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Dear FSE Families,

This concludes our last full week of January 2023! It was great to have John Dunn, wilderness explorer, come to our school to present at a whole-school assembly. It is always wonderful to come together as an entire school community to connect and learn together!

I am pleased to announce that Rachel Haverkamp has accepted the position of part time music teacher for the rest of the 2022-23 school year. Ms. Haverkamp comes to us with a wide range of education and experience and has shared she is very excited to be a part of our FSE school community!

### **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 opened 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 shared our current fee structure at our January School Council meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m., and asked for your feedback.

I understand not all families were able to attend, however, my intention is always to get as much input from our families as possible. If you were not able to attend the meeting, I still encourage you to forward me your thoughts via email at [Shelby.labrecque@eips.ca](mailto: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! Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m.** is our next School Council and Parent Society meeting at our school! We will also be offering a virtual hybrid of this meeting for those who are unable to attend in person. You will need a gmail account to join. The link will be sent out closer to the meeting date. All parents/guardians welcome!

Did you know you can offer your support to our School Council & Parent Society by donating your time? A little or a lot, we appreciate any donated time! Contact our School Council & Parent Society Executive directly to learn more about potential volunteer opportunities: [fseparentsociety@gmail.com](mailto:fseparentsociety@gmail.com)

### **Hot Lunch!**

The [Winter/Spring 2023 Hot Lunch program](#) is now open for the following dates:

- Friday Feb. 17 – Tim Hortons (cut off to order is Thursday Feb. 9)
- Friday Mar. 17 – Boston Pizza (cut off to order is Thursday Mar. 9)
- Friday Apr. 21 – Ken's Catering (cut off to order is Thursday Apr. 13)
- Friday May 26 – Prime Time Donair (cut off to order is Thursday May 18)
- Friday June 9 – Perry's 2 For 1 Pizza (cut off to order is Thursday June 1)

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents/guardians/caregivers who volunteer their time to run this program for our school! We appreciate your dedication to making FSE a great place to be!

### **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](https://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 changes 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 through the BGC.)

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](mailto:sarah@fsbgc.ca).

### **Literacy**

Today is **Family Literacy Day** and the theme for 2023 is *Celebrate your Heritage!* Here is a [link](#) for you to explore and learn more!

### **School Spirit Wear Now Available**

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary now has a website for our school community to access to purchase school spirit wear! Check it out!  
<https://fse.entripyshops.com/>

**Looking forward to what is left of January...**

**[Sign up website for student/parent/teacher conferences is open!](#)**

Here is the booking link: <https://www.fortelem.ca/bookings>

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

**January 30 ~ Last day to sign up for student/parent/teacher conferences!**

**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.**

- **Parent Society Bottle Drive Fundraiser! Bring your bottles when you come for your conference. A trailer will be available in the parking lot to drop off your empties. Thank you for your continued support!**

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

**\*Note: Ms. Wilson's Kindergarten class also has conferences 12 – 3 p.m. today.**

- **Parent Society Bottle Drive Fundraiser! Bring your bottles when you come for your conference. A trailer will be available in the parking lot to drop off your empties. Thank you for your continued support!**

**February 3 ~ Last day for Book Fair! Closes at noon.**

**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 22 ~ Parent Society presents *Chip Day!* More information to follow!**

**February 28 ~ Returning student registration closes**

On behalf of the staff at FSE, we wish you a wonderful weekend! The temperatures are supposed to dip a bit, so be sure to stay warm!

Kindly,

Shelby Labrecque, M. Ed.

Principal

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