



# The Lion's Roar



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We are pleased to be celebrating Random Acts of Kindness, Jump Rope for Heart, Pink Shirt Day and Valentine's Day, all in the month of February. For Valentines Day we have asked that families not send in loot bags and commercially created Valentine's Day cards. Instead, students will participate in a "Valentines Day" carnival, and have classroom parties. We will gladly accept any monetary donations, in lieu of purchased cards and goodies, and donate those funds to our Jump Rope for Heart activity.

We are looking forward to seeing parents at our conferences on February 21 and 22 from 4:30—7:20 pm. We will once again be

Using the on-line booking which will be open February 5.

Parents will need to go to-

<http://www.schoolinterviews.ca>

and enter the code **mq63f**



Family Day, February 19

## From Library Land

Once again, I am happy to announce that we have many new books coming in this month. You can expect to find exciting High/Low books for the reader who wants interesting subject matter with easy-to-read text. We will have titles such as: Backup Goalie, BMX Bully, Squad Struggles, The Gift, The Solider, and Standing by Emma, to name a few!

Later in February students will get to preview some of the books that will be at our next Book Fair, which runs March 12-15. Our Spring Fair will be better than ever, so stay tuned for more information!

Don't forget to get your hands on the Young Reader's Choice Awards (YRCA) books and vote for your favorite at <http://www.pnla.org/yrca-voting>.

Keep on reading and please return your books on time,  
Mrs. Blouin





## Jump Rope for Heart—February 5—15

**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary** is pleased to be holding a Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart event from February 5-15. All money raised will support Heart & Stroke in their mission to promote children's health and fund vital heart and stroke research.

Jump Rope for Heart encourages kids to get active by skipping rope while they collect pledges for heart disease and stroke research. They also learn the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and giving back to their community. This year Heart & Stroke is striving to get 1 million kids jumping in close to 4,000 schools across Canada. Let's be part of it!

**We need your help to reach our School fundraising goal of \$1000.00.**

Please help support your child's fundraising efforts by registering them online at [jumpropeforheart.ca](http://jumpropeforheart.ca) and send out donation request emails to friends, family and colleagues. Online fundraising is the quickest way to reach all of your contacts and online donors receive an automatic tax receipt. Plus, when students raise money online they can earn bonus prizes including a **skipping rope\***, and gift cards from Indigo, Toys "R" Us, and Canadian Tire!

### How to get started

1. Visit [JumpRopeForHeart.ca](http://JumpRopeForHeart.ca) and Register for JUMP
2. Set up your personal fundraising page
3. Send donation request emails to friends, family and colleagues

Thanks to **Crystal Chrysler** for also volunteering to sponsor this event. They will be providing ;

1. a pizza party for the class that raises the most funds, and
2. a gift basket to the boy and the girl who raise the most funds.

There will also be a random draw for a tabletop soccer game (from JRFF) for all those students who helped to raise funds.

Each student will be bringing home a pledge envelope on Monday, February 5 if you prefer to collect donations in-person. Please ensure that their pledge envelope is returned by February 15. Thank-you, in advance, for your support.

Mr. Yung and Mrs. Sorochan





### Still Coming This Year.....

Jump Rope for Heart

Valentines Carnival

Pink Shirt Day

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Speech Contest

Scholastic Book Fair

Report Cards

Spell-a-thon

Volunteer Appreciation Week

Education Week

Pancake Breakfast

FSE Parent Council Garage Sale

Kindergarten Orientation

Track and Field Day

All the dates for these events are posted on our website calendar.

### HOTLUNCH ORDERS, FEBRUARY—JUNE

Hot lunch orders can now be ordered, on-line, (Paper copies will no longer be accepted.) for the rest of the year. Please go to the front page of our school website ([www.fortelem.ca](http://www.fortelem.ca)) and click on the link provided. You can also phone Mrs. McIsaac, in the front office, to help you set up an on-line account.



**HOT LUNCH**  
*info & forms*



## Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2018-19 school year. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten).

### *KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:*

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice is sent to the given email address.

**NOTE:** The paper copy is no longer available. For step-by-step instructions on how-to use the online form visit the [EIPS Registration](#) web page.

Families will be advised in April about the results of the application process.

Additionally, to help families prepare for kindergarten, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting [www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten).

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www.fortelem.ca](http://www.fortelem.ca)

### **Congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the Young Author's Conference on February 25:**

Lucy S., Amy K.,  
Eric O., Robbie E.,  
Elizabeth M., Jasmine P.

Teacher Coordinators  
Mrs. Floyd, Miss Bartsch





## **EIPS Launches New Pre-Enrolment Process**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information, and manages requests to attend a non-designated school. The pre-enrolment process allows the Division to verify all student information for every child prior to the start of the new school year.

Each spring, EIPS families will receive an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year using a secure online pre-enrolment form. By logging in to PowerSchool, families can indicate which school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts. If circumstances change, families also have the ability to update their child's data throughout the year.

**The pre-enrolment process for the 2018-19 school year takes place from March 1-15 of this year.**

### **Applying to attend a non-designated school?**

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have closed boundaries because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. These schools will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

*NOTE:* Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).





## NEXT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

February 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
in the school staff room

## PINK SHIRT DAY

February 28

Wear pink  
to show that you are  
against  
bullying!

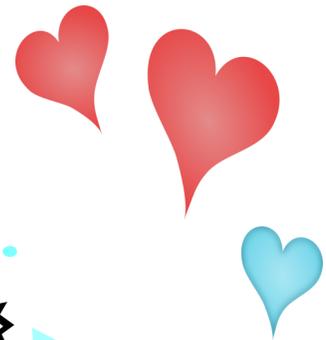
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## INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Although the temperatures have warmed up in the past week, we do live in Alberta and the weather can change in a matter of minutes. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) reminds parents to please dress children appropriately for the weather when getting them ready for school or the bus.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, your best source of information regarding bus route cancellations is the division website. The *Bus Status* section ([www.eips.ca/bus-status](http://www.eips.ca/bus-status)) is updated in real time whenever bus cancellations or delays occur. Please make note of your

children's bus number(s) so you can quickly and easily check the bus status using this valuable tool.





## Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check up on the province’s education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grade 4 students and teachers at **Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School** are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren’t linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7, and 10 are also being surveyed—the province mailed the surveys in January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The completed survey must be returned to Alberta Education by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its three-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division’s *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education’s Accountability Pillar Survey visit [www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar](http://www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar).

