



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Dear FSE Families,

We started the week with a bang, or more accurately a burst! Thank you to our entire school community for their patience and understanding as we had to adjust our sails quickly on Monday due to a water main break! Thank you also goes out to our Central Office departments and the City of Fort Saskatchewan for working together to communicate out to families, provide bottled water, have support staff ready and available 'just in case', and for repairing the water main so quickly! I feel so fortunate to have such an incredible team of people supporting our school in any circumstance!

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our grade 1 to 6 conferences are taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 1 and Thursday, Feb. 2 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ms. Wilson's conferences are being held during these times, as well as Thursday, Feb. 2 from 12 to 3 p.m. The conference booking website opens at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23 and closes at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30. **Here is the booking link:** <https://www.fortelem.ca/bookings>

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 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!

Details about the Winter/Spring 2023 Hot Lunch program is coming soon! Vendors include Tim Horton's, Boston Pizza, Ken's Catering, Prime Time Donair, and Perry's 2 for 1 Pizza.

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.

Horizon Program

The BGC is offering the Horizon program for children ages 6 to 12. Horizon provides a safe and confidential environment for children and youth to explore feelings due to family change such as: separation, divorce, and blended families. Through expressive art activities and small group work children and youth have the opportunity to meet new friends and share personal stories. (Note: Rainbows and other opportunities to support families are still available to the community.) The program starts Jan. 31, 2023 and runs every Tuesday for 6 weeks from 4 to 5 p.m. at the BGC. To get a registration package please email sarah@fsbgc.ca.

Literacy

Looking forward to January...

January 25 ~ School Council/Parent Society Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.; Deadline to apply for specialized system programs

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!

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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