



Friday, October 16, 2020

Dear FSE Families,

We are well on our way into October! I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Here is a very helpful [EIPS chart](#) in regards to COVID 19 symptoms, to assist with the decision of when to have your student stay home.

The EYE-TA is starting for our in school kindergarten students. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will be implementing the Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA) in all kindergarten classrooms.

For our in school learners, the week of **October 19** will be Student/Parent/Teacher phone conferences from **3:30-5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday**. Please be sure to book a time to discuss your student's learning with their teacher.

Join us for our **School Council and Parent Association Zoom Meeting, Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.** The link will be shared Monday, October 19.

Coming up in October are the **Virtual October Assembly** and **Halloween**. Both events will occur in the last week of October. Our virtual assembly is planned by our grade 5 classes! We are looking forward to their assembly!

All staff and students are invited to dress up for **Halloween on Friday, October 30**. Please come to school dressed in costume. A reminder, based on the EIPS COVID-19 Re-Entry plan, treats to share are NOT to be sent into the classroom. If you would like to, please feel free to send an individual treat for your student **ONLY** on Friday, October 30. We ask that your student not wear a halloween

costume mask, as they will still need to wear their other mask underneath and that will get hot and uncomfortable. Also, based on the EIPS Re-entry Handbook, please do not send costume accessories, as students are not to bring in personal toys from home. Thank you for working together to keep our staff and students safe.

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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