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Oct. 16, 2020

Important Dates

- Oct. 20 & 22 - 3-Way Conferences via Zoom
Parent/Teacher/Student - (See info below)
- Oct. 23 - School Photos (Individual)
- Oct. 30 - In-class Halloween Fun!
- November 10 - In-class virtual Remembrance Day assembly
- November 11 - Remembrance Day - no school
- Nov. 18 - Photo Retakes

During these times, it's extremely important the school be able to reach parents in a timely manner. Please be sure the school has your correct contact information, including email and phone numbers. Parents are also reminded if students come to the office complaining of illness, it is expected they be picked up within half an hour. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Updates:

Alberta Health Services:
AHS has provided a new tool "[Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School or Childcare](#)." The [RVS Student Should I Go to School Today flowchart](#) aligns with the three provided by AHS in this tool.

Annual School Authorizations:
All forms in SchoolEngage should now be completed. If you have not yet completed them, please do so immediately. This will ensure your student has uninterrupted use of school devices (one of the forms is Responsible Use of Technology).

Morning Breaks:
Unless we have severe weather conditions, all students will be going outside for morning breaks. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.

3-Way Conferences (Parent/Teacher/Student) via Zoom
Oct. 20 & 22, 4-7pm
Conference Manager will be open for booking a Parent/Teacher/Student conference from Oct. 7 - Oct. 16
After bookings close, teachers will send you a Zoom invite for your conference.

Terry Fox Run

We would like to thank everyone who participated in, and donated to our annual Terry Fox Run. This year, in addition to collecting cash, we used the Terry Fox Foundation's online donations platform which allowed people to donate online on behalf of Springbank Middle School. Between the two, a total of \$1,152.00 was raised!! Thank you again for your continued support of this important event.

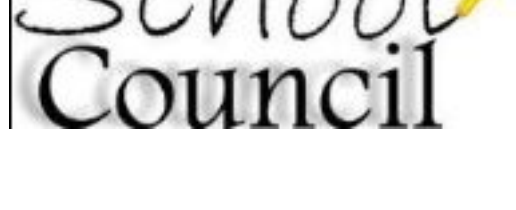
Real Time Reporting

École Elbow Valley & Springbank Middle School have joined the rest of Rocky View Schools in moving towards Real Time Reporting in Grades K-9. This year is the third and last year of a shift that has been rolled out across the division. What is Real Time Reporting?

Parents and students can access assessment information through the PowerSchool Public Portal at anytime throughout the year. Report cards are distributed at the end of the year.

- Real-Time Reporting:
- gives parents and students timely information, rather than information a few times per year.
 - informs teacher practice to improve student learning and student understanding of the curricular outcomes.
 - gives students the entire year to learn the curricular outcomes which supports the long-range development of a learner.
 - aligns with RVS assessment policy and vision of the 4-Year Plan.

RTR Parent Information Guide:
<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/powerschool/parent-guide-real-time-reporting-rtr/view>



SCHOOL COUNCIL

We would like to thank all those who volunteered to take on the following roles as part of School Council:

- Vice Chair - Mohamed Rashid
- Secretary - Monca Webster
- Treasurer Liaison - Karin Hunter
- Volunteer Coordinator - Paula Gough
- Athletics Rep. - Chelanne Murphy
- Band Rep. - Cris Housman
- Fund Lunches/Spreagle Store Coordinator - Lee-Anne Tai
- Grade 8 Farewell - Arlene Abboud
- Learning Commons Coordinator - Monica Webster
- Spirit Day Coordinators - Chelanne Murphy and Paula Gough
- Grant Writer - Ginette Quintillio

Council is still looking to fill the following positions:

Yearbook Coordinator - Gathers photos electronically from teachers and students via flash drive or email. Organizes photos within the book using Lifetouch's online website. Communicates with teachers to ensure class photos and names uploaded by Lifetouch are accurate. Will have access to last year's Yearbook Coordinator if mentoring is needed.

Canadian Parents for French Rep. - Represents SMS as a member of Canadian Parents for French. Acts as coordinator for fundraisers and/or events specific to our French Immersion students.

If you're interested in volunteering, please email sms_volunteers@outlook.com

The following is the link to the Minutes from the October 7th AGM:

<https://springmd.rockyview.ab.ca/school-council/meeting-minutes/meeting-minutes-2020-21>

The next meeting of School Council is Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 P.M. If you'd like to attend in person please email sms_volunteers@outlook.com. For those wanting to attend via Zoom, a link will be sent out soon. Please email Council in advance with any items you'd like to be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa
On behalf of the SMS Council

FRIENDS OF SPRINGBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIETY (FOSMSS)

A short, two-question survey has been emailed to all parents on behalf of FOSMSS asking for parent input on what they feel should be priorities for allocating monies raised through fundraising. Please take a minute to complete the survey as we value your input. If you did not receive the email, please use the link below to access the survey.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/6VSQ5ZQ

Watch for exciting news about a new fundraising initiative in the coming weeks!

Springbank Middle School has been awarded a casino in the early part of 2021. In the past, casinos have raised up to \$60,000 for our school and students. We will be sending out a sign up to recruit volunteers as soon as we have the dates finalized. It's imperative we have enough volunteers to run the casino to continue to be on the list of eligible participants.

Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa
On behalf of FOSMSS



A Back to School message from the School Immunization Program

Welcome back to a brand new school year, we hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We are pleased to continue to provide immunization services to your school community as long as COVID-19 response measures allow.

When schools closed in March 2020, our school-based immunization program was unable to continue as school immunization teams were redeployed to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Due to this suspension in service, you will notice some changes to our program this year as we attempt to "catch-up":

1. Students in grade 6 in the 2019-2020 school year (now in grade 7) who did not complete their Hepatitis B (HBV) and/or Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and/or any outstanding routine vaccine series will be immunized within the school setting. We will only immunize those students with a signed consent form from the previous school year(s).
2. Students in other grades where an immunization consent form was signed in the previous school year(s) will be immunized in the school setting in order to complete any outstanding immunization series.

If you do not wish your child to complete their immunization series or your child was immunized privately within the past 6 months, please contact your school's designated Community Health Centre.

More information will be available in the coming weeks regarding school-based immunizations for our target grade 6 and 9 students. Public Health is developing strategies to address access to immunization for those students enrolled in alternative learning environments this school year.

Visit www.immunizealberta.ca for more information about which vaccines are offered to students in Alberta.

During times of pandemic, such as COVID-19, we are reminded of how important it is utilizing the immunizations that protect us against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and pertussis that are still present globally and locally.

We look forward to working with our school communities again to help keep students healthy.

Any questions can be directed to Cochrane Community Health Centre at 403-851-6130.



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