



Dear FSE Families,

Our staff appreciate all of the work you are doing with our students! Students are consistently demonstrating their understanding of the safety guidelines for COVID-19. Thank you!

FSE School Council/Parent Society, would like to host a ZOOM meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. [FSE Council / Parent Society Meeting](#)
Time: Sep 15, 2020 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada). Please join the Zoom Meeting at...
<https://zoom.us/j/96481203384?pwd=QzFoQlFwVlMreTFzdXdwNm93VTRlZz09>
OR use the Meeting ID: 964 8120 3384 Passcode: Th5rek. Please see attachments for the September Council/Society September Agenda and May Minutes. Looking forward to meeting with all of you at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 15 on ZOOM!

Staff are excited to meet with families on a Google Meet the week of September 14! Our Meet the Teacher opportunity is going virtual. Each of our teachers will be posting an introduction and class tour, along with an opportunity to answer questions regarding their classroom expectations. Videos will be shared at the end of day Monday, September 14. Dates and links for the Google Meet with your student's teacher will be posted with the video. Enjoy your time with your student's teacher.

Enhancing literacy and numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools for all in-school learners in the 2020-21 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their

learning. The goal: To provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

At three points throughout the year, EIPS in-school students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and is administered on a digital device. At least once throughout the year, in-school students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes, and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results offer the teacher a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments aren't used toward a student's grade, and there is no need to study ahead of time. The tools simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact EIPS Supports for Students at 780-464-3477.

Quick Facts: video surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? Video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter. For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP Co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Update Your PowerSchool Information

The "Correction and Verification Form" is now available online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Families can use the form to access and update their child's information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency

contacts and any medical information. Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. In particular, please pay close attention to all phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. We will undoubtedly continue to have important information to communicate with families throughout this school year—whether your child is registered in in-school or out-of-school learning—and we want to ensure you receive this information. If you haven't already done so, we ask all Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School families to review their child's PowerSchool information by Sept. 20, 2020. For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form, contact the school directly.

In Partnership with Families,
Jacqui Holmes, Principal



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