



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

• ELEMENTARY •

Dear FSE Families,

We had a busy week of many activities to highlight Bullying Awareness Week. One of the activities allowed students to participate in the 'wrinkled heart activity' whereby each was given a piece of heart shaped paper and a discussion occurred around how hurtful actions or words can cause our hearts to be hurt or 'wrinkled'. The students then wrinkled their paper heart to demonstrate the impact of bullying behaviour. Next, students were asked to uncrumple their 'wrinkled hearts' and smooth them out again. Obviously, the paper was not able to be the same as it was before being 'wrinkled'. This symbolizes the fact that even when we apologize our actions and words have a lasting impact on others. The activity concluded with students brainstorming ways in which they could prevent the 'wrinkling of the heart'. Here are some of the ideas:

- Inviting everyone to join in
- Treating others how you want to be treated
- Using respectful, kind words to solve problems
- Sharing with each other and taking turns



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/guardian's welcome!

Hot Lunch!

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

- 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 anonymousearthdweller@gmail.com.

We have an ongoing fundraiser called "Mabel's Labels; Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!" Check out www.fortsask.mabelslabels.com to place your order and support our fundraiser.

FSE Parent Society has a Poinsettia fundraiser happening now! Order forms went home this week. If you didn't get yours and want to place an order, contact fseparentsociety@gmail.com. Orders are due **November 24, 2022!**

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!

Attendance

Thank you to families who inform the school when their child is going to be absent! We ask that you share if the child is ill and what symptoms they are experiencing so that we can maintain accurate records to track illnesses. Messages can be left 24 hours a day at 780-998-7771 or you can email the school. The attendance email can be found on the school website under the [Contacts](#) tab. Thank you for your continued support!

New Report Cards

Our report cards have had a slight redesign to align with the new curriculum! The Learner Attributes Scale and Achievement Scale remains the same. On November 25 at 3:30 p.m. report cards will be published on the PowerSchool platform. Simply log into your account and click on the "Report Card" button on

the lefthand sidebar. If you need assistance, please contact our office at 780-998-7771.

EIPS 2023-24 DIVISION CALENDAR: NOW AVAILABLE

The EIPS 2023-24 Division calendar is now available. The calendar includes important dates during the 2023-24 school year, including school-closure dates; holidays; dates for the November, Christmas, spring and summer breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal dates.

Highlights from the 2023-24 Division calendar include:

- August 31 first day of classes
- November 6-10 November break
- December 25 to January 5 Christmas break
- February 1 second semester begins
- February 8-9 Teachers' Convention
- March 25-29 spring break
- June 26 last day of classes
- June 27 last operational day before the summer break

In addition to the 2023-24 Division calendar, the 2023-24 Kindergarten Calendar is also available at eips.ca. For easy reference, EIPS families can sync the Division calendar to their personal calendar. Simply go to eips.ca/calendar and click on "subscribe to calendar."

Caregiver Series

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. These free sessions are using the Zoom platform. Upcoming topics include understanding depression and substance use. For more information, visit cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home.

Looking forward to November...

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

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

It is hard to believe we only have one full week in November! Enjoy the (slight) warm up this weekend and I hope you find time to spend time with loved ones!

Stay healthy,

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