

## Message from Administration

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January 2018



# Spitzee Elementary

December was a very busy and exciting month here at Spitzee School and the holiday season brought out the best in the students, families and staff in our school community. As we move toward 2018 there have been many reasons to celebrate over the last month.

First off we would like to thank all of our staff and students involved with our Christmas concerts. From junior Kindergarten to grade 5 we are so proud of the effort and energy that our students and staff dedicated to their performances. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our two incredible music teachers Mrs. Misura and Miss Daisy, their creativity and commitment is the foundation that our awesome shows are built upon. We would also like thank all of the families and friends that joined us for the performances. We are truly grateful to be part of such a strong community.

We have been very fortunate this winter in terms of the weather, with that being said we can expect colder weather as we head into January. We would like to take the opportunity to once again remind everyone that unless the outside temperature feels colder than -20 Celsius our students will be outside for recess and before school. Because of this, it is essential that students be properly clothed for such weather. In the event that it is too cold for students to go outside, we will also be keeping our safety patrols inside. This means that our crosswalks will be unmanned. Often students are in a hurry to get out of the cold and may not be as careful in crossing the street as usual. In order to ensure the safety of our students as they make their way to school please be diligent as you drive through these areas.

January can be a challenging month for many of our students as they try to readapt to the routines of school after a two week break. As parents we can support our kids by developing consistent habits for regular attendance at school. It is much easier for students to familiarize themselves with the routines of school when they attend consistently and on time. Students who are chronically late or absent miss the opportunity to learn the routines that help them streamline their work and thus miss valuable learning time. We very much appreciate your support in having our students attend school regularly.

Kicking off in January is the grade 5 basketball season. Students are already working hard during lunch recess to brush up on their skills and come together as a team. We can't wait for the first game here at Spitzee on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, Christmas break is here! In all the busyness of the holiday season please take the time to connect with family and friends, relax and reflect on all that 2017 brought and hope for all that 2018 has in store. Have a wonderful break. We cannot wait to see you in the New Year.

Happy Holidays,

Brooke MacNeill & Chase Ellis

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>School closed for Holidays Back to school Monday January 8th</p>						
7	8 Back to School Junior Kindergarten Registration 8:00am	9	10	11 Grade 5 Basketball game Turner Valley @ Spitzee	12	13
14	15	16	17 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	18 Grade 5 Basketball game Longview@ Spitzee	19	20
21	22	23 Grade 5 Basketball game Millarville @ Spitzee	24	25 Last day to order February Hot Lunch	26 Non attendance day for Students	27
28	29 Kananaskis in the classroom presentation	30 Grade 5 Basketball game Spitzee @ Percy Peglar	31			

# Junior Kindergarten Registration

Junior Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 year will start on **Monday, January 8, 2018**. Junior Kindergarten students need to be four by the end of DECEMBER 2018 to be eligible to attend. Spitzee School offers high quality learning opportunities that allow each learner to explore, develop and celebrate his/her unique gifts and abilities. Registration forms can be picked up at the school office anytime from January 8 on. Please see Mrs. LeRoux or Mrs. *Perceval* at the office for a package or for additional information.

## Council Corner

*Spitzee School Council would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! Please note that our next school council meet will be on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30! Hope to see you there!*



## Kindergarten Registration

Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to register their child now for the 2018-2019 school year. A registration evening will be held on **Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30pm** at Spitzee School in the gathering area. Our school division offers high quality learning opportunities that allow each learner to explore, develop and celebrate his/her unique gifts and abilities. Kindergarten students need to be five by the end of **DECEMBER 2018** to be eligible to attend. For more information or to register, please call 652-2376 or stop in at the school office anytime and see Mrs. Perceval or Mrs. LeRoux for a package.

## February Hot Lunch Information

**February hot lunch opens January 1st and will close on January 25th. February's offerings are Hot Dogs (2nd), Papa John's Pizza (9th), and Booster Juice (16th). Please remember that as the system is automated all orders must be paid for on or before the cutoff date or they will be canceled. Thank you for your support!**



## **Grade 5 Basketball Game Schedule**

Week 1: Thursday January 11—Turner Valley @ Spitzee

Week 2—Thursday January 18—Longview at Spitzee

Week 3— Tuesday January 23—Millarville @ Spitzee

Week 4— Tuesday January 30—Spitzee @ Percy Pegler

Week 5— Tuesday February 6—Spitzee @ CIM

Week 6—Thursday February 15—FUN-ament tournament 12-5pm @ Crescent Point Field House (Aldersyde)



### **HIGH RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY EVENTS**

**Nerf Wars (Family Event)**– Friday, January 19 at 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Join after hours mayhem in this competitive night of fun at the library. Bring your own loaded Nerf gun and eye protection. Registration required. Maximum 30 participants.

**Learn to Cook for Kids: Soup (7-13 years)** – Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, \$30

Learn to make hearty soups with chef, Deb Fraser and then have a feast!

**Minecraft (ages 6-12)** – Fridays, January 12/23 at 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm

Challenge your design skills and build your problem-solving abilities with Minecraft! This is not facilitated. Registration required. \$2/session.

**Slimy Science (ages 7+)** – Wednesday, January 10 at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Create gooey slime and learn the science behind it. Add colour, glitter, and more to make it unique. Get ready to get slimy with this hands-on activity!

**Robot Fun (ages 6-10)** – Saturday, January 20 at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Learn how to program with Finch the Robot! Students will learn basic programming skills by making the robot move in all directions with some fun surprises along the way. Limited space. Please register.