

# Kindergarten Information Night 2024

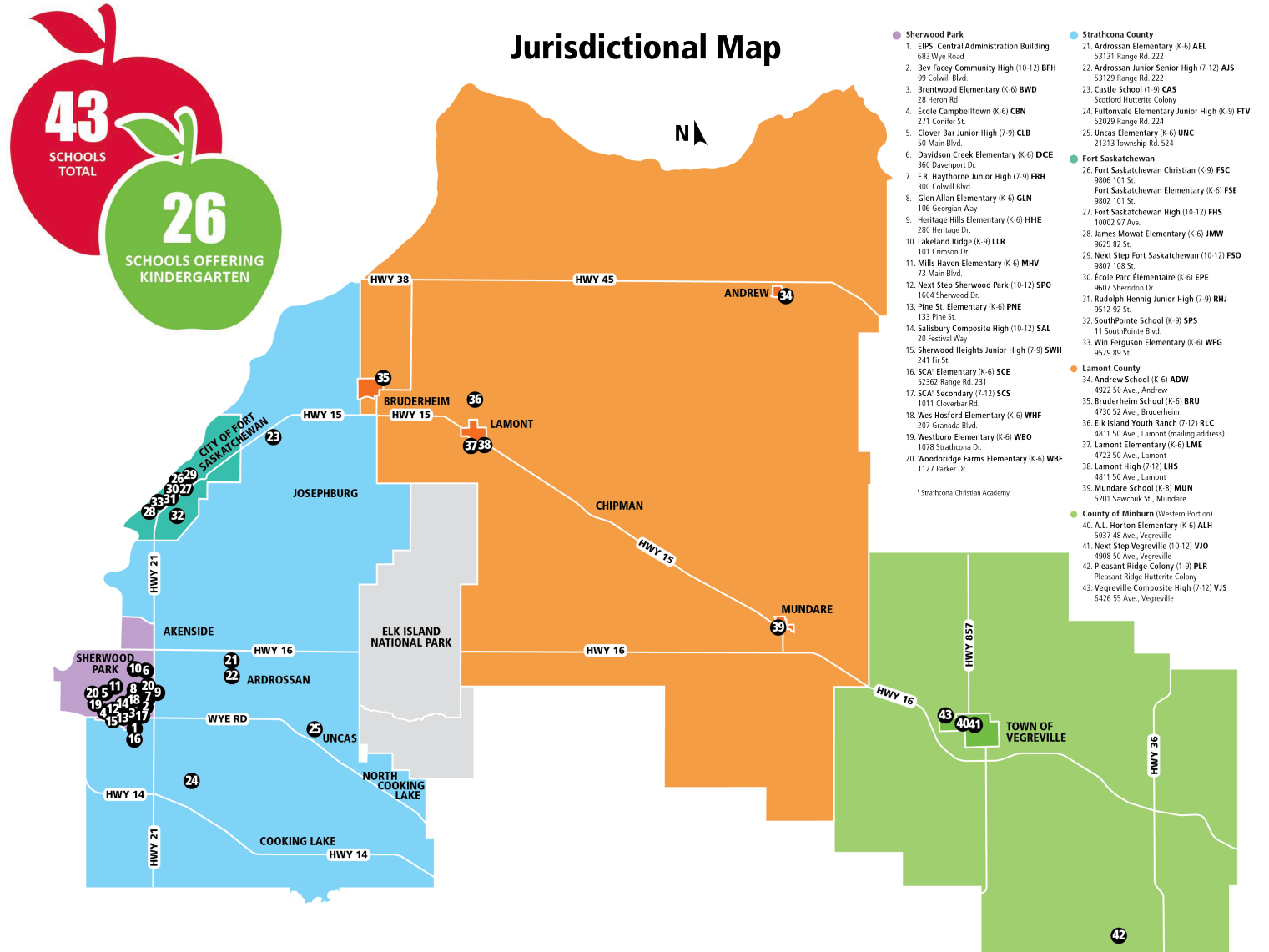




**Welcome to  
KINDERGARTEN!**

# 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

# New Kindergarten Curriculum

- Mathematics (2022-23)
- English Language Arts and Literature (2022-23)
- Physical Education and Wellness (2022-23)
- Science (2023-24)

Future kindergarten curriculum implementation:

- Social Studies (anticipated 2025-26)
- Fine Arts (to be determined)

