



April's Spell-a-thon

We are gearing up for our Annual "A-Thon" which happens to be a "Spell-a-thon" this year. On Monday, April 9 students will be bringing home a package of information about this school fundraiser. Students are encouraged to only ask family and friends to sponsor them. The funds raised will be put towards more chromebooks for the library and fine arts performances for the entire school. Every \$10 raised will get the student's name in for all the prizes. Please join us on April 30 for our Celebration Assembly where over 150 fabulous prizes will be given out to some lucky students! There will be three grand prizes as well, for the top three fundraisers.



Staff Updates

We are presently in the planning stages for the 2018-19 school year. In June we will have more details about the class configurations and staff.

For term three we welcome Mrs. O'Hara for the afternoons. She will be helping out in the grade four classes. For those of you who have not heard, yet, Mrs. Blouin is having a baby! Mrs. Blouin will be here until the end of June and we all look forward to hearing about the new arrival in July. Congratulations to Mrs. Blouin and her husband.

Mrs. Sorochan has decided to make a big change as well. She is going to retire at the end of this school year. She is looking forward to new adventures, but will still be keeping close tabs on FSE.





EARTH DAY BOOK EXCHANGE

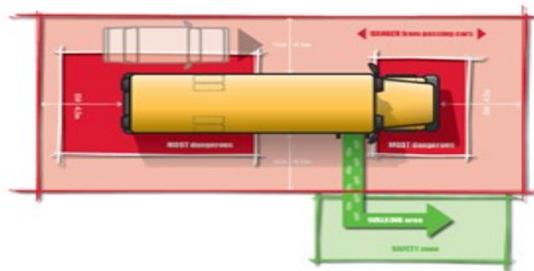
On April 20 we will have our Earth Day Book Exchange. Prior to April 20, students are asked to bring in gently used books (maximum of 3) from home and they will be allowed to exchange them for different books.

All books must be here by
Wednesday, April 18.



Bus Safety Tip: Stay Clear of the Danger Zone

Did you know there's an area around each bus called the Danger Zone? There is. It's the area around the bus—4.5 metres on all sides—where students, people, or objects are not easily seen by a bus operator. It's important all students stay outside this area at all times. An easy way to tell if you're outside the Danger Zone is to simply take five giant steps—as big as you can make them—back from the road. Staying this far away from the road, before boarding and when getting off the bus, helps keep everyone safe. — EIPS Student Transportation





A big THANK YOU to all of our Volunteers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), thank you to all of our volunteers within the Division who help make our schools and programs successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic competition, co-ordinating a fundraising initiative or helping at a school event, the impact you make within our school community is profound. Together, we've built a positive relationships that has allowed us to rally behind one clear vision: Provide exceptional education for all students.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 15-21, EIPS extends a heartfelt thanks and celebrates the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who dedicate countless hours of their time in our schools.

Trina Boymook
Chair, Board of Trustees

Gearing up for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.

Elk Island Public Schools has also put together an online toolkit to make the transition to school as smooth as possible. The kit includes information about 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.

Additional information regarding Fort Elementary's kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.fortelem.ca

NOTE: To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year, children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2018.



Chess King—Discover the Fascinating and Fun World of Chess!

The winter session of Chess King was so popular that they are offering a spring class., starting on Tuesday, April 10. Please see our website for more information (www.fortelem.ca) or stop by the office and pick up a registration form. There is also a display in our main foyer.

Our next Parent Council meeting is on Thursday, April 19, 6:30 in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome!



NEWS & NOTES

Skateboards, Scooters, Rollerblades and Bikes

Love the warm weather! Love the green grass! Love the longer days! Don't love the possibilities of unsafe behavior with bikes, rollerblades, scooters and skateboards. Students are asked to leave their skateboard, scooters and rollerblades at home, and to walk their bikes on school grounds. If students "forget" and insist on using their skateboards, rollerblades, scooters or bikes on school grounds, they will lose the privilege of bringing them to school for a set period of time. Please talk with your children and impress upon them the importance of safe and respectful behavior.

School Supplies 2018/19

We are pleased to be able to offer a service for the upcoming year in which families will be able to preorder all or some school supplies for the upcoming school year. "Write On Stationery" is the company which provides this excellent opportunity. Participation is entirely voluntary. Order forms were sent home this week or you can purchase them online at www.write-on.ca The beauty of

the program is that supplies can be purchased early so some of those September financial demands can be lessened. Teachers work with personnel from Write On to ensure that they are having parents buy exactly the right supplies. Prices are very competitive with big box store prices. Please consider using this great service. Orders can now be placed. The deadline for paper orders is April 21.

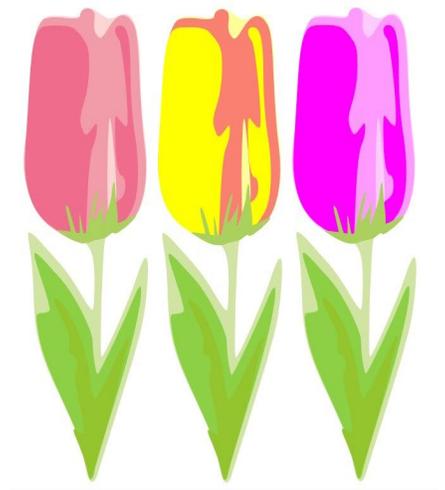
Watch for Thin Ice

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

The strength of ice on any body of water is affected by a number of factors, including weather conditions, run-off, springs feeding into the body of water, snow pack, sun, wind, and overall thickness. You cannot judge the

strength of ice by appearance alone.

When you're out with your family this spring, please remind children about the dangers of thin ice and to obey all postings.





From Library Land

Thank you to our wonderful school community for making the Scholastic Spring Fling Book Fair a sensational success! We reached our \$4,000 goal and have added many new titles to our library collection, which are available for check out now! Our Family Event Night was a lot of fun and we hope to continue that tradition with our future Fairs. Congrats again to all of our contest winners. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next Fair in the fall.

This month the library will be hosting an Earth Day book exchange. In an effort to recycle books, students are encouraged to bring in gently used/like new books from home (max of 3) starting Monday, April 9. Students will get a chance to swap their books for “new” ones on Friday, April 20 in the library.

Voting is now open for the Young Reader’s Choice Awards (YRCA) books! You can fill out a ballot at our library or online until April 15. <http://www.pnla.org/yrca-voting>

Looking for some awesome programs or clubs after school or on the weekend? Visit the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library today!

Mrs. Blouin

FSE Speech Tournament a Success!

The annual FSE Speech Tournament took place in March. While there were many wonderful speeches presented, only one from each Grade level can advance to the ATB/EIPS Young Speakers Speech Tournament in Sherwood Park. The gold medalist from Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School for 2017 are

Grade 4 - Amy K.

Grade 5—Kemper M.

Grade 6 – Jeffrey V.

We wish them the best of luck as they compete on Thursday, April 26 in the Agora in Sherwood Park.

All the contestants who took part are to be congratulated as they are all winners. They each represented their classroom and our school well and in return received a \$15 Gift Card to Chapters Indigo.

Thank-you, also, to all of our judges; Heather Wall (EIPS Trustee), Denis Schell(Retired Teacher), Toni Gould(ATB) Blair Ching (Retired Teacher), Cst. Ahlstrom, Mrs. King (Retired Teacher) Brian Hagel (Mix 107.9)Luke Anders (Mix 107)
