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YEAR DRAWS TO AN END

Where has the year gone? It seems like it was only yesterday that we were checking out our new school supplies and hearing the squeak of brand spanking new sneakers on our freshly polished gym floor. It has truly been a wonderful year. We have learned, supported our community, made new friends and kept old ones, become more independent, and all grown one year older. Thank you to the many individuals who have helped us through this year. We could not have done it without you. My memories are rich and varied, and I am looking forward to an exciting start to the new school year in our new building.

June will see staff and students packing boxes and getting ready for our move. We are anticipating that the large majority of the move will take place over the summer months. Please note that the office will not be open on the 28 or 29 of June; families will need to wait



until August 23 to contact any school personnel.

We wish our FSE families all the best with the warmth of the summer sun and joy of long, lazy, summer days. Come back to us rested and ready to tackle another awesome FSE year.

EIPS PRESENTS BALANCED BUDGET



Leaders throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) faced a number of challenges in preparing the 2010/2011 budget while trying to address student needs using the limited resources available. Consequently, the school division was forced to use one-time reserves to cover ongoing costs and offset a projected operating deficit of over \$3 million. With a balanced budget now approved by the Board of Trustees, EIPS is projecting its reserves will be substantially reduced by August 31, 2011. "If the funding picture doesn't change over the next year, schools and departments will face further cuts in 2011/2012," notes EIPS' Board Chair

Bonnie Riddell.

EIPS has worked to maintain funding in priority areas including staffing, Special Education, technology, and Human Resources initiatives. At the same time, Learning Resource Fees throughout the division will not increase, while Student Transportation fees for Payride and School of Choice Busing will increase by \$25. Although EIPS has maintained a strong focus on staffing, the 2010/2011 budget will see cuts at both the school and department levels, with a reduction of 42.84 full time equivalent staff overall. "We remain committed to providing quality educational programs and doing the best for students with what we have. We will

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2010/2011 REGISTRATION AT FSE

We know this school year hasn't quite come to an end, but at FSE, we are already excited for 2010/2011! Our staff have begun diligently preparing for next year, and we will continue working on the details throughout June and when we return in August.

**Office Open
for Registration
Monday, Aug. 23 to
Friday, Aug. 27
9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

For those families new to our school, please stop by the school office during one of the following times to complete the registration process:

**Monday, Aug. 23 – Friday, Aug. 27
9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

Throughout the summer, you can also find this information, as well as 2010/2011 school supply lists, on our school website, www.fortelem.ca. Please check back regularly for updated information. To assist you in planning for next year, please also refer to the approved 2010/2011 system calendar available electronically at www.eips.ca by clicking the Calendars link in the top toolbar (next to the search field).

If your child forgets something at the school over the summer, please visit us in school after August 23. Note that because of the move, we will likely not be holding onto a great deal of lost and found items.

In August, the Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) division website (www.eips.ca) will have the complete **2010/2011 Back-to-School Guide**. This Guide contains all the information you will need for planning for back to school. You can also pick

up a copy of this Guide at your local convenience or grocery store, bank, library, recreation facility, or EIPS' school later in August.

We look forward to seeing you at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School when classes resume on **August 30**. Please contact us if you have any questions about planning for back to school this fall.

BUDGET (CONT'D)


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still have great people working hard for students and education, but the reality is this budget will impact programs and services in EIPS," adds Riddell. As approximately 95 per cent of budgeted costs at the school level are attributed to staffing, EIPS will continue to advocate for Alberta Education to cover the increased costs of salaries.

For further information about your school's budget, please contact

All Library Books Are Due!

**Please have all library books back to the library by
Friday, June 4, 2010
We are packing up and getting ready for the move!**






ABC Camp
Asset Building Communities
A community camp for families with children 0 to 6 yrs

Join Strathcona County Parent Link this summer for games, art activities, special guests, celebrations and snacks!
ABC Camp July 5 - August 27

This **FREE** parented program is offered at six rural locations:
Ardrossan, North Cooking Lake, South Cooking Lake, Hastings Lake, Colchester, and Collingwood Cove (ages 0-12)

For more information on how your family can participate in summer fun, call Parent Link Centre 780-416-6730



NEWS & NOTES (CONT'D)

Office Reopens

We will be back in our school office on Monday, August 23, from 9:30 am—3:00 pm. Until then, we will be enjoying the sunshine and getting rested and ready for the next exciting school year!

Grade Six Farewell

Our grade six farewell ceremony will take place on Friday, June 25, at 9:00 am. All are welcome to join us in saying farewell to this marvelous class!

Write On Stationery

A reminder that Write On Stationery supplies will be available for pick up on Thursday, August 26 and Friday, August 27. If supplies are not picked up, we will gladly have them ready in students' classrooms on the first day of school (Monday, August 30). We hope families enjoy this wonderful service to our school.

