



# The Lion's Roar



March 2018

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School  
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## SPRING IS COMING...

We look forward in the month of March to warmer days, lots of puddles, and spring break. Report cards will be shared with parents on March 21. Our conferences, held in late February, gave parents and guardians great opportunities to hear how children have been learning and achieving. Report cards should confirm what parents already know—and what students know as well.

We are overwhelmed by the response and support of our Jump Rope for Heart event. Together, our school families raised \$8,731.15. Are we awesome or what?

Please be safe and enjoy the upcoming break from March 23 to April 2 inclusive.

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**March 16 is  
St. Patrick's  
Day at FSE!**



## Have Your Say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 5

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2018 Parent Survey—open from March 5-23.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Three-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

VISIT [WWW.EIPS.CA](http://WWW.EIPS.CA) TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey closes March 23, 2018

*NOTE:* The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.



## From the Library.....

The Scholastic “Spring Fling” Book Fair is running from Monday, March 12 to Thursday, March 15. The Fair will be open for business from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. On Tuesday, March 13 there will be a Family Night Event where we will be serving coffee and donuts from 4 – 6 p.m. Students and parents are encouraged to come on out to enjoy all of the exciting new books and enter the Door Prize for a chance to win \$25 for their child and \$25 for their child’s classroom. All purchases benefit our library.

Are you spring cleaning? Looking to unload some lightly used children’s books? The library would gladly take any donations to add to the collection, use as prizes, or to stock up the Free Little Library shelves. You can drop them off any day of the week Mon-Fri , 8:30-3:00 in the library.

Also, I am excited to announce that I am expecting! I will surely miss the library and all of the students next year while on maternity leave, but I’ll be back before you know it. While I’m away Mrs. Amber Grant will be keeping the library running smoothly.

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> .

Have a happy Spring Break!  
Mrs. Blouin

## Congratulations to our Bucket Filler Poster Contest winners!

ECS-Grade 1 Reven W.  
Grade 2-3 Berlyn D.  
Grade 4-6 Kayden S.



### Please.....

Do not park in our bus lane. We have buses picking up and dropping off students at various times during the day. Please park in the parking lot or across the street.





## Complete the Pre-Enrolment Process: March 1-15

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.

On March 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the 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.

**All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form prior to March 15, 2018.**

### 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. 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).





## Bucketfillers is Here!

Dear Parents,

For the last two months we are enthusiastically participating in Bucket Fillers! Bucket filling is an easy-to-understand concept: ***Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad.***

Children quickly understand that they can fill buckets when they do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring, and respectful. They also learn that when they are mean, inconsiderate, uncaring, or disrespectful, they dip into buckets and remove those good feelings. Even the youngest child understands that actions and words can either fill a bucket or dip into it. During this school year we are encouraging, reminding, and recognizing everyone's efforts to be bucketfillers at home, at school, and everywhere they go.

We are excited about this program and look forward to your support. If you would like to learn more about bucket filling, visit the Bucket Fillers website, [www.bucketfillers101.com](http://www.bucketfillers101.com). Bucket Fillers offer a free weekly e-newsletter for parents and teachers.

Looking forward to seeing lots of Bucketfillers around the school!

Mrs. Smith, School Counsellor

## New Safety Lights Put a Spotlight on Rural School Bus Safety

Students who live in rural areas throughout Strathcona County recently received a pedestrian safety light, thanks to the Strathcona County School Traffic Safety Partnership and Shell Canada. The lights are easy to attach to a backpack and are meant to help rural bus operator see children during dusk and dawn hours. Make sure to encourage your child to light up and be visible when getting on and off the school bus and crossing street intersections.

We all have a part to play in road safety. Here are a few simple rules to help keep everyone safe:

- **Look out for one another.** Slow down and watch for pedestrians when driving or cycling, particularly in areas where there are no sidewalks or streetlights.
- **Help Drivers see you.** When walking on the road, always walk against the traffic. Wear brightly coloured or reflective clothing when walking in low light or poor weather conditions.



## Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, want to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit [www.lifesaving.org](http://www.lifesaving.org).

### *Did you know?*

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water actually become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*.





**Our next Parent Council meeting is on Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. All parents are welcome. Come and join us in the staffroom and share your thoughts and ideas for FSE!**



**Don't Miss our School Garage Sale on May 5.**

**Who: parents, family, friends**

**What: Garage Sale**

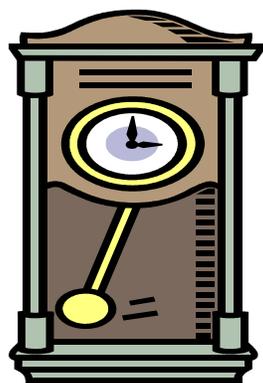
**Where: FSE Gymnasium**

**When: May 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Why: to raise funds for our school, to support activities and assemblies**

**How: Sign up and pay at the office—\$20 to rent a table, all sales are YOURS!**

**Share a table with a friend!**



**Daylight Savings  
Time**

**Don't forget to  
"Spring Ahead"  
on  
March 11.**



## Dear Parents and Families,

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at [www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs](http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs) to get more detailed information about these books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the BookTube page.

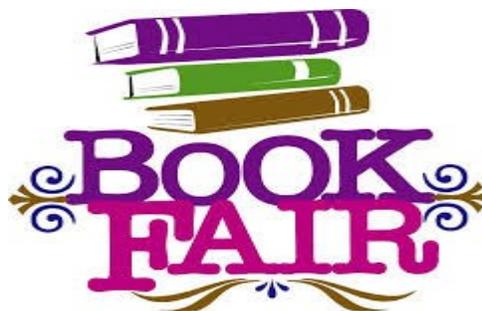
Book Fair flyers have been sent home to provide a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase at our Fair. The flyer also contains a special Family Event Draw ballot that parents can deposit during our Family Event. You could win \$50 in books - \$25 for your family PLUS \$25 for your child's classroom! Don't worry if you haven't kept it, there will be extra ballots available at the Fair!

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Blouin

Book Fair Chairperson



Book Fair Dates : Monday, March 12—Thursday, March 15

Times: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: FSE Library

Family Event Dates/Times: Tuesday, March 13, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We accept cheques made payable to our school. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are welcome, too.