

# FORT SASKATCHEWAN

### ELEMENTARY

Dear FSE Families,

We had so much fun on 'Not a Backpack Day' as the students demonstrated their amazing creativity! Thanks to everyone who participated and brought smiles to the faces of all!

#### **School Council & Parent Society**

Our last meeting of the year has been rescheduled for Monday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. We will also be offering a virtual hybrid of this meeting for those who are unable to attend in person. Please join us virtually using the following Google Meet link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/fzh-qioi-spk">https://meet.google.com/fzh-qioi-spk</a>. All participants will be required to identify themselves.

#### Celebrate Summer BINGO at Fort Saskatchewan Public Library!

Everyone's invited to welcome in summer! The library's Summer BINGO challenge will help you get out and about and trying new things – or reading your favorite books in the sun! Pick up your monthly summer BINGO card at the Library or play virtually using the Beanstack app. Mark BINGO squares by completing an activity – or "buy" a square by reading for 30 minutes. Kids can earn weekly prizes and completed BINGO cards can be turned in for a new book that's yours to keep! Teens and adults can play, too, and will earn Booksale Book Bucks and weekly entries into two amazing grand prizes. The games begin Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>! For more information on the BINGO challenge and the library's great summer programs, visit <a href="https://fspl.ca/">https://fspl.ca/</a> or call 780-998-4275.

#### Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the 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: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease 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 by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2023-24 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location Date\* Time\*

EIPS Central Services August 14 - 5 p.m.

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EIPS Central Services August 15 - 5 p.m.

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EIPS Central Services August 17 - 5 p.m.

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EIPS Central Services August 18 - 5 p.m.

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\* Special Education session for PALS and Project Unit Funding students only.

SouthPointe School August 21 - 5 p.m.

\*\* SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.

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

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

#### **Register Now**

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at: eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

## 2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers – Results now available

The results of the 2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its <u>Four-Year Education Plan</u>. Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 2,709 responses from parents and caregivers across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

2022-23 Parent Survey results: EIPS

2022-23 Parent Survey results: Fort Saskatchewan Elementary

#### Student Transportation: 2023-24 registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2023-24 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 returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2023.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, simply fill out this <u>registration form</u>.

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

*NOTE:* Families can pay fees online using the <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u>. To pay in-person, visit the <u>EIPS Student Transportation building</u> during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

#### **Tools for School**

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School has once again partnered with the United Way for the <u>2023-24 Tools for School</u> campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school in August. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, all <u>Staples locations</u> and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Ms. Jones at 780-998-7771 or call EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

<u>United Way Tools for School Requests: Family Orders</u>

#### Yearbooks ARE HERE!

We are happy to announce the FSE 2022/2023 Yearbook is now available!

To get your copy, log into your <u>Parent PowerSchool Portal</u> and add the "Optional Yearbook Fee". The cost is \$20 and once payment is received, your student's copy will be sent home.

#### Caregiver Education Team Newsletter May/June 2023

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. These free sessions are using the Zoom platform. Upcoming sessions include – Understanding Autism, Parenting Strategies for Positive Mental Health, Test Anxiety Strategies for Success, and Junior-High Jitters – Transitioning to the Teenage Years.

For more information, visit <u>cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home</u> and click on the latest newsletter link at the bottom of the page.

#### **Junior High Jitters**

This is a free caregiver education session hosted by Alberta Health Services. Is your child going into Grade 7 and feeling nervous about it? This session will provide information about developmental changes teens experience, as well as the challenges they may face in this school transition. Strategies for managing these changes and boosting wellness will be discussed. The session is designed for caregivers and pre-teens—grades 6-8—to attend together.

**Wednesday**, **June 14** 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Virtual Register

#### **Library Books**

A friendly reminder that all library books are due back by June 19. Lost book costs will be added to your PowerSchool account after this date. Should the books be found and returned in good condition after this date your account will be credited.

#### Looking at June...

June 12 ~ School Council/Parent Society Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

June 16 ~ Gr. 6 Year End Trip to Birch Bay

June 20 ~ Gr. 6 ELA PAT 9 - 10 a.m.

June 21 ~ National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22 ~ Gr. 6 Math Part A PAT 9 - 9:20 a.m.

June 23 ~ Gr. 6 Math Part B PAT 9 – 10:10 a.m.

June 26 ~ Gr. 6 Social PAT 9 – 10 a.m.

June 27 ~ Gr. 6 Science PAT 9 – 10 a.m.

June 27 ~ Gr. 6 Farewell School Assembly in the gym 1 p.m. (Gr.6 families are invited to attend! 4 people maximum.) Reminder to get those baby pictures to Ms. Bohn as soon as possible so they can be added to the slideshow presentation!

June 27 ~ Last instructional day; Term 3 Report Card

As we get closer to summer break, things continue to be busy and there are many fun learning opportunities to come over the next few weeks! Stay focused, keep working hard and let's finish the year strong, Elements! Enjoy your weekend!

Warmly, Shelby Labrecque, M. Ed. Principal Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School