Please Let us Know

If families will be moving away from our school, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently budgeting and considering classroom configurations and would appreciate knowing who will be moving away. If you are intending on staying in the school, no need to let us know, we will see you in August!

First Day of School

Due to the lateness of the September long weekend, school will begin on Monday, August 30, 2010. Kindergarten will start with staggered entry dates, with the first day of full

kindergarten classes falling on Thursday, September 2, 2010. A change to our schedule next year will be to not have kindergarten classes on the first Wednesday (staff meeting day/early dismissal) of each month. This will allow kindergarten students to attend school right until the end of the school year.

Heelies and Wheelies



Love the warm weather! Love the green grass! Love the longer days! Don't love the possibilities of unsafe behavior with bikes and heelies. Students are asked to leave their heelies at home, and to walk their bikes on school grounds. If students "forget" and insist on using their heelies or bikes on school grounds, they will lose the privilege of bringing them to school for a set period of time. Please talk with your children and impress upon them the importance of safe and respectful behavior.

Provincial Achievement Tests Schedule

(all tests start at 9 am)

Tuesday, June 15
Grade 3 Language Arts, Part B
Grade 6 Social Studies

Wednesday, June 16
Grade 6 Language Arts, Part B

Thursday, June 17
Grade 3 Math
Grade 6 Math, Part B

Friday, June 18
Grade 6 Science

***Yearbooks have not arrived as yet.
We will forward them in September.***



The Youth Environment Group wants to promote alternative modes of transportation and one of those being bicycling, not only is it a healthy choice but is also an environmentally friendly option! Bring your bike for some hands on learning about caring for and riding your bike!



DANCE PLUS 2010



FSE students and staff have had many opportunities this year to hear and see our

students perform in many areas of the fine arts. We are amazed and always proud of the hard work and dedication they show in their areas of interest.

Many of our students take dance lessons and have prepared solo and/or group numbers for competitions and recitals this spring. Dance Plus, scheduled for **Tuesday, June 22 at 1:15 pm**, is designed to give these students an opportunity to perform some

these numbers for our school, as well as to give our students a chance to enjoy the results of our dancers'/musicians' hard work and expertise!

Several of our students who take private music lessons have not performed for our school audience this year. If your child falls into this category, and wishes to perform for our school, this is his/her opportunity to do so.

Students who are interested in participating will be bringing home a letter with further information. We look forward to a wonderfully entertaining Dance Plus 2010!



2nd Annual Eco-Festival

May 29th, 2010
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
at the Normandy Room
FREE ADMISSION!
Lots of fun and activities
for all ages!
Concession is available

FIRST NATIONS GATHERING

On Friday, June 11, at the RCMP Park, four Fort schools (James Mowat, Rudolph Hennig, Win Ferguson, and FSE) will participate in our first First Nations "Gathering" (similar to a Pow Wow). Lead by our Tansi, Kristen Jordan, the day will include First Nations dancing, craft and game

demonstrations. The Gathering will culminate in a Round Dance in which everyone will participate. June 11 will also be considered our year end activity day in light of the amount of construction which will be taking place at the end of June. Parents are welcome to attend this amazing event!



Ringette Registration

Early rate registration for *Ringette* is open June 1st to June 30th. Regular rates apply July 1st and later. Please go online at www.fsmsa.ca to register.



YOU are invited

to provide **INPUT**
into the **FUTURE**
direction of **EIPS**.

Join us:

Tues., June 8
EIPS' Central Office, Sherwood Park

Thurs., June 10
Win Ferguson Community School, Fort Sask.

Mon., June 14
Lamont Elementary School, Lamont

Tues., June 15
A.L. Horton Elementary, Vegreville

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

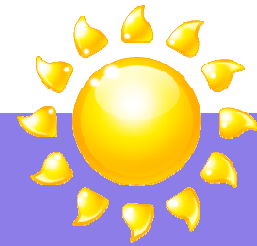
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EIPS SUMMER HOURS

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Central Office will remain open throughout the summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2010/2011 school year. However, please note the changes to our office hours for the summer months.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Student Transportation department will also be closed on statutory holidays and all Fridays from July 2 to August 13 (inclusive). As such, Student Transportation **cannot** accept transportation payments on these days.

All parents/guardians are welcome to pay their transportation fees online at their own convenience using our secure online payment option at <http://www.eips.ca/content.php?page=294>. Pay your transportation fees before the June 30 early deadline to save \$25.



EIPS Summer Hours (July and August)

Open

Monday to Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed

Fridays
July 2 to August 13
(inclusive)

Closed Statutory Holidays

Thursday, July 1
Canada Day

Monday, August 2
Heritage Day

**Regular office hours will
resume the week
of August 16**

**Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**