

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #4 October 27, 2023



Message From Principal

Hi folks. It's that time of year when many of us are getting run down and getting sick. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick, as germs easily spread and can cause others to get sick! Saying this, we also need your child in attendance as much as possible to help them be as successful as they can be.

With Halloween activities happening this weekend, please try your best to keep regular routines and limit the amount of candy that your child is bringing to school.

Also, the stormy weather is around the corner. Talk with your children about road safety in regards to riding bikes and walking. It's always tough for drivers to see everything.

As always, please communicate with your child's teacher around any concerns or questions.

Have a happy and safe Halloween weekend!

Jesse Witte

Happy Halloween

As you know, Halloween is on Tuesday, October 31st. We are planning some safe, fun activities for students to do at school on that day.



We have decided to once again allow students to wear costumes if they wish! Students may wear a costume on Tuesday, October 31st.

If your child does not want to wear a costume, we encourage students to wear black and/or orange.

We do have some costume guidelines that must be followed to ensure everyone has a safe and fun day:

- Masks are NOT to be worn outside on the playground or in the hallways and washrooms. Masks can be worn during the parade.
- Teachers will give direction on the expectations in classrooms.
- No heavy make-up.
- Leave all costume "weapons" at home (swords, knives, guns, etc.).
- Bring a change of clothes (some students have PE class and may be asked to change if the costume interferes with mobility).
- Please make sure your child avoids costumes portraying extreme violence.
- After Halloween, we ask you to please limit the amount of candy you let your child take to school.
- Generally, we ask students to eat something healthy first before consuming a treat.

The costume parade will start at 11:00 am in the gym. Parents are welcome to come watch.

This should be a great activity for SES students.

Lifetouch School Photos - Ordering

Since we used a new photography company this year it will be a bit different when ordering photos.

Deadline for orders: November 6th. Parents can order online at [LifeTouch Photography](https://www.lifetouch.com).

Picture Day ID is on the photo packages sent home.

Online orders placed after the deadline will ship to the school up to 45 days after Picture Day. After 45 days, online orders will ship directly to your home for an additional fee.

Change of Clothes

Just a reminder to be sure to send a change of clothes for your child as the weather starts to get rainy and wet. Rain boots and rain jackets are necessary as well. Thank you



Daylight Savings Time

Remember to set your clocks back by 1 hour next Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00am.



POPCORN SALES - Every Wednesday

Popcorn Wednesdays at lunch recess outside the Foods Room window. \$2.00 per bag!



Fall Choir Starting September 27th

Mrs. Burn will be starting a Springwood Choir for students for grades 4,5, 6,7 on Wednesday, September 27. All students from these classes are welcome to attend. The choir will be held in the band/music room from 8:15 - 8:45. Students can come into choir even if they arrive at school a little later, but once they are in the choir room they must stay until the end of each session. If you miss the first choir practice, please come the next week. Please drop your backpacks, shoes and coats in the hall outside the music/band room. Welcome to choir! Come and have a great singing time.



Mrs. Burn

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

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 by calling the school at 250-248-2038 but we are strongly encouraging families to use the SchoolMessenger app, website.

Thank you

See the attached PDF with instructions.



Safe Arrival Letter.pdf

[Download](#)

138.7 KB

PAC Newsletter

See poster below for information!



PAC UPDATE

REACH OUT ANYTIME
SPRINGWOODPAC@GMAIL.COM

PURDYS IS BACK!
ORDERING IS OPEN FROM NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 24TH.
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/960745-109070>



The Card Project

Our fall fundraiser opens this Friday, October 20. See your child's art online and browse the beautiful products made with your child's art.

The deadline for Priority Orders is Sunday, October 29 with delivery in the week of November 20-24.

Go online to www.TheCardProject.ca
Our school Access Code is **SN77**

The final order deadline is Sunday, November 12 with delivery December 4-6.



PAC WILL BE HOSTING ANOTHER KIDS CRAFT FAIR ON DECEMBER 8TH, 3-5:30PM AT SPRINGWOOD. THIS IS FOR THE STUDENTS TO MAKE AND SELL THEIR ITEMS. MORE INFO AND SIGN UP SHEET COMING SOON.

MITCHELL'S SOUP FUNDRAISER WAS A SUCCESS!
THANK YOU 
ALL WHO ORDERED

Next PAC meeting is November 16th at 6pm in the MPR at SES.

Upcoming Dates – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct 31st - Halloween Parade in GYM - 11 am

Nov 8th - Photo re-take day

Nov 10th - Conferencing Adjustment Day - students do not attend

Nov 13th - Statutory Holiday (Remembrance Day)

Nov 14th - School Based PRO-D - students do not attend

Dec 1st - District Wide Planning Day - students do not attend

Dec 25-Jan 5th - Winter Vacation

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