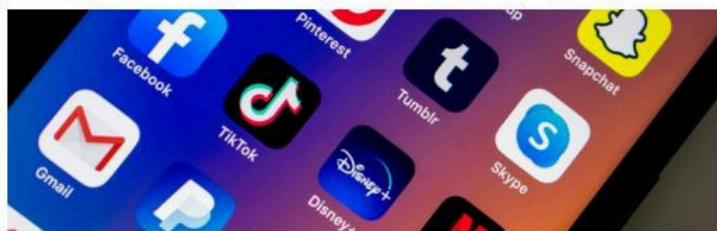
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**Qualicum School District
 in partnership with the
 District Parent Advisory Council
 Presents:**

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP, AND CYBERBULLYING FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2024
TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
LOCATION: Ballenas Secondary School Auditorium, 136 Pym Street, Parksville



As a parent/caregiver, you lead the charge as a digital role model. Help your child develop a strong digital citizenship foundation while reminding them that their digital tattoo reflects their real and online selves. Parents/Caregivers have an important role to play in providing support and guidance during critical periods. A snapshot of current trends and concerning apps will be provided to equip you in your digital parenting strategy.

DO NOT MISS THIS FREE EVENT

- **Social Media Update** - The most current apps and trends in your children's social media lives
- **Digital Parenting Strategy** - How to have important conversations with your child around social media safety
- **Digital Footprint and Reputation** - With their future approaching, recruiters and employers are taking note - What will they find?
- **Family Tech Plan** - Recommendations for family guidelines and parental controls



May 10th
9am-12 pm

QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT CROSS-COUNTRY RACE

DPAC IS HELPING RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY TRACK MEET

- ALL SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE AND IS BEING HELD AT SPRINGWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
- VOLUNTEERS NEED TO BE PREPARED TO SIT/STAND ALONG THE COURSE FOR UP TO 3 HRS AND CAN HAVE YOUNG KIDS ACCOMPANY THEM.

**MUST HAVE CURRENT
CRIMINAL RECORD
CHECK ON FILE WITH
YOUR STUDENTS
SCHOOL**



- ONLY A FEW KIDS FROM EACH SCHOOL COME TO REPRESENT AT THIS DISTRICT TRACK MEET.
- EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ISN'T RUNNING THAT DAY - VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO CHEER ON THE STUDENTS AND HELP ENSURE OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A SAFE AND FUN CROSS COUNTRY TRACK MEET!

We need:

RACE ROUTE VOLUNTEERS

ROUTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LINE THE COURSE ROUTE AND CHEER STUDENTS ON AND MAKE SURE THEY STAY ON COURSE

RACE RABBITS

WE NEED 6-8 BIKE RIDERS TO RIDE THE ROUTE IN FRONT AND BEHIND THE KIDS TO KEEP KIDS IN EACH AGE GROUP TOGETHER

PLEASE EMAIL VOLUNTEERS NAME, EMAIL, WHAT POSITION AND WHAT SCHOOL TO DPAC BY APRIL 30TH

PLEASE EMAIL DPAC WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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Pam Horrigan

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