Learn more at

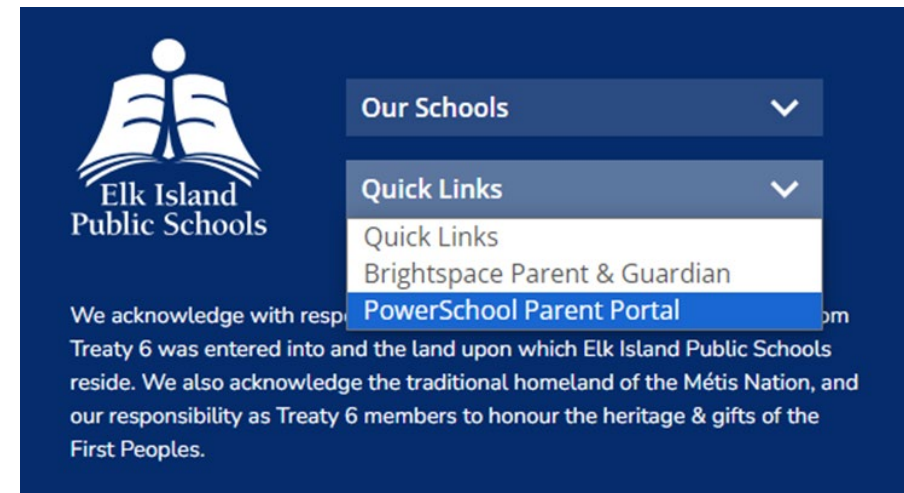
[curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en)



# 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](https://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](https://eips.ca/schools/fees)

[eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees](https://eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees)

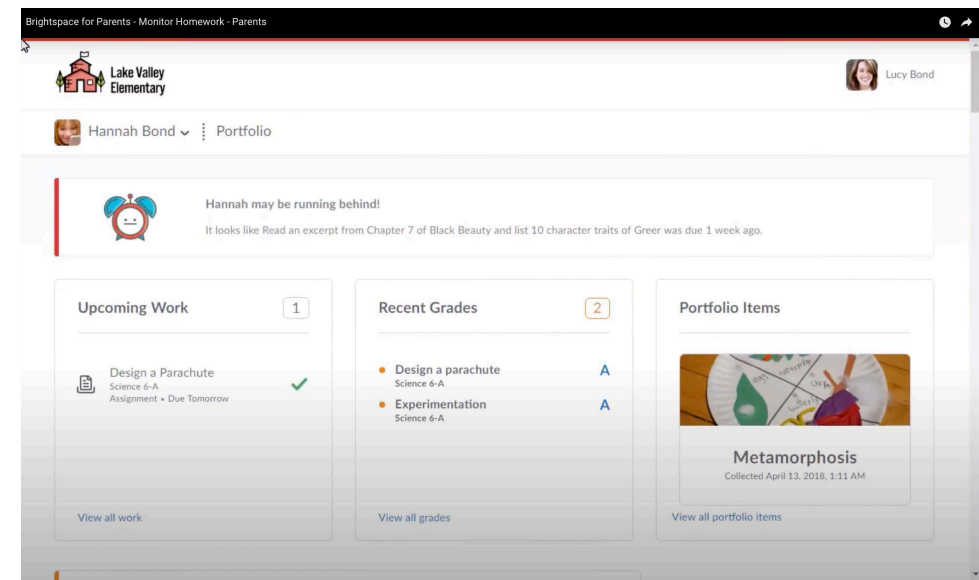
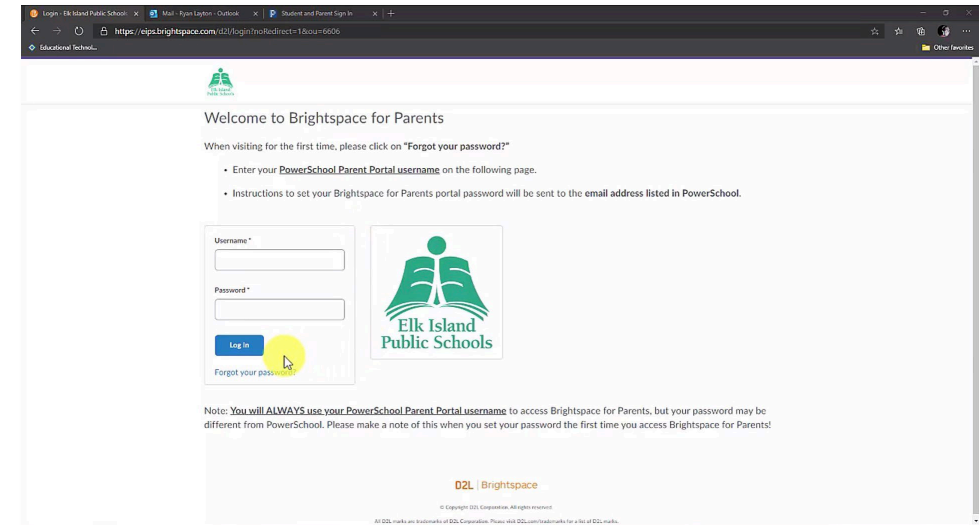




