



January 2025

Re: Letter for Incoming Grade 5 Families

Dear Families of Spencer’s Incoming Grade 5 Students,

On behalf of the current students and staff at Spencer Middle School, I would like to welcome you and your Grade 5 child to our wonderful school community. Here at Spencer, we value having an inclusive and caring environment with a dedicated staff which helps students develop to their fullest potential. We can’t wait to get to know your child and welcome them into our wonderful community.

At Spencer Middle School, we have four values that guide our daily interactions as outlined in the [Code of Conduct](#). We value **empathy, honesty, kindness** and **respect** and encourage our school community to uphold these values.

We look forward to getting to know you and your child and have organized several transition activities that will be taking place this spring. **The only activity that parents need to be involved with is the Student and Family Information Night, happening on January 23rd at 6:30pm.** We have purposefully picked an earlier date for this Information night this year to align with the district school change request deadlines. All other activities will be done at the school level so, unless you are coming from out of district, your current elementary teachers will ensure your child gets to Spencer:

Activity	Date and Format
Grade 5 Student & Family Information Night	January 23, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. at Spencer
Grade 5 Fine Arts Performance (student comes with current class)	February 13, 2025 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. at Spencer Theatre
In-Person Visits at Elementary Schools	Various dates in April/May We will come go to the elementary schools
Online Meetings with Elementary Schools (to better get to know your	Various dates in April/May
Grade 5 Tour to Spencer (student comes with current class)	June 18, 2024 – two tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth King + Savory + David Cameron (together) - 9:00 to 10:30 • Millstream + Lakewood (together) - 12:30 to 2:00





Here are details of the activities:

Spencer Middle School

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<https://spencer.web.sd62.bc.ca/> | 250-474-1291

1. Grade 5 Student & Family Information Night -Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30PM in the Spencer Theatre

We encourage you and your child to please attend this Information Night. We will give a short presentation and then you will have the opportunity to ask questions and see the school.

2. Grade 5 Fine Arts Performance – February 13, 2025

We will show case some of arts and extra-curricular clubs and it is a chance for students to see these great activities. We will be promoting Band 6 as an option for students to sign up (stay tuned for the registration link). Out-of-district families, please bring your child if possible.

3. In-Person Visits at Elementary Schools – April/May 2025

Our team will visit your child’s current classroom to give them a presentation and answer any questions they may have.

4. Meetings between the Elementary Schools and Spencer Team – April/May 2025

Spencer’s Team will have in-depth meetings with the elementary school teams to better get to know your child, their strengths, stretches, and interests. These meetings will help us get to know your child and help as we build classes for September. Please note, we do not accept parent requests for class placements and rely on the information we learn from your child’s current teacher.

5. In-Person tour to Spencer for Grade 5 Students– June 18, 2025

The Grade 5 Tours will happen on June 18, 2025. This year, we will have Ruth King, Savory and David Cameron attend together in the morning, and Millstream and Lakewood in the afternoon. Your child and their current classmates and teachers will come to Spencer for a tour and activities. If your child is coming from an out-of-catchment or out-of-district school, please arrange transportation.

If you have any questions or would like to know how you can become involved in our school community, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or look at our [website](#) for more information. We look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen Nixon".

Jen Nixon
Principal



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