



The Lion's Roar



Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School
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May 2018

SEASON OF CHANGE

Welcome to the month of change which hopefully means no more snow! We can see some leaves beginning to appear, hopefully they will be followed by flowers soon. Here at the school staff and students are starting to plan for the upcoming school year.

If families will be moving away from our school, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently budgeting and considering classroom configurations and would appreciate knowing who will be moving away. If you are intending on staying in the school, no need to let us know, we will see you in September.

We are still accepting registrations at all grade levels (K-6). Students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018 to be enrolled in kindergarten.



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Education Week—April 30—May 4

“Learning is a Journey”

April 30 - Spell-a-thon Celebration Assembly 11:20 a.m.

May 2— Wacky Wednesday, Early out, Hats on for Mental Health

May 3- Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast. Parents and students, who are able to, are invited to come by between 7:30-8:15 a.m. for some pancakes, sausage and juice. Our grade 4-6 track team is also running their first race at the EIPS Invitational at the Strathcona Athletic Field in Sherwood Park.

May 4—Author Visit—grade 1 and 2 classes

May 5—School/Community Garage Sale—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym.



SPELL-A-THON NEWS

Congratulations to the top three fund raisers;

Tavin C.

Dominic K.

Aislynn B.

Congratulations to all our students and supporters. Together we raised \$6308.80

All the funds raised will go toward supporting student assemblies and activities.

WAY TO GO, LIONS!!



From Library Land

May is a busy month in the library as Mrs. Blouin prepares for her last day on Friday, May 25. *The last week to check out books will be May 7-11.* As an incentive to return your books on time there will be a poster raffle! **All library books must be returned by Thursday, May 24** to be entered in the draw. Winners will be announced the following morning.

The winner of the Young Reader's Choice Awards (YRCA) is *drum roll* Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson! Check it out if you haven't already!

The library will be hosting two events this month. The first is an author visit by Charlene M. Cavers. Charlene will be sharing her book *Maddy the Dragonslayer* with Grades 1 and 2 on Friday, May 4. Also, the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library will be returning to talk to Grades 2-6 about all of the super sweet programs they have planned this summer! If you are interested in signing up for a free FSPL card you can pick up a form in the library.

As this is my last month at FSE before taking my maternity leave I want to thank you all for another excellent and exciting year. Mrs. Grant will do an outstanding job running the library and helping you all find the perfect story to read while I'm away. I will miss you all and will be sure to visit!

Have a fantastic summer and as always keep on reading!

Mrs. Blouin

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May Is Eyeglass Recycling Month: Giving the Gift of Sight!

Mrs. Thompson and students from the grade 4 classes at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School will soon be starting off their annual drive to support the Lions Recycle for Sight Program. This program takes used eye-glasses and sunglasses, refurbishes them and sends them to people in need in developing countries. The result of their efforts and of the Fort Saskatchewan Lions will be the gift of sight to people who would not otherwise be able to see.

In just about any dresser drawer, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life.

Throughout the year, Lions, and volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses that have been collected. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact.

You can help by donating any eye glasses, no matter what shape they are in. By doing so you will be helping change one person's life, one pair at a time, allowing them the gift of sight.

In past years, through student efforts, Fort Elementary School has been able to collect thousands of used eye glasses and pass them on to the Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club. If anyone has used eye glasses they would like to donate, they can be dropped off at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary main office at 9802 - 101 Street.





First Day of School 2018-2019

School will begin on Tuesday, September 4. Kindergarten will start with staggered entry dates, with the first day of full kindergarten classes falling on Monday, September 10, 2018. Kindergarten will have regular early-out Wednesdays like the rest of the school. Early-Out Wednesdays will also be Spirit Days! Staff and students are encouraged to wear their school t-shirts or their Pride colors.



Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for **first-time school bus riders**.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for **first-time school bus riders** entering the 2018-19 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	10 a.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 27	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 29	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 28	6 p.m.

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/b0svKmWAoqHRSvZs2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.



Education Week: April 30 to May 4, 2018

Education Week takes place April 30 to May 4. Throughout the week, students and staff from **Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School**, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities province wide with activities focused around the importance of education.

Today, more than ever, **Fort Saskatchewan Elementary**, our teachers and schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools, are focused on providing students with optimal learning opportunities. As a result, students are honing a broad range of learning experiences that go beyond the core subjects of math, language arts, science and social studies. They're becoming lifelong learners and developing valuable skills such as ingenuity, creativity, critical thinking and citizenship. Education Week celebrates their learning journey. As such, **Fort Elementary** has a number of activities planned to demonstrate the outstanding learning taking place in our school. Some of these include:

- **Spell-a-thon Celebration Assembly**
- **Pancake Breakfast**
- **Author Visit**
- **Wacky Wednesday**
- **Community Banner**



**Join us for our last
Parent Council
meeting of this
year! Thursday,
May 31 at 6:30 p.m.
in the library
Everyone is
welcome!**

Student Transportation: 2018-19 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2018-19 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2018.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as Central Administration.



THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 7

Join us on May 7 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On May 7, we encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—all of whom go above and beyond the call of duty to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of **Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School**, *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

**HEAR US
ROAR!**



Track and Field FUN Day, Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help run stations and lead groups for our FSE Track and Field Fun Day on Friday, June 1 (Rainout is Monday, June 4). We cannot run this day without the help of volunteers.

We need DIVISION 1 (gr. K-3) Volunteers from 8:45 AM to 11:50 AM.

We need DIVISION 2 (gr. 4-6) Volunteers from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM.

Please return the form to the office with your name, student name, phone number and times available to help out on Friday, June 1 or Monday, June 4.

Track and Field Fun Day Volunteer – Friday, June 1, 2018

I am available to volunteer all day. PREFERENCE: Division 1 (1-3)

I am available only for the morning. Division 2 (4-6)

I am available only for the afternoon.

I am available on Monday, June 4th in case of rainout.

Name: _____

Student Name _____

Teacher: _____ Phone number or email _____
