



# The Lion's Roar



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## WELCOME 2017!



January is here! It is a time when we set goals for ourselves, and seek to improve that which already exists. We will be working hard with the students to help them set reasonable and attainable goals for the year 2017.

The remainder of our school year will see continued use of Play is the Way and Citizenship in our teaching and in our learning. Upcoming activities include a continuation of Wacky Wednesday, Music Festival, Yoga, Rocks and Rings, Speech Contest, Sportball, Choir, Intramurals and so much more.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gulseth and Mrs. Whitrow. Mrs. Gulseth had a baby boy, Ryder Jay and Mrs. Whitrow had a baby girl, Hayven Rhea. We welcome Mrs. Babcock and Mrs. House to our staff. We also welcome back Ms Bohn to grade 3.

Make sure you check out our FSETV and our school website for the most updated information of all the wonderful things that are happening at FSE.



## KINDERGARTEN

### REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR



### BEGINS ON JANUARY 17

Your child must be 5 years old by December 31, 2017 in order to register for kindergarten this fall. Please stop by the office to pick up the registration form or print it off from the EIPS website. Please bring your child's birth certificate and a proof of address (driver's license, utility bill) with you when you register.



## SHOWING OUR PRIDE

In January students and staff will be wearing their “pride” colors and doing some roaring during our monthly Community Assembly. Our Assembly is on Monday, January 16 at 1 p.m. and everyone is welcome! Please see the pictures below to remind you what pride your child (ren) is in.

<p><b>Bobcats</b> Pride color is <b>Brown</b></p> <p>A to D</p>	<p><b>Jaguars</b> Pride color is <b>Yellow</b></p> <p>E to L</p>
<p>M to R</p>	<p>S to Z</p>
<p><b>Panthers</b> Pride color is <b>Black</b></p>	<p><b>Snow Tigers</b> Pride color is <b>White</b></p>

**Thank You Again!**

Many thanks to everyone for making our Christmas Evening so successful! We are still glowing with pride as we reflect on the support and participation. We are pleased to report that we raised over \$1800. with our silver donations and Santa's Workshop.

### JANUARY'S PARENT COUNCIL

Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the staffroom.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!



## School Fees

With Christmas now come and gone, it is time for us as a school to finish up our budgetary tasks. To do so, we ask that families please pay school fees. Reminder letters will be sent shortly to those families who have not contacted Mrs. Sorochan in regard to outstanding fee balances.

## Thank You!

Many thanks to all the parents who took time to help us out with our Santa's Workshop. Our young shoppers were ecstatic to purchase and wrap their gifts. As well, thanks to everyone who donated items to the shop, including Families First. None of this would have been possible without the support of our school community!



## Fort Saskatchewan Elementary Recognizes “Good Citizens”!

FSE continues to nominate one student per class for the

### “Good Citizenship Award” .

A good citizen is someone who;

- + respects others and their property.
- + Is helpful and considerate, willing to put others first.
- + Listens to the views of others and thinks about what they have to say.
- + Helps people who are not in a position to help themselves.
- + Respects the environment and does not damage it in any way.
  - + Works hard.
- + Is well mannered and pleasant.
- + Is always willing to learn.

Each month every class will choose one student from their class who will be recognized at the next Community Assembly. Students receive a certificate and they are invited to participate in a pizza lunch. Thank you to the Bandura Family for sponsoring our lunches. If YOU would like to sponsor a lunch for our good citizens, please contact the office.



## Boundary Exemption Request Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

For the 2017–2018 school year, boundary exemption requests are **not** being accepted at the following schools: **Fort Saskatchewan Elementary, James Mowat Elementary, SouthPointe School and Win Ferguson Elementary.**

As many of you are aware, the Division has established new elementary attendance boundaries for the City of Fort Saskatchewan, which take effect when SouthPointe School opens at the start of the 2017–2018 school year. Maintaining the new attendance boundaries will help ease enrolment pressures at elementary schools in Fort Saskatchewan.

The [Boundary Exemption Request Form](http://www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process) and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting [www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process](http://www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process).

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

## Hotlunch

**January 20**

The orders are due on

January 12 at 5 p.m. Please visit our school website for the link.





## Have your say: Take the EIPS Parent Survey

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is inviting all of our parents and guardians to complete a survey about your experiences with Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School and the Division.

Annually, EIPS conducts a Parent Survey, which acts as a supplement to Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar survey for families with children in grades 4, 7 and 10. The EIPS Parent Survey is a chance for all EIPS families to share their thoughts on the overall performance of the Division and their school, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015–2018 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve our students and the wider community.

We encourage all of our families to complete the survey, which only takes a few minutes. Also, if you wish to share the experience of more than one of your children, you can respond to the survey more than once. The survey is open until Jan. 30, 2017.

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)





## Kindergarten Registration Starts January 16!

Is your child turning five on or before December 31, 2017? If so, it's now time to register for Kindergarten.

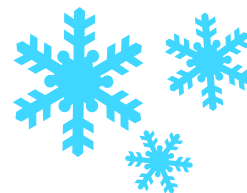
Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship. If you're registering for Kindergarten at SouthPointe School, the new school in Fort Saskatchewan opening in the 2017–2018 school year, you can submit a registration form to any elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan—the school will make sure your registration package is delivered to the principal at SouthPointe School.

To help families prepare, 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 <http://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](http://www.fortelem.ca)



**PINK SHIRT DAY**



FSE is preparing once again for Pink Shirt Day on February 22, 2017. Order forms for the shirts were sent home on Monday, January 9.

**All orders are due by Tuesday, January 17.**



## EIPS 2017–2018 Division Calendar: Now Available

The approved EIPS 2017–2018 school year calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2017–2018 school year including: school-closure dates; holidays; dates for the fall, winter, spring and summer breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal dates.

Highlights from the 2017–2018 Division calendar include:

- August 30 First day of classes
- November 13-17 Fall Break
- December 25 to January 5 Winter Break
- January 31 Second Semester begins
- February 8-9 Teachers' Convention
- March 26-30 Spring Break
- June 28 Last day of classes
- June 29 Schools close for the Summer Break

To view the 2016–2017 Division calendar and 2017–2018 Division calendar, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). You can also sync the calendar to your own personal calendar for easy reference throughout the year.

*\*NOTE:* Start and end times for school timetables differ by school so make sure to call your school's office or visit your school's website if you need more information.

