

Springwood Elementary School

Newsletter #2 October 7, 2025



Message from Principal

Dear Wolves Community,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to pause and express my gratitude for being part of such a caring and dedicated school community. Each day I'm reminded of the strength, kindness, and support that comes from working alongside our students, staff, and families here at Springwood. It truly is a privilege to learn and grow together.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful reminder to slow down, spend time with loved ones, and reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. I hope the long weekend brings you rest, laughter, and

meaningful moments with family and friends.

A couple of important reminders:

- Parent–Teacher Conferences: Please see the information in this newsletter to book an appointment. These conversations are a valuable chance to celebrate progress, share insights, and set goals together. Our office team is happy to help if you need assistance with scheduling.
- No School Monday: Monday, October 13, is a holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday with our regular schedule.

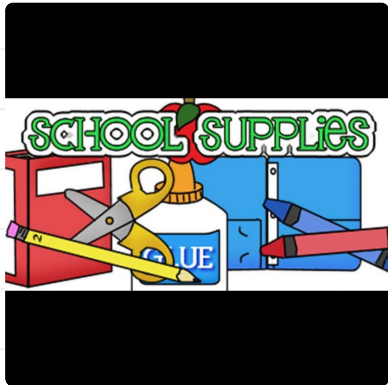
I'm always open to hearing your thoughts, questions, or feedback—your voices play an important role in helping us grow stronger as a school community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you and your families a warm and joyful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jesse Witte

School Supply Fee



A heartfelt thank-you to families who have already submitted school fees. If you haven't yet completed payment, please know there is a partial payment option on School Cash Online. You can pay as much or as little that works for your family that month. School supply payment is open all year. If you have any questions please ask. Thank you.

Photo Day! October 14th

Photos will be by Lifetouch Photography again this year. Nothing to prepare for before hand, just bring your best smile. Photo proofs will be sent home the moment we receive them. Not to worry if you are not here on October 14th, we can capture your smile on photo retake day November 13th.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences open for booking October 8th at 9am - Conference dates are October 15th, 3-5:30pm & October 16th, 4:30-7:00pm

Please book your conference time. All conferences are in person and must have an appointment. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you.

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

Book Fair! After school October 16th & 17th

The annual book fair returns, but with a few changes! This year we are partnering with a local Bookstore, Fireside Books, to provide a wider selection of new and used books. There will also be small gift items such as journals, stickers and shoe charms. This Book Fair is a huge fundraiser for the school library, and we greatly appreciate your support. Book Fair hours are: Wednesday, October 15 3-6:00, Thursday, October 16 3-6 pm and Friday October 17 3-3:30 pm. Cards and cash will both be accepted. Please bring your own bag!



FALL HOT LUNCH SESSION

Hot Lunch Dates



Order Cutoff

September 25th Dominos/Sam's Sushi	September 18th - 3:00 PM
October 9th Tim Hortons	October 2nd - 3:00 PM
October 23rd Extreme Eatery	October 16th - 3:00 PM
November 6th Chinese Kitchen/The Pretzel Guyz	October 30th - 3:00 PM
November 20th Boston Pizza	November 13th - 3:00 PM
December 4th Dominos/Chinese Kitchen	November 27th - 3:00 PM



PAC Newsletter Information

Welcome to October! We have two new school fundraisers for all to take advantage of. First one is Community Values Coupon Books that have already gone home and can be paid for on munchalunch. If you would like to sell them, please collect the funds and purchase the books on munchalunch or send cash or cheque made out to SES PAC labelled with your students name and teacher into the office or pac box in the foyer. If you do not want to purchase or sell the coupon books please be sure to return the entire package back to the office. The PAC does get charged for all books not returned so please support us by returning them. Thank you!

Second Fundraiser is FRESH TO YOU. This is a great opportunity to get fresh fruits and vegetables at a great price. More info to come soon!

SHOP LOCAL & SAVE MONEY WHILE HELPING RAISE FUNDS

Dear Springwood Parents,

Your support is needed for our **COMMUNITY VALUES** fundraiser to help us achieve our goal to raise money to support programs at Springwood.



