



Friday February 19, 2021

Dear FSE Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful, relaxing **Family Day** long weekend! Enjoy the weather this weekend! I cannot wait to get outside!

### **FSE School Council and Parent Association**

Please join us to discuss supporting student learning and what is happening at FSE, Tuesday **February 23 at 6:30 p.m.** This is a ZOOM meeting. To join us, please click this [link](#). The Meeting ID is 916 8428 6409 and the Passcode is 5BAisT.

### **Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences**

Our Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences will be held March 3 and 4, virtually. To book time with your student's teacher please [click here](#) or go to [www.schoolbookings.net](http://www.schoolbookings.net) and enter code yppge The site will be active for booking beginning **February 22**.

Our **Food Bank Drive** continues. Thank you for supporting our community. We are making a difference and ensuring all students get what they need to be successful learners!



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### **Upcoming Events**

February 15: [National Flag Day](#)

February 23: FSE School Council and Parent Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.

February 24: [Pink Shirt Day](#)

Feb. 26: Lion or Lamb...Predict if March will come in like a lion or lamb! Dress in browns and yellows if you think a lion, whites and grays if you think a lamb.

February 28: returning student registration closes

March 3 and 4: Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences (virtual)

**Complete Kindergarten and Returning Student Registration...Closes February 28**

### **EIPS Indigenous Parent/Family Series**

**Second Gathering (virtual): March 9, 2021 (7 - 8 PM)**

Sessions will be held online using *Microsoft Teams Meetings*, Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Supports offered for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students

- We thank all families for joining us in our initial gathering and sharing your stories. We were grateful to all who attended for our initial meeting. As we started with words from Elder Wilson and took time to meet each other, we did not get through the full agenda from our first gathering. We will ensure we cover the missed topics and answer your questions in the second gathering. Here is what we hope to share on March 9:
- EIPS First Nations, Metis and Inuit team mandate
- What self-identification is and what it means
- What supports are in place for self-identified students
- Time for Q and A

We also have the second stream of online information sessions for our general parent population. Our self-identified families are welcome to join those as well. This three-part series is designed for EIPS parents and families who are curious to learn about First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, perspectives and histories. These sessions are designed as entry points to understanding as we work toward learning our collective truth on the path of reconciliation. Sessions will be held online using *Microsoft Teams Meetings*, Join on your computer or mobile app. [Click here to join the meeting](#)

- **Session 3 (virtual) March 16, 2021 (7 - 7:30 PM)**
  - Language of this land- The importance of highlighting Indigenous languages; deepening understanding of relationship to land through language; what exploration of Indigen

### Metis Nation Annual Youth-Senior Gathering

The annual Metis event will be held online this year. Metis Youth (must be a citizen of the Metis Nation) and Metis seniors can register here:

<http://albertametis.com/programs-services/youth-programs-services/youth-events/youth-and-seniors-gathering-2021>. Join us on Saturday & Sunday, February 20 & 21, 2021 from 12 pm to 5 pm on Facebook Live @abmetis & Chime Live! For Métis Youth aged 12-29 & Seniors aged 60+. Register now! Registration deadline is February 5, 2021. This year we want to celebrate storytelling with our youth and seniors. Telling stories is how we pass down knowledge to our younger generations and this year, we want to celebrate this custom with our youth and seniors. There is so much to be a part of:

- ∞ Métis storytelling
- ∞ Musical Entertainment
- ∞ Bannock making
- ∞ Moose calling competition (Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age category!)
- ∞ Much more!

Be a part of the story! Help us celebrate our story. We're asking our youth and seniors to get involved with sharing our stories this year: Register by February 5 or call (587) 338-9013 to get FREE swag! Only MNA citizens within the stated age ranges who register will receive free swag.

Looking for more information? Email [youth@metis.org](mailto:youth@metis.org) to get answers! Here is a promotion video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ-iYefTJwQ&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZ-iYefTJwQ&feature=emb_logo)

### **Strathcona County Child and Youth**

The [February Strathcona County Child and Youth Coalition newsletter](#) is now available. [Learn more](#) about the coalition.

Yours in Learning,

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