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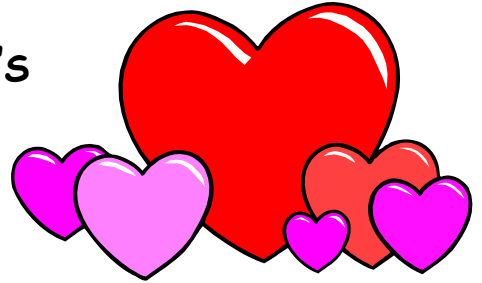
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COMPASSIONATE VALENTINE'S

We are pleased to be celebrating Valentine's Day with caring this year! We have asked that families not send in loot bags and commercially created Valentine's Day cards. Instead, students will participate in a "Hearts and Hands" carnival, and have classroom parties. We will gladly accept any monetary donations, in lieu of purchased cards and goodies, and donate those funds to our local Food Bank.



We will also look forward to seeing parents at our conferences on February 22 and 23 from 5—8 pm. Notices will be sent home shortly letting parents know conference times.

We are working hard with our students to help them to understand that compassion means to "treasure someone else's happiness before their own"; making a donation to our Food Bank will help them demonstrate just that.

Finally, as our January meeting was cancelled, and we are short of Mondays in February, our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm. In the school library. All parents are invited to attend.



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Look for a city wide Compassion Day in late May. The FSE Lions are determined to label Fort Saskatchewan as the most compassionate city in Canada!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Do you have a child who will start Kindergarten in fall 2011? Registration for the 2011/2012 school year is underway. Your child is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the upcoming school year if he/she will be five years old on or before March 1, 2012.

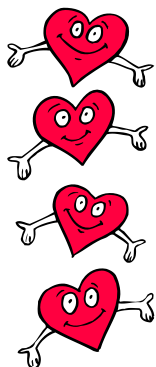
website, www.fortelem.ca also provides details about our school-specific Kindergarten program.

Register today and join us on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 pm for our Kindergarten Information Night to meet the staff and take a school tour.

Be a part of Kindergarten in EIPS. Start your child's school years with us!

School Council meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 pm, school library.

Check out Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) division website at www.eips.ca for information about Kindergarten programs, registration details, and system information. Our school





ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES IN FORT SASKATCHEWAN



Through a consultation process during the 2010/2011 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) gathered input from your community and subsequently realigned Fort Saskatchewan school boundaries. The changes to elementary school boundaries will take effect in the 2012/2013 school year.

All families living within an area that has been re-designated to a different school should have received a letter from the school advising of the details of these changes and the guidelines about who is eligible to be grandfathered. Grandfathering is the

process by which EIPS allows students to continue in a school that was once their designated school but is no longer, due to the realignment of school boundaries. For those students eligible for grandfathering, please contact the school by **February 15** to advise whether or not you would like your child(ren) to remain at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School for the 2012/2013 school year.

If you have any questions about the letter or the realignment of these elementary boundaries, please contact Bev Fleming, Associate Superintendent, at 780-417-8227.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Although the temperatures have warmed up in the past week, we do live in Alberta and the weather can change in a matter of minutes. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) reminds parents to please dress children appropriately for the weather when getting them ready for school or the bus.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, your best source of information regarding bus route cancellations is the division website. The *Bus Status* section (www.eips.ca/bus-status) is updated in real time whenever bus cancellations or delays occur. Please make note of your children's bus

number(s) so you can quickly and easily check the bus status using this valuable tool. When all bus routes within a large geographic region of EIPS are cancelled, we also post this information in the home page article. It is interesting to note that EIPS' website traffic spiked more than 500 per cent when the cold weather hit on January 17, so it appears many of you are already using this tool.

For more information or to determine your children's bus number(s), contact EIPS' Student Transportation department at 780-417-8151.

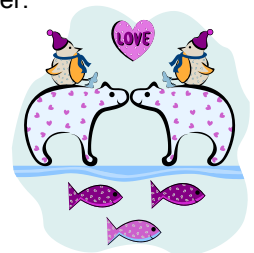


COMPASSION IN ACTION

Congratulations to Dawn's and Gillian's ringette team who raised over \$6800.00 in support of cancer research. As well, Emily in grade five cut her hair to donate to cancer survivors.

Mr. Ching's grade five class will be performing "random acts of kindness" to celebrate Valentine's Day. Staff will be surprised by what the grade fives have in store!

The C Zone will be seen around the school for the remainder of the school year. The C Zone will be a place in which students can go to work our minor conflicts. Our goal is to have students develop the skills to handle minor friendship and/or playground issues in a compassionate and respectful manner.





WHISPERS

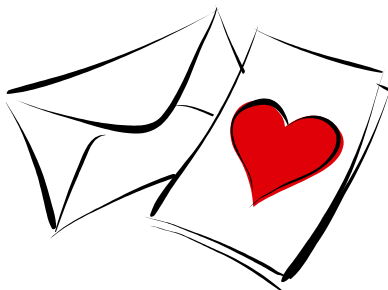
February is going to be a very exciting month in the library at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary school! The Grade six Library Club will continue to be busy barcoding and stamping our new books from Chapters as well as preparing for the next Scholastic Book Fair. The Grade 5 Book Club is also doing the finishing touches this month on their book-read choice projects, which will soon be on display.

There will be plenty of contests to enter and prizes to win in the Book Fair Luau starting February 21st! Make a floral lei, and surf the spectacular wave of books that will be heading your way! The Scholastic Spring Book Fair is always a popular event and I hope to see lots of grass skirts and ukuleles adorning our school during that week.

There will also be an exciting author visit from Sigmund Brouwer on the morning of Wednesday February 22. The grade 5's and 6's from our school along with the grade 5's – 9's from Fort Christian School will be treated to a fantastic hour of entertainment and book talks from this well known Canadian author hailing from Red Deer.

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Johnston



NEWS AND NOTES

Next Year

Please let us know as soon as possible if students will not be attending our school next year. Believe it or not, we are already planning for next year and student enrollment is key to our budget decisions. Contact our office (780 998-7771) if you are intending on moving either before or during summer holidays.

School Fees

All school fees are now past due. Please contact the school if alternative financial arrangements are required. We are very happy to work with families and arrange creative payment options.

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CHUCK A PUCK AT MRS. WEIR!!



We are a very lucky school in that we will get to host an Edmonton Oil Kings game on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Rexall Place. Our school choir will be singing the national anthem at centre ice to start the game and Mrs. Weir

will stand out at centre ice (with a helmet on!!) and allow anyone who purchases a \$2.00 SPONGE puck to throw it toward her. The puck landing closest to centre ice will earn \$200.00 for the lucky "thrower". All families are invited to attend this huge FSE family event. Tickets are only \$25.00 each—a great deal to go to Rexall and watch some excellent hockey. A letter was sent home on Friday, February 3, outlining how and where to purchase tickets.

C'mon FSE—let's have a great turn out at Rexall!!!