# Brightspace

- 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

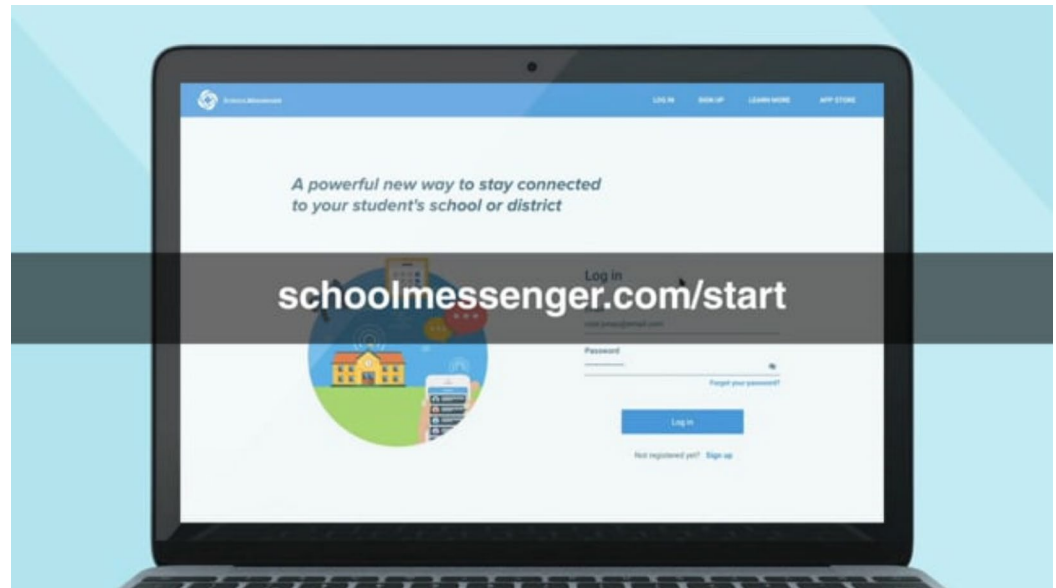
Learn more at [eips.ca/parents/brightspace](https://eips.ca/parents/brightspace)



# SchoolMessenger

- EIPS uses the SchoolMessenger system for sending information to families by phone and email—including bus cancellations or delays, inclement weather, upcoming events, school newsletters, parental engagement opportunities, emergency notices and more.
- Families can manage their subscription preference through their SchoolMessenger account.
- Download the app to stay connected on the go.

Learn more at [eips.ca/contact/subscribe](https://eips.ca/contact/subscribe)



# Permission Click

- EIPS uses the online Permission Click platform for many school and Division forms.
- Forms are easily accessible and fillable from mobile devices. No log in required.
- Emails will come from Permission Click.
  - Add [notifications@permissionclick.com](mailto:notifications@permissionclick.com) to your safe-sender list to ensure required forms aren't mistakenly directed to your junk mail folder.

*Permission* **CLICK**



# Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure
  - ▶ First day of kindergarten busing: September 5

Transportation fees are due June 30, 2023  
Fees are paid online at [eips.ca/transportation/  
transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments](https://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](https://eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure)



- 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**

- Aug 27 Professional Learning Day
- Aug 28 Operational Day
- Aug 29 First Instructional Day Calendar B
- Aug 30 First Instructional Day Calendar A
- Sept 2 Labour Day – Statutory Holiday
- Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 4 Professional Learning Day
- Oct 14 Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday
- Nov 11-15 November Break
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday
- Dec 23 - Jan 3 Christmas Break
- Dec 25 Christmas Day – Statutory Holiday
- Dec 26 Boxing Day – Statutory Holiday
- Jan 1 New Year's Day – Statutory Holiday
- Jan 29 Professional Learning Day
- Feb 6 & 7 North Central Teachers' Convention
- Feb 17 Family Day – Statutory Holiday
- Mar 7 Professional Learning Day
- Mar 21 School Closure Day
- Mar 24 - 28 Spring Break
- Apr 18 Good Friday – Statutory Holiday
- Apr 21 Easter Monday – Division Closure
- May 2 Professional Learning Day
- May 19 Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 23 Last Instructional Day Schedule A
- June 24 Last Instructional Day Schedule B
- June 25-26 Operational Days

