



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Dear FSE Families,

We ended last week with a wonderful community building event. A huge shout out to our Parent Society for planning and organizing our family dance! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend!

School Council & Parent Society

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, November 30 at 5:30 p.m. is our next School Council and Parent Society meeting at our school! All parents/guardians welcome!

Hot Lunch!

The [Fall 2022 Hot Lunch program](#) is now open for the following dates:

- Friday November 18 - Buster's Pizza (cut off to order is November 10)
- Friday December 9 - Edo Japan (cut off to order is December 1)
- Friday January 20 - Perry's 2 for 1 Pizza (cut off to order is January 12)

To order, go to the [Munch a Lunch website](#). If you have any questions, please email Nicole at [anymousearthdweller@gmail.com](mailto:anymouseearthdweller@gmail.com).

Do you love **COBS Bread Bakery** and want to support our Parent Society in fundraising for our students? **COBS Bread Bakery** has kindly agreed to share 5% of sales to our Parent Society for any customers who simply let them know their students go to Fort Saskatchewan Elementary! It's that easy! Thanks for your support!

On **December 3, 2022** our Parent Society is holding a **Christmas Market** and needs your help! Anybody interested in booking a vendor table please reach out to our

Parent Society at fseparentsociety@gmail.com as soon as possible to save your spot!

Now Hiring!

Elk Island Public Schools is now hiring Classified Substitute Educational Assistants and CTS/CTF Teachers.

Do you know someone who may be interested in part-time, flexible work as a substitute educational assistant (EA) or substitute teacher specializing in Career and Technology Studies (CTS) and Career and Technology Foundations (CTF)? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is hiring—spread the word!

EAs are integral to the school team, assisting teachers with instructional and non-instructional tasks in the classroom and other school activities. Whether it's working one-on-one with individual students or with a small group of students in a class or special program, EAs provide support and assistance to help students achieve success.

Substitute teachers are needed every day across the Division, and vacancies in CTF and CTS classrooms require a specific skillset. Applicants must have or be eligible for an Alberta Teaching Certificate and have related CTS/CTF training or experience.

Substitutes are needed to fill positions at all school locations until the end of the school year. The application deadline is November 18. If you know someone who'd be great in one of these roles, encourage them to apply today.

To learn more, click [here](#)!

EIPS 2023-24 Division Calendar: Now Available!

The official 2023-24 EIPS calendar is now available. The calendar includes important dates during the 2023-24 school year, such as school-closure days, breaks, the first and last day of classes, professional learning days, early dismissal days, plus more.

Highlights from the 2023-24 EIPS calendar include:

first day of school – Aug. 31, 2023

November break – November 6-10

Christmas break – December 25 to January 5

second semester starts – February 1

Teachers' Convention – February 8-9

Spring Break – March 25-29

Last day of classes – June 26, 2024

To view the 2023-24 calendar, visit eips.ca.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit www.eips.ca/calendar and click “subscribe to calendar.” It's that easy.

Where to Find the Information You Need

Elk Island Public Schools and Fort Saskatchewan Elementary use a handful of key systems to share information with students and families. Depending on the information you're looking for, it's important to know where to look.

PowerSchool is the primary student information system within the Division. There is an associated app, but the functionality is limited, and families don't need to download it. From the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), you can:

- Access student grades and report cards;
- Review student absences;
- Pay school and transportation fees; and
- Submit official updates to student or family information.

The PowerSchool Student Portal provides similar access to grades and absence information for students directly.

If your child's teacher uses the Brightspace platform, Brightspace provides more of a day-to-day look what's happening with your child's learning communicated directly from your child's teacher. From [Brightspace Parent & Guardian](#), you can see your child's:

- classroom activity feed,
- grade items and grade feedback from instructors,

- upcoming assignments,
- portfolio evidence and
- quizzes

depending on which of the program functions are specifically used by your child's teacher.

Brightspace for Students is where teachers can share updates, calendar reminders and learning materials with students. Compatible with Google, it also allows students to submit assignments, complete quizzes, and see grades and teacher feedback. The Pulse app for students is associated with Brightspace for Students.

SchoolMessenger is the system the Division and schools use to send email and phone communication to families. The contact information in [SchoolMessenger](#) is populated from PowerSchool. Through SchoolMessenger, families can:

- receive general, emergency and attendance messages by phone, email or both; and
- manage their subscription preferences for these types of messages.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in your inbox.

If you have trouble accessing any of these systems or have questions about them, contact Fort Saskatchewan Elementary at 780-998-7771.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear, and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both

the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, "school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

New Report Cards

To best communicate student learning, some changes have been made to report cards, including a slight redesign. This November, parents and guardians will continue to access report cards through PowerSchool—simply log in to your account and click on the "Report Card" button in the lefthand sidebar.

Similar to the previous report card, students will still be assessed on a Learner Attributes Scale and Achievement Scale. Some categories have been modified to align with the new curriculum.

Looking forward to November...

November 7 to 10 ~ Fall break (no school)

November 10 ~ Hot Lunch order cut off for November 18 Hot Lunch

November 11 ~ Remembrance Day (no school)

November 14 to 18 ~ Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 18 ~ Hot Lunch

November 23 ~ Milk Day (students can order milk to have with their lunch)

November 25 ~ Report Cards published in PowerSchool at 3:30 p.m. (*note new time)

November 30 ~ School Council & Parent Society meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Looking forward to December...

December 1 ~ Hot Lunch order cut off for December 9 Hot Lunch

December 3 ~ Parent Society is holding its Christmas Market from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the gym

December 7 ~ Early dismissal at 2:05 p.m.

December 9 ~ Hot Lunch

December 15 ~ Gr. 1 to 6 Christmas Concert in the gym; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (more information coming home soon!)

December 19 ~ School Council providing milk and cookies for Ms. Wilson's ESC class

December 20 ~ School Council providing milk and cookies for Ms. Thompson's ESC class and grade 1 to 6 classes; LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

It is hard to believe we are already into November and next week is Fall break! I hope that everyone finds some time to rest, recharge, and relax. Have a wonderful Fall break and we look forward to seeing students back on Monday, November 14! Be well everyone!

As always, if you have any questions, please email me directly at shelby.labrecque@eips.ca or call 780-998-7771.

Sincerely,
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