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DETERMINATION

Pride, belief, determination. We have seen all three in remarkable color over the past weeks at the Olympic Games. I have never been more proud to be Canadian!

In the upcoming months we will be focusing on the character ed. trait of "determination". The games will provide us with an incredible array of living examples of what determination can mean, and how we can work with equal determination in our day to day lives to achieve our dreams. We believe!



We look forward in the month of March to warmer days, lots of puddles, and spring break. Report cards will be shared with parents on March 19, conferences will follow on March 23 and 24. This round of conferences will see some slight changes to our "Celebrations of Learning" in the fall. Teachers will be arranging private conferences for some

parents, thus we ask that all families respect and adhere to conference times. Childcare will once again be offered in the gym during both evenings.

Please enjoy and be safe during the upcoming break!



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Upcoming Events:

- Music Fest.– Mar. 15&24
- Report Cards– March 19
- Hat Day– March 22
- Conferences– Mar. 23, 24
- Quest Theatre– Mar. 25
- Hot Lunch (Thanks to Freckle Fashions!)- March 25
- Spring Break– March 26— April 6

KINDERGARTEN @ FSES

Kindergarten registration for the 2010/2011 school year is underway. Do you know a child who will be five years old on or before March 1, 2011? Discover all that Kindergarten has to offer at www.fortelem.ca or our division website, www.eips.ca.



Join us for our Kindergarten Open House on April 15, 2010 at 7:00 pm for an opportunity to meet the staff, take a school tour, and register for 2010/2011.

On the EIPS division website, you'll find a copy of our **2010/2011 Kindergarten Guide** – your complete source for everything Kindergarten in EIPS. Check it out or pick up a copy at your local convenience or grocery store, bank, library, recreation facility, or elementary school today.

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KINDERGARTEN

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New to the division site this year is a list of easy, at-home activities you can try with the child in your life to help him/her prepare for Kindergarten. Check out the link from the home page and have fun practicing simple skills to get ready for Kindergarten. You'll also find a link to our Kindergarten video – giving parents and young students a look at a regular day in the Kindergarten classroom.

We hope to see you this fall!

POLICY REVIEW

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Board of Trustees is currently circulating for feedback *Policy DFDH: School Fees*. A link to the complete draft policy is available from our division home page at www.eips.ca. Please submit any feedback for consideration to your school principal, or to EIPS Finance through the Contact Us page of our division website by **March 5, 2010**. The proposed policy will be presented to the Board for approval at their regular

Board Meeting on March 18, 2010.

We understand this is a short circulation timeframe, but it is necessary to complete policy approval in time for implementation as part of the 2010/11 budget discussions. Many schools will also include information from the approved policy in 2010/11 student agendas that are printed in the spring.

Thank you for your feedback.

Please provide your feedback on Policy DFDH: School Fees www.eips.ca

WHISPERS FROM THE LIBRARY...

The Grade Five Book Club has finished reading Rules by Cynthia Lord, a book that tugs at your heart strings and also unexpectedly causes you to laugh out loud. The next book we'll be tackling is Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls. This book, although written many years ago, is still a favourite among children and adults alike.

Set in the Ozarks, it is about a boy and his dogs and the experiences they have while roaming the hills, valleys, and forests. Can't wait to get started!

The last week of March before the spring break brings the Scholastic Book Fair once again. This year's spring theme is "Destination Book Fair". Travel the world as you take a trip through the book cases at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School library. Visit exotic lands and learn

about foreign countries. As in the past, the FSES library "Travel Bureau" will be open during the evenings of the Celebration of Learning on March 23 and March 24.

Happy reading,
Mrs. Johnston



Come Try Ringette!

A free on-ice introduction
Sunday, March 14 @ 10:15 am
in the Sportsplex Arena

Bring skates, helmet, and mittens or gloves—
Rings, sticks, and lots of fun will be provided.

Register online www.ComeTryRingette.com
or call Janet 780-998-0874





NEWS & NOTES

Moving?



We are currently planning for next year and need to know our student counts. Please let us know in the office as soon as possible if you are moving or planning on switching schools. Kindergarten registrations are still being accepted as well.

School Fees

With Christmas now come and gone, it is time for us as school to finish up our budgetary tasks. To do so, we ask that families please pay school fees. Reminder letters will be sent shortly to those families who have not contacted Mrs. Weir in regard to outstanding fee balances.

School Council

Our students have been very well fed and supported by our busy school council and parent society. Hot lunches (including a homemade and free pasta lunch) and an incredible daily breakfast program have kept tummies full and brains working well. Thank you, parents!

Dropping Off Students

We have had a number of parents who

are using the bus lane, or the entrance to the bus lane, as drop off spots for students. This is very unsafe! Please drop off students in the drop off zone in our parking lot. This is the **ONLY** safe place in which cars and students can mix. Please help us to keep all students, and vehicles, collision free!

Playground Committee

Our playground committee has been hard at work gathering names of businesses who may be interested in sponsoring our playground construction project. Please forward the names of any businesses or local groups who may be looking for a worthy project to support.

Yoga

Thanks to the generous support of our School Council, our students have enjoyed their yoga sessions with Jill Gaumont.



Rainbows

(Helping children understand the loss of a parent due to divorce/ separation/ abandonment). – 10 Weeks

The goal of this activity based program is to help children build self esteem while they “express their feelings and move through

grief.” - <http://www.rainbows.ca/default.aspx>

Each child will be given their own personal journal. Topics covered include: Self, Family, Belonging, Fears, Blame, Trust, Forgiveness, Stepfamilies, Feelings, Changes, Transitions, Coping, Reaching Out, and Acceptance. This confidential and cost free program is facilitated by Boys and Girls Club staff as well as volunteers who have all been trained and certified by the Rainbows Society. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter.

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

In partnership with the Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club, the Grade 5 students at Fort Elementary have collected old broken and unwanted eyeglasses. Students from Mr. Schell's and Mr. Ching's classes managed to collect an astounding 191 pairs of used eyeglasses.

These eyeglasses will be re-furbished by Lions Club members and given to people in third world countries. This will give many the gift of clear vision and sight, something they would not otherwise have.

On Wednesday, March 10 four students will be attending a meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Lions Club to present the Ft Lions with all the glasses the Grade 5 students have collected.

Piranhas swim club of Fort Saskatchewan

Annual General Meeting and Registration

Wednesday, March 17

7:30pm at the Harbour Pool Meeting
Room

*Register this evening to secure your
spot*

*For more information contact: Brenda
@ 780-992-8486*

Fort Saskatchewan Outdoor Soccer



Registration begins online at
www.ftsaskoutdoorsoccer.com on



February 15, 2010

Please check the website for more information!

Coaches & Committee Members urgently needed!!

Please call the President at 997-0766 if you are interested.