Community Values is a new take on the traditional coupon book. For only **\$35**...this book features:

1. **Over \$4,000 in Savings** at businesses in the **Oceanside and Nanaimo area**.
2. We've added **29 NEW** businesses this year!
3. Custom Coupon Templates to make your own coupons to share with family and friends
4. Weekend Jar Coupons to experience local things to do for free with your family
5. Bonus Savings and Contests year-round on **Instagram @community_values_midisland**

Each Book Only

\$35

Important Info:

Sale Dates: October 1st – 15th

How to buy a book:

- **MUNCHALUNCH IS OUR PREFERRED METHOD!** No order forms required this year! Please purchase your book on munchalunch. Login to your munchalunch account and order your student's book under the fundraising tab. You can purchase just the book that was sent home, or multiple books! Additional books purchased will be sent home weekly. If you have more than one student bringing books home that you wish to purchase, please purchase these under each student's name separately.
 - **If you prefer to pay in CASH or CHEQUE**– please **order on munchalunch**, place payment in an envelope or Ziploc bag with your child's name and teacher on it. Cheques must be made out to Springwood PAC. Payments can be placed in the PAC box in the school foyer.
- PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY UNLABELED PAYMENTS**

Bonus Incentives

1. For every book a student sells they will receive a blind bag that will contain a collectable **Coop Squad Buddy** (Refer to prize flyer)
2. If you sell **12 books** you will be **guaranteed all 12 Coop Squad Buddy Characters**
3. If you sell **13 books or more** you will receive all 12 characters and the special limited-edition **GOLDEN Coop Squad Buddy + Sunglasses**
4. Top selling class with their money and books in on time will **win a special prize!**
5. Top selling student will win a pair of wireless headphones!

BONUS

This is NOT a free book. If you do not want to buy or sell it, please return it ASAP

Use the order form on the reverse to track your sales to friends, co-workers or neighbors and then order the books you need on munchalunch (no need to hand the form in). Additional books purchased will be sent home weekly. Paper order forms with attached labeled payments will still be accepted if you are unable to use munchalunch.

For Questions, contact: springwoodpac@gmail.com

IF EVERY STUDENT AT OUR SCHOOL SELLS 2 BOOKS, OUR SCHOOL WILL EARN over \$12,500!

FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER



The Fresh to You Fundraiser is a great way to fundraise with healthy food choices while making a 40% profit for your school.

Here's
What's in
the Bundles



We love to eat fresh
fruits and vegetables!

Basic bundle \$25

3lb Carrots
3lb Yellow Onions
3lb Apples
5lb Russet Potatoes

Seasonal Bundle \$30

3lb Carrots
1lb Parsnips
5lb Russet Potatoes
283g Shallots
3 Pack Loveable Little Squash

Our school is making a healthy choice in fundraising by selling top quality fruits and vegetables from BC.
Help us:

- 🍎 meet our school's fundraising goals
- 🍎 support healthy choices
- 🍎 support local growers and producers

Fundraising Dates: _____

Fundraising Coordinator: _____

Revised June 2025



Bell Schedule 2024-2025

NEW Bell Schedule

School in Session - 9:00 am

Lunch Bell - kids go outside - 11:55 am

Lunch Bell - kids come inside - 12:30 pm

Afternoon Recess - kids go outside - 1:30 pm

Afternoon Recess - kids come inside - 1:50 pm

Dismissal Bell - 2:51 pm

Outside Supervision Ends - 3:05 pm

Office Hours - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

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 2024-2025.pdf

[Download](#)

164.6 KB



District Fair Notice Letter - Threat Assessment.pdf

[Download](#)

176.4 KB



Info re Board Meetings and Family Accident Reimbursement Plan.pdf

[Download](#)

100.2 KB

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

Upcoming Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct 13th - Thanksgiving Day - students do not attend
Oct 14th - School Photo Day
Oct 15th - Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 16th - Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 24th - Professional Development Day - students do not attend
Nov 10th - Conferencing Adjustment Day - students do not attend
Nov 11th - Statutory Holiday (Remembrance Day)
Nov 24th - District Pro-D Day - students do not attend
Dec 22-Jan 2- Winter Vacation

Digital Immunization Consent Reminder - Grade 6

Grade 6 Immunizations

Grade 6 immunizations will be provided to students on Oct 15, 2025.

Recently, a **letter was sent home through the school from Island Health regarding consent for grade 6 immunizations**. If your child brought home a letter and you have not already done so, please **complete the online [provincial digital consent tool](#)**. If you do not have access to a computer or smart phone, please contact your local public health unit at the phone number below.

Please contact the local public health unit at (250)947-8242 if you have any questions, if you are submitting immunization records for your child using the digital consent tool, or if you would prefer to book an immunization appointment for your child at the health unit.

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