



Friday April 30, 2021

Dear FSE Families,

As we bid a fond farewell to the month of April and welcome the month of May, we reflect on this school year! Spirit days, playground games, social activism, celebrations of special days, virtual assemblies, friendships, books, morning announcements, contests, and so much more! COVID 19 led to different boundaries and our TEAM at FSE rallied to ensure students have memorable moments to cherish! We look forward to enjoying May and June with our families!

FSE Spirit Days and Upcoming Events

May 2-7: [Education Week](#) "Learning is a Journey"

May 3: Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 3-9: [Mental Health Week](#)

May 5: Hats On! for Mental Health Day / Early dismissal

May 7: Professional Learning Day (all Schools closed)

May 14: Dress as your favourite person from history day!

May 21: School Closure Day (all schools closed)

May 24: Victoria Day (all schools closed)

May 28: Wacky Hair Day

June 2: 2:00 p.m. Dismissal – Staff Meeting Day

June 11: APP Day...represent your favourite app...

June 25: Saying Farewell to our Grade 6 Students

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 3

Join us on May 3 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students. On behalf of Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School, **THANK YOU** to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

[Hats On! For Mental Health Day](#)

May 5 is Hats On! for Mental Health Day. Albertans are invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. For more information, check the canwetalk.ca website

created by the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) with support from Global Television.

Education Week 2021: May 3-7

Education Week takes place May 3-7. Throughout the week, students and staff from Fort Saskatchewan Elementary are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of **Education Week** continues to be Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more. Fort Saskatchewan Elementary is excited to celebrate **Education Week** and has a number of activities planned, including a virtual assembly to kick off the week. Students, staff and community members will be sharing stories of their learning journeys. Fort Elementary administration will also read to students and invite students to write, record, paint, etc. stories of their own learning journeys. These stories will be shared during morning messages.

EIPS Launches new Blog: *tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [*tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*](#) The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division. During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [*tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*](#) Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

Strathcona County Grants

What would you do with grant funding to bring smiles to the faces of your friends, family and neighbours and to support positive social change?

Community Connection Grants

Strathcona County is providing micro-grants of up to \$350 to County residents to increase social connection and a sense of support among County residents. The application deadline is April 30, 2021—while grant funds remain—for activities held June 1 to Dec. 31, 2021.

Community Change Grants

Strathcona County is providing grants of up to \$2,000 to community groups, non-profit organizations and residents for projects that create positive social change in Strathcona County. The application deadline is May 28, 2021—while grant funds remain—for activities held June 25 to Dec. 31, 2021.

AHS Addiction & Mental Health School Newsletter: May edition

The [May edition of the AHS Addiction & Mental Health School Newsletter](#) is now available. It focuses on ways to Move your Mood, and this month features additional resources in honour of **Mental Health Week, May 3-9**. In addition, AHS is extending an invitation for families to participate in the Move Your Mood June Family Challenge. [Registration](#) opens **May 1**.

CMHA Ride Don't Hide

In June, the Edmonton region of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) will host its inaugural, virtual [Ride Don't Hide](#) event. Ride Don't Hide is a mental and physical wellness challenge created to raise awareness