



Thursday, October 8, 2020

Dear FSE Families,

Thank you for such a successful September! Students are learning in a safe, happy learning community at FSE. You play a significant role in your child's school experience and we thank you for your support. We are looking forward to October with our students!

Friday, October 9 is a professional learning day for EIPS staff and **Monday, October 12** is Thanksgiving Day. Schools will be closed these days. We wish all of our families a wonderful Thanksgiving!

The week of **October 19** will be Student/Parent/Teacher phone or Google Meet conferences. The electronic sign up for conferences will be shared with families during the **week of October 13**..

As you may know, **EIPS** has recently adopted D2L Brightspace as our primary learning management system (LMS). The purpose of an LMS is to provide a virtual environment for teaching and learning. Having a platform like Brightspace will allow students and teachers to remain connected to their classrooms, even when they are not able to attend school. At the start of this school year, we've been focusing on Brightspace as a tool for our out-of-school learners as their classes get underway. However, Brightspace is a tool for all EIPS families, not just those registered in out-of-school learning.

Over the coming weeks all EIPS teachers will be engaging in a variety of professional development activities geared towards learning the functions of Brightspace. When students and parents log into Brightspace they will begin to see announcements, learning content, and assessments posted by teachers.

[Students can access Brightspace](#) by using their division-assigned email and password. Parents and guardians can access [Brightspace for Parents](#) to view upcoming work, grades, and posts from teachers. If you have never logged into Brightspace for Parents before, select Forgot your password to set up a new account. An email will be sent to you with instructions for creating your account. For more information refer to the [Brightspace Parent Guide](#) !

In Partnership with FSE Families,
Jacqui Holmes, Principal



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