AUGUST 2024							SEPTEMBER 2024						
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JUNE 2025							JULY 2025						
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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](https://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.
- 2024-25 staggered entry dates:
  - Small groupings (you will be notified)
    - B - August 29, September 3
    - A – August 30, September 4
    - 1st Day of school, Full classes:
      - B – Sept. 5
      - A – Sept. 6
  - First day of kindergarten bussing will be September 5, 2024





<p>Buffalo</p>  <p>Respect</p>	<p>Bear</p>  <p>Courage</p>	<p>Wolf</p>  <p>Humility</p>	<p>The Seven Grandfather</p>  <p>Teachings</p>
<p>Beaver</p>  <p>Wisdom</p>	<p>Sabé</p>  <p>Honesty</p>	<p>Turtle</p>  <p>Truth</p>	<p>Eagle</p>  <p>Love</p>



# Typical Kindergarten Day

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



## Daily Activities:

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





# 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.

# Kindergarten Supply List

- 1 - 3" binder (labelled on spine – no cloth)
- 1 – Hilroy exercise book ½ plain ½ interlined (9 ⅛ x 7 ⅛) 72 pages, labelled
- 3 – Duotangs (1 yellow, 1 green & 1 blue)
- 2 - White erasers
- 5 – HB Brand pencils
- 2 – Fine Tip Expo Whiteboard markers for use on individual whiteboards
- 1 - Package of 24 Crayola wax crayons
- 4 - Glue sticks (Emery 20g or UHU 21g)
- 1 - Pair of scissors (labelled)
- Indoor shoes - labelled (no light up shoes)
- Backpack - large enough to carry a binder/large hard cover library book and lunch kit that can be managed by your child. (be mindful of winter gear)



# Events and Field Trips

- ▶ Legacy Park
- ▶ Fire Department visit 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 Makery
- ▶ Park Picnic
- ▶ Celebrations – Birthdays, Halloween, Friendship



# Parent/Guardian Involvement

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

# 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



# 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

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 2024-2025 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



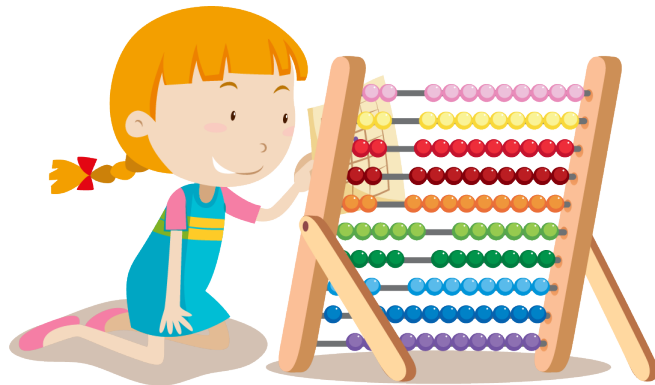
Communication and literacy



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](https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/preparing-for-kindergarten)

• <https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/frequently-asked-questions>



# 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.
- ▶ Watch for more information about these opportunities coming to you email inboxes in May.
- ▶ Follow us [@eipsearlylearning](https://www.instagram.com/eipsearlylearning) on Instagram to check out resources and what's happening in EIPS Early Learning!

# 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

Learn more at [eips.ca/download/412368](https://eips.ca/download/412368)



# Helpful Links:



Elk Island Public Schools:

[eips.ca/kindergarten](https://eips.ca/kindergarten)

Facebook: [facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools](https://facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools)

Twitter: [twitter.com/eips](https://twitter.com/eips)

School Website: [www.fortelem.ca](https://www.fortelem.ca)

Facebook: [facebook.com/FortSaskElementary](https://facebook.com/FortSaskElementary)

Twitter: [twitter.com/FortElementary](https://twitter.com/FortElementary)

Instagram: [instagram.com/fortelementary](https://instagram.com/fortelementary)

Alberta Education

curriculum: [curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en)

Alberta Health Services:

[Snacks \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/snacks)

[What's For Lunch? \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/whats-for-lunch)

[Back to School Health - Families | Alberta Health Services](https://albertahealthservices.ca/back-to-school-health-families)



Questions?

EMERGENCY  
DOOR RELEASE

**CAUTION**  
USE DEF ONLY  
(DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID)  
Using any other fluid can  
- Damage the vehicle  
- Degrade fuel economy



