

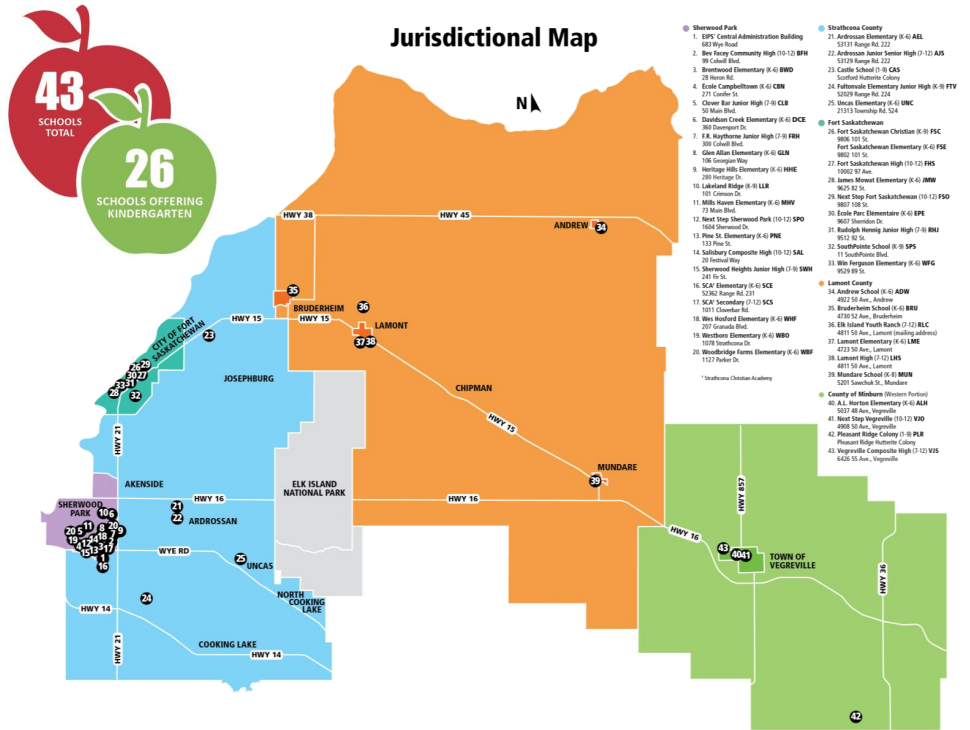
Kindergarten Information Night 2023



**Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN!**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) serves:

- Sherwood Park
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Strathcona County
- Lamont County
- Western Portion of the County of Minburn



Literacy-rich, play-based programming



Curriculum Areas

- English Language Arts and Literature
- Mathematics
- Physical Education and Wellness
- Science
- Social Studies
- Fine Arts

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New Kindergarten Draft Curriculum

- New kindergarten curriculum implemented in 2022-23:
 - mathematics
 - English language arts and literature
 - physical education and wellness
- In April 2023, Alberta Education will release the final kindergarten curriculum, to be implemented for the start of the 2023-24 school year, for:
 - fine arts
 - science

Learn more at curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en

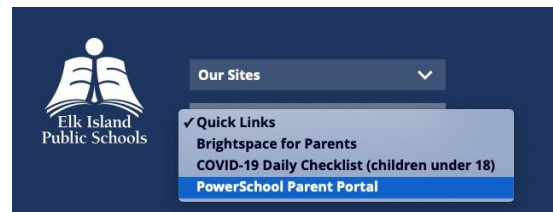


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PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Online access to your child's progress report, attendance and school fees
- One Parent Portal account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

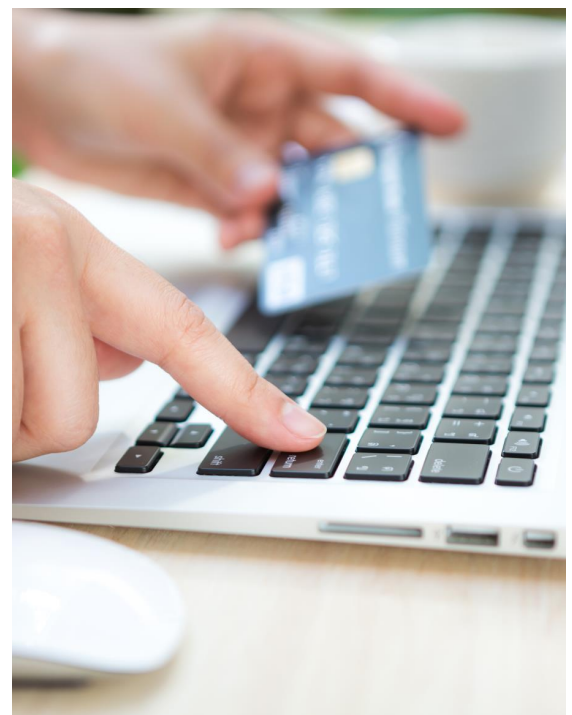
Learn more at eips.ca/parents/powerschool



