



Friday, November 27, 2020

Dear FSE Families,

November is closing and we will soon welcome December! Report cards will be released in power school at the end of the day today. Enjoy time with your student celebrating their growth and setting goals for the second term.

Ms. Bohn's grade 3/4 class' art project inspired by a Metis Traditional Story:



Virtual Book Fair

An invitation for an exciting Family Night, at The [FSE Family Virtual Book Fair](#) event! Our **Virtual Book Fair** is beginning **Friday, November 27!** Click on this [link](#) to find out more!

Noon Supervision Fees

Noon supervision fees for Quarter 2 are now posted and payment is due within 14 days. If any credits were present on the account, they have been applied and any outstanding balance will show as due. Please log into your PowerSchool account to see credits, fees, and make payment. Thank you in advance.

School and Transportation Fee Waiver Applications: Deadline extended

Elk Island Public Schools recognizes the global pandemic has put a strain on some families' finances and available income can change quickly in the current situation. As such, the Division has extended the deadline for requesting a waiver of your 2020-21 school and transportation fees. If you encounter circumstances where you're unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. Because of the pandemic, the new deadline is Feb. 15, 2021—if you're new to EIPS, the deadline is the latter of Feb. 15, 2021, or 45 days after registration.

Each quarter—or trimester, as applicable—you'll receive an email notification letting you know fees are posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. To access your fee information, go to "Student Fees" on PowerSchool. There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. All fees are due within 14 days of being posted. **NOTE:** School Fees apply to in-school learners only.

For more information about school fees, transportation fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca or <https://www.fortelem.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact the school at 780-998-7771.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

As we draw closer to the end of 2020—a year like no other—I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. Thank you for your partnership, cooperation and understanding throughout the past year. The holidays are often a time of reflection and gratitude, and we want you to know how much we appreciate the contributions you make to the Division on an ongoing basis. By working together, we're making a difference in the learning experiences and opportunities of all students within EIPS.

While this Christmas will undoubtedly look very different than past years, we hope you have the opportunity to celebrate the season—whether that be an intimate holiday meal with your immediate family or a virtual celebration with extended family and friends.

Stay safe this holiday season, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Jan. 6, 2021.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays,
Trina Boymook
EIPS Board Chair

Christmas Break

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477. EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours:

Closed	December 23–25
Open	December 28–31; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed	January 1
Open	January 4–5; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*For location and contact information, visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Discounted Software for EIPS Students

All Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) students now have access to discounted software through the new EIPS OnTheHub webstore, available at eips.onthehub.com. Through OnTheHub, students can purchase software at significant discounts off standard retail prices. Users must sign in using their EIPS email address and password to access the product selection and take advantage of discount pricing. Included in the discounts is student-only access to Windows 10 for Education completely free! More information is available through the Help menu within OnTheHub.

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School is registered in the **Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program**. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four to 14 years—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, the school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at 780-998-7771. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

Fort Saskatchewan Christmas Hamper Campaign by Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank

Each holiday season, upon application, we provide qualifying residents of Fort Saskatchewan with a special hamper of food and gifts. This is the 35th year the Fort Saskatchewan Food Gatherers has been bringing the joy of Christmas to those less fortunate! With tremendous support from our community and dedicated volunteers, the Christmas Hamper Campaign is underway for 2020! While COVID-19 does make things very different this year we are committed to providing special Christmas food Hampers and toy packages and having them delivered to each recipient's home.

We realize our community is struggling and I am reaching out today to ensure that you have the information needed to be able to inform your student families about the available Christmas assistance. The campaign provides Hampers to families, individuals, and seniors - 2020 has been tough for many and we appreciate the hardships many are facing. Applications are accepted **November 2 - December 4** and can be made in person at the Food Bank office (9803 - 102 Street) during these hours: Monday 2-6pm, Wednesday 10-2pm, and Friday 10-2pm.

Appointments can be made in advance by calling 780-998-4099 during office hours. Walk-ins will be accepted however we do have COVID-19 precautions in place: there is only one client (applicant) in the building at a time and there is now a doorbell in place to ring for entry. We ask everyone to wear a mask. Fort Saskatchewan residents are able to apply for their immediate family. What is needed to apply:

Photo ID for each adult

ID for each child - AB Health card or birth certificate

Proof of Fort Saskatchewan residency - current proof of address for each adult, such as a utility bill. *Toys & Gifts are provided for children up to 16 years old. Hamper Delivery Day is **Saturday, December 19th** this year. An adult must be home to accept the hamper.

Applying for a Christmas hamper does *not* restrict a food bank client from accessing a regular hamper during December. While the application process requires individuals to apply and doesn't allow for agency referrals, we realize that only by sharing these details can we ensure that those who need assistance are reached. Schools play a vital role in children's lives and can be a wonderful resource for information within the community. Please share this information. Reminder: the deadline for applications is **Friday, December 2nd**.

Thank you. Have a great week!

Kassandra Gartner
President
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**FORT SASKATCHEWAN
FOOD BANK**

Office 780-998-4099

Office Hours: Monday Wednesday Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

The office is open with COVID-19 precautions in place - Please wear a mask to visit.

Hamper Days: Tuesday 10:00am-7:00pm and Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm

We are **OPEN** for Hamper Days, with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Applications for Christmas hampers and toys are being accepted from November 2 - December 4th. For details see www.fortsaskatchewanfoodbank.com.

"At the Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank, we ensure access to good and healthy food in order to impact positively on people's lives."

In Partnership for Student Learning,
Jacqui Holmes, Principal



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