



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Dear FSE Families,

Welcome to the end of our first five-day week in January! The holiday season was wonderful, but there is something to be said about getting back into routines.

Feedback Wanted! Re: School Fees 2023-24

As per Alberta Education's School Fee Regulation, schools are required to consult with and request feedback from parents/guardians each year, prior to setting fees for the upcoming school year.

In preparation for planning for our 2023-24 school year, I will be sharing our current fee structure at our January School Council meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m., and asking for your feedback.

I understand not all families are able to attend, however, my intention is to get as much input from our families as possible. Should you not be able to attend the meeting I would encourage you to forward me your thoughts via email at Shelby.labrecque@eips.ca.

Thank you in advance for your input and the opportunity to work collaboratively together!

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 anonymousearthdweller@gmail.com.

Specialized System Programs

Did you know that EIPS offers a variety of programming options to meet the needs of our learners? Detailed program descriptions, along with eligibility criteria, can be found [here](#). Deadline to apply is January 25!

If you are interested in exploring a specialized program, please connect with our school counsellor, Sarah Pieterse.

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. Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account.

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

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 anxiety and sleep and your family's mental health. For more information, visit cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home.

Parking Lot Traffic Safety

We all know that before and after school can be very busy in our school parking lot. Keeping the safety of all in mind, we strongly encourage families to abide by traffic rules to ensure pick up and drop off times are both safe and efficient, in keeping the flow of the parking lot moving.

Thank you to all our families who support keeping our entire school community safe and sound!

Extra-curricular Activities

Thanks goes out to Ms. Frey who has organized our floor hockey intramurals this month! As well, kudos to Ms. Chaisson and Ms. Percy for starting up our Winter Reading Club!

Literacy

12 Tips to Boost Early Literacy

(<https://www.startearly.org/post/12-tips-to-boost-early-literacy/>)

1. Start early.
2. Make reading a part of your daily routine.
3. Try board and cloth books for babies.
4. Take turns with your child.
5. Ask your child questions.
6. Reread your child's favorite books.
7. Point out similar words or letters.
8. Count objects on the page.
9. Have your child tell you the story.
10. Read with passion!
11. Set an example.
12. Just keep reading.

Looking forward to January...

January 20 ~ Hot lunch

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 ~ Sign up website for student/parent/teacher conferences opens! (More details to come soon!)

January 30 ~ Professional Learning Day: No school for students

January 31 ~ Book Fair open for browsing!

Looking forward to February...

February 1 ~ New, kindergarten, and returning student registration opens at 9 a.m.

February 1 ~ Early out ~ Staff Meeting Day ~ BLUE DAY! Wear the colour blue to represent the element of water!

February 1 ~ Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

February 2 ~ Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

February 3 ~ Last day for Book Fair!

February 9 & 10 ~ Teachers' Convention (no school for students)

February 13 to 17 ~ FSE Food Bank Drive

**February 14 ~ Red/Pink & White Day ~ Wear any or all these colours today! ~
Valentine's Day Carnival!**
February 17 ~ Family Day Assembly!
February 20 ~ Family Day (no school)
February 28 ~ Returning student registration closes

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Sincerely,
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