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Dear FSE Families,

It is with mixed emotions I'm announcing the retirement of our ECS-B teacher, Ms. Thompson, at the end of December. We have been fortunate to have Ms. Thompson be a part of the Elk Island Public Schools family for 25 years and she will certainly be missed. Fortunately for us, she has kindly agreed to come back and volunteer so you may still see her in our building. We wish her all the best in her next adventures!

I am pleased to announce that Ms. Wilson, our ECS-A teacher has accepted Ms. Thompson's position beginning January 4, 2023. We are very excited to have Ms. Wilson in our building full time. Our sincere gratitude goes out to both Ms. Thompson and Ms. Wilson for collaborating to ensure a smooth transition for everyone!

## **School Council & Parent Society**

**SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, January 25 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 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:anymousearthdweller@gmail.com).

## 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 again for your continued support!

## Have your say, EIPS wants to hear from you!

The [Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) is now available. The report is a summary of how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. Both the full report and an overview are available for readers.

Reflecting on this report and the past school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you to gain a deeper understanding of your confidence in the Division and its strategic direction. As such, the annual EIPS Year-in-Review: Stakeholder Confidence Survey is open December 1-18.

The survey covers a range of topics, including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance and resource allocations. The information gathered will help EIPS:

- assess stakeholder confidence—families, staff, Grade 12 students and community members;
- gather input to guide future decision-making;
- gather feedback to enhance its [Four-Year Education Plan](#); and
- provide a platform for families, students, staff and community members to have a voice in ensuring high-quality, student-centred learning environments in EIPS schools.

EIPS will share the results in the *Annual Education Results Report 2022-23*.

### **[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!](#)**

Survey closes Dec. 18, 2022

If you've already completed the 2021-22 survey, there's no need to do so again. Your responses have been recorded and will be included in the Division data.

**NOTE:** EIPS encourages everyone to respond honestly. Your identity and answers are confidential and cannot be linked to you or your child's school. Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school. Families who do not want their child to complete the survey simply need to advise their child's school.

### **Fee Waiver Application Deadline**

If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is **Dec. 15, 2022**. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2022, or 45 days after registration.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees) and [www.fortelem.ca/about/fees](http://www.fortelem.ca/about/fees). Alternatively, contact Ms. Jones in the school office at 780-998-7771.

### **Returning Student Registration for 2023-24**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

For more information, contact the school office at 780-998-7771.

## **Christmas Break**

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

### *EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours*

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed December 26, 2022, to January 2, 2023

Open January 3; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. \*for location and contact information visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

## **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](http://cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home).

### **Looking forward to December...**

**December 12 ~ Ms. Wilson's class dress to impress for Christmas concert videotaping**

**December 13 ~ Chip Day! Bring a \$1 and buy a bag of chips at lunch from our Parent Society**

**December 15 ~ Grades 1 to 6 students dress to impress for Christmas concert videotaping (\*except grade 5 students who need to wear black or dark colours)**

**December 16 ~ Kindergarten Christmas Concert posted on Brightspace**

**December 19 ~ Grades 1 to 6 students Christmas Concert posted on Brightspace ~ School Council is providing milk and cookies for Ms. Wilson's ESC class**

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

**December 21 to January 3 ~ Christmas Break (no school)**

**Looking forward to January...**

**January 4 ~ first day back and early dismissal for staff meeting ~ Elements Day! Wear **orange** to represent the element of fire!**

**January 25 ~ School Council/Parent Society Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.**

**January 26 ~ John Dunn will be coming to share about his adventures exploring Canada with the entire school**

**January 27 ~ Jersey Day!**

**January 30 ~ Professional Learning Day: No school for students**

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

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Sincerely,

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