School Fees

- Paid online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Assessed at the start of the year
- Others may be added throughout the year
- Fee waiver policy

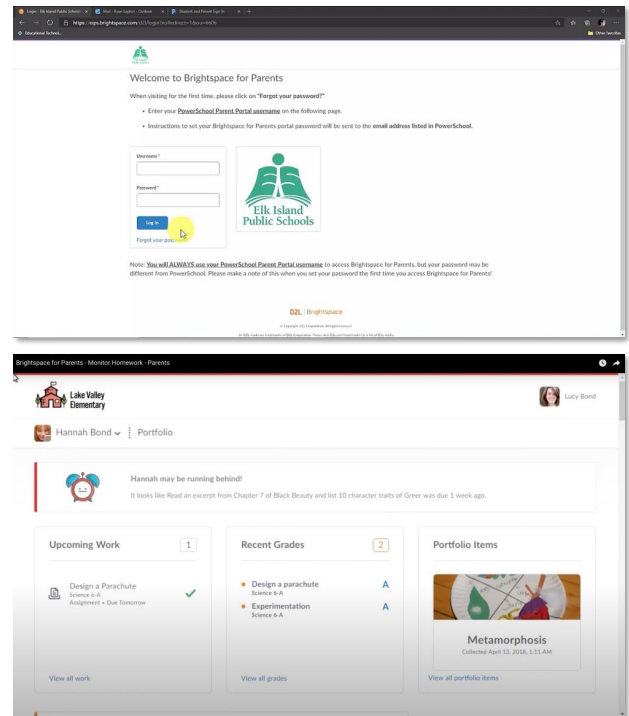
Learn more at:
eips.ca/schools/fees
eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees



Brightspace

- Online access to classroom updates, upcoming assignments, feedback from teachers and communication from the school and teacher, as applicable
- Separate portal access for parents and students
- One Brightspace for Parents account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

Learn more at eips.ca/parents/brightspace



Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure

Transportation fees are due June 30, 2023
Fees are paid online at eips.ca/transportation/transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments



Student Transportation: Little Elk Island Adventure

Students and parents/guardians learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

Learn more at

eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure

EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2023-24

☐ Regular School Day
○ Early Dismissal for Students
☆ First Day of Class
■ No School - Statutory Holiday
■ No School for All Students and Staff
■ No School for Students - Professional Learning/Operational Day

SCHEDULE A: Mondays, Wednesdays and select Fridays

SCHEDULE B: Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Fridays

Important Dates

Month	Day	Event
Aug 29	Professional Learning Day	
Aug 30	Operational Day	
Aug 31	First Instructional Day Calendar B	
Sept 1	First Instructional Day Calendar A	
Sept 4	Labour Day - Statutory Holiday	
Sept 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	
Oct 6	Professional Learning Day	
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	
Nov 6-10	November Break	
Nov 11	Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	
Dec 25 - Jan 5	Christmas Break	
Dec 25	Christmas Day - Statutory Holiday	
Dec 26	Boxing Day - Statutory Holiday	
Jan 1	New Year's Day - Statutory Holiday	
Jan 31	Professional Learning Day	
Feb 8 & 9	North Central Teachers' Convention	
Feb 19	Family Day - Statutory Holiday	
Mar 1	Professional Learning Day	
Mar 22	School Closure Day	
Mar 25 - 29	Spring Break	
Mar 29	Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	
Apr 1	Good Friday - Division Closure	
Apr 3	Professional Learning Day	
May 16-17	School Closure Day	
May 20	Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day	
June 24	Last Instructional Day Schedule A	
June 25	Last Instructional Day Schedule B	
June 26-27	Operational Days	

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Aug 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sept 2023	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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EIPS offers full-day programming on alternating days.

475 instructional hours per year

- Monday, Wednesday and select Fridays, or
- Tuesday, Thursday and select Fridays

Find the Division calendar at eips.ca/calendar

Visit the calendar page on the school's website for school specific dates and events

Staggered Entry

- To introduce new kindergarteners to school, Fort Saskatchewan offers staggered entry at the start of the school year.
- Children come in smaller groups for part days to learn a bit about the classroom, the school and daily routines.
- 2023-24 staggered entry dates:
 - Small groupings (you will be notified)
 - B - August 31, September 5
 - A – September 1, September 6
 - 1st Day of school, Full classes:
 - B – Sept. 7
 - A – Sept. 8





Typical Kindergarten Day

- Bell schedule
- Early dismissal days
- Parent/guardian drop off and pick up

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Daily Activities:

- Entry
- Circle Time
- Gym
- Recess
- Snack Time/Lunch
- Music/Fine Arts
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science & Social
- Play

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School Supplies

- ▶ School Supplies lists are located on our [school website](#) under the 'About' tab.



Tools for School is a program from the United Way that provides backpacks filled with school supplies to students in kindergarten to Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. The supplies provided may not be everything that's on your child's supply list, but it's a start.

If you would benefit from the Tools for School program, contact the school office.

Events and Field Trips

- ▶ Legacy Park
- ▶ Community Fire Hall during Fire Safety Week
- ▶ Read In Week visitors
- ▶ Christmas/Winter Celebrations
- ▶ Expert Visitors from Strathcona Wilderness Center
- ▶ Community Grocery Store for a tour
- ▶ Field trip to the Edmonton Valley Zoo
- ▶ Pryce Alderson Spray Park Picnic
- ▶ Celebrations – Birthdays, Halloween, Friendship





Parent Involvement

- School Council
- Fundraising Society
- Parent/guardian volunteers
- Parent/guardian feedback surveys

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Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Services

- SLPs in kindergarten provide the following services, as needed:
 - Informal classroom-based speech and language screening
 - Speech and language assessment to identify need for further services
 - Follow up intervention or consultation for children transitioning from preschool programs
 - Direct intervention and consultation based on identified needs
 - Parent/guardian consultation



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Occupational Therapy (OT) Services

- OTs informally screen students' participation in the classroom setting and provide universal strategies to the classroom staff.
- Service is primarily consultative, providing resources to classroom staff and parents when needed. Students with mild to moderate needs will be primarily served through these general classroom suggestions.
- OTs may have more direct involvement with children who have significant needs in the areas of self-care, regulation and motor skills.



Specialized Supports Informed Consent

School and Program Preference

For the 2023-24 school year, it is anticipated that all students will attend school in person.

Enrolling Grade required i

Kindergarten



Review [Kindergarten Specialized Supports Informed Consent](#)

I have read and understand the Kindergarten Specialized Supports Informed Consent. required

Please choose from the two options below regarding Kindergarten supports screening for your child. required

Accept Screening

Decline Screening

Refer to the [Kindergarten Calendar](#) information for the 2023-24 schedule options, then return to this form and select your kindergarten schedule preference. The selected preference is taken into account but is not guaranteed.



Community Services

Nutrition Program

Family Community Services



Preparing for Kindergarten



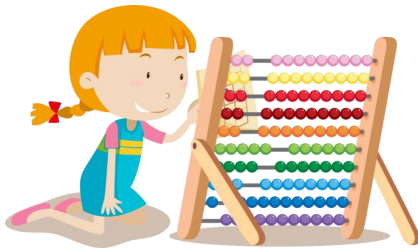
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



Social-emotional development



Numeracy



Self-help skills



Eye See, Eye Learn

Learn more at eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/preparing-for-kindergarten



Preparing for Kindergarten Series

- EIPS, together with local partners, is planning a series of videos and resources for kindergarten families to help prepare for the year ahead.
- Families will receive information through a series of emails sent in May and June.
- Watch your inbox for details. Prizes available to be won!

Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)

- Administered in the fall
- Uses teachers' regular observations and informal assessments
- Helps determine a child's progress and development in five key areas
 - Awareness of self and environment;
 - Social skills and approaches to learning;
 - Cognitive skills;
 - Language and communication; and
 - Physical development
- Assessment findings used to help plan instruction and will be shared with parents at the first progress reporting term in November
- Parent/guardian sessions providing more details and explanation will be available in the fall

Learn more at eips.ca/download/412368



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Helpful Links

eips.ca/kindergarten

Facebook: facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools

Twitter: twitter.com/eips

School Website: www.fortelem.ca

Facebook: facebook.com/FortSaskElementary

Twitter: twitter.com/FortElementary

Instagram: instagram.com/fortelementary

- Alberta Education curriculum: curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en

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Questions?

EMERGENCY
DOOR RELEASE
CAUTION
USE DEF ONLY
(LIQUID EXHAUST FLUID)
Using any other fluid can
- Damage the vehicle
- Decrease fuel economy

