



The Lion's Roar



March 2017

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School
www.fortelem.ca

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 22. 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 bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Percy in February and we have welcomed back Miss Hess into grade 1.

Please be safe and enjoy the upcoming break from March 24 to April 3 inclusive.

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**March 17 is
St. Patrick's
Day!**



Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation Email Update Required

To ensure EIPS continues to comply with the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation, we require parents/guardians to subscribe/unsubscribe for emails as of February 15, 2017. These include routine emails from your school or the Division about events, activities, etc. You will continue to receive emergency messages and school fee-related information. Visit www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice to subscribe/unsubscribe by March 1.





From the Library.....



Thanks to all the students, parents, and staff for supporting our February Book Fair. It was a huge success as sales totaled just under \$4000. Way to go FSES! Teachers also received some really great books off their wish lists. We couldn't do it without parents' generosity. Thank-you!!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Blouin

**Congratulations to our
Bucket Filler Poster
Contest winners!**

- ECS-Grade 1 Breanna H.
- Grade 2-3 Nora B.
- Grade 4-6 Kayden S.
- Staff Mrs. Sorochan

Thank you to Councilor Sheldon Bossert for his donation of gift cards to our winners!



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.





March 1 Community Assembly

How is our next assembly like a rock concert? The kids know all the words and love to sing along!

Join us for an audience participation packed show featuring: a collection of 6 stories by Robert Munsch, adapted by Wide Open for their beloved hand puppets. You can't go wrong with 30 puppets, 3 live performers and a theatre full of families! Features audience participation and a barrel full of belly laughs.

THIS SHOW IS ONE HOUR LONG

Grades 1-3 will be watching from 9—10 a.m. Grades 4-6 will be watching from 10:30—11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!



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. 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.

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*.





Music Notes.....



March is a busy and exciting musical month for Fort Saskatchewan Elementary students! Our Handbell Choir is putting the finishing touches on their two performance pieces: “Minuet in G” by Anna Magdalena Bach, and the entertaining “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”. All are welcome and encouraged to come out and support our Handbell Choir at the Fort Saskatchewan Music Festival. The Festival takes place Monday, March 6th at First United Church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

A massive thank you to Mrs. Skinner for all of her hard work and time that she has graciously dedicated to our Choir rehearsals and two very challenging piano accompaniment pieces. The Choir and Mrs. Mikulecky are so appreciative and excited about our performances! The Senior Choir is scheduled to perform on Monday, March 14th at the DOW Centennial Centre beginning at 9:30 a.m. Feel free to stop by and give a enthusiastic and encouraging applause to encourage our Choir members!

A reminder to Strikepoint Finalists and Senior Choir members to dress in a white blouse or shirt paired with black pants or a skirt. Black shoes are preferred.

This month’s Wacky Wednesday is Drumming with Mrs. Mikulecky! Expect to explore intricate rhythms and beats in a fun and exciting light, geared towards our division I students.

A Massive thank you to Home Depot for donating a class set of buckets for our upcoming drumming unit. Fort Saskatchewan Elementary is so appreciative of your generosity and support for our music program.

Quote of the Month: “Music is a great place to be.” Aislynn, 3K

Yours in music,

Mrs. Mikulecky





Have your say: Take the EIPS Parent Survey

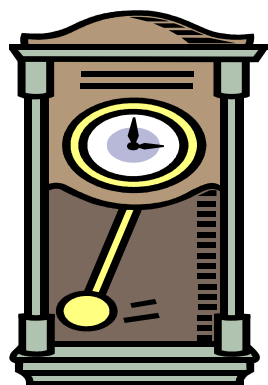
Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is inviting all of our parents and guardians to complete a survey about your experiences with Fort Saskatchewan Elementary and the Division.

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](#)



Daylight Savings
Time
Don't forget to
"Spring Ahead"
on
March 12.

Spring Break
Mar. 24 - Apr. 3



Boundary Exemption Request Process: Now Open

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year is now open.


EIPS students—in kindergarten to Grade 12—wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can now apply to do so. All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The application deadline is April 7, 2017. Boundary exemption requests received after April 7, 2017 will be declined. There is no late or secondary process.

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.

The [Boundary Exemption Request Form](#) 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.

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

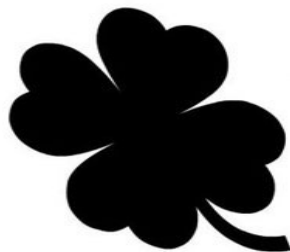
Irish Blessings

May your pockets 



be heavy and your

heart be **light**. May
good luck pursue you



each day &

night

