

FORT SASKATCHEWAN

• ELEMENTARY •

Friday, October 15, 2021

Dear FSE Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend and found some time to rest and relax safely with loved ones.

As we pass the middle of October, I am reminded the deadline to order items from the **Dieleman fundraiser** our Parent Society is coming fast. Be sure to get your orders in by **October 20!**

The Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA) is starting for our kindergarten students. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will be implementing the Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA) in all kindergarten classrooms. This screening tool will assist teachers in planning programming for our kindergarten students. It will also serve as the report card in November.

On October 13 we held our **Virtual October School Community Assembly**. Thank you to class 5/6S and 6B for your contribution in making this assembly, which was grounded in the seven grandfather teachings of <u>respect</u>, so very meaningful. Kudos also go out to Ms. Mikulecky for creating, organizing and presenting this assembly

Student/Parent/Teacher Google Meet conferences are on **October 19**, **20**, **and 21** from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The electronic sign up for conferences was shared with families via SchoolMessenger on **Tuesday**, **October 12**. Please contact your child's teacher directly if you have any questions. *Please note you will need a gmail account to use Google Meet.

We are looking forward to our <u>virtual Book Fair</u> which will be running from <u>October 18</u> to <u>25</u>. We will miss having everyone stop by to look at the books <u>BUT</u> here is the next <u>best thing!</u> By supporting our Book Fair you not only get great books you also help our Library get some amazing new books for our collection. Thank you to our librarian, Ms. Stathum, for taking the time to ensure our school community has access to a Book Fair this year!

The first Fort Saskatchewan Elementary **Foodbank Drive** of the year will be held from Tuesday, October 19 to Friday, October 29. All donations are gratefully accepted. Here is a list of currently most needed items:

- Small jars of jam
- NUT FREE school snacks (i.e. fruit roll ups or fruit snacks, individually packaged cookies, etc.)
- Fruit cups
- Pudding
- Canned meat
- Oatmeal

Thank you in advance for any support you might be able to provide!

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2021-22 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. *All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.* To access your fee information, simply log in to the <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u> and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or debit card—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u> regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have <u>fees</u> <u>waived</u> by submitting an <u>Application for a Waiver of Fees</u>. The application deadline is **Dec. 15, 2021**.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and www.fortelem.ca/about/fees. Alternatively, contact Manon Marcoux-Jones at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School at 780-998-7771.

A huge <u>thank you</u> goes out to the **Station Square Co-op Food Store** who generously donated pumpkins and carving kits for our Halloween pumpkin carving contest! Our virtual school **Halloween** assembly is planned for October 29 at 1 p.m. Students and staff are encouraged to dress up on this day in school appropriate costumes (no weapons please) and the winners from our pumpkin carving contest will be announced.

As always, be sure to check out the EIPS <u>Division website</u> regularly as it has the most up to date information regarding COVID-19, as well as events going on across our Division.

Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing weekend! I look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday, October 19!

Sincerely,

Shelby Labrecque, M. Ed.

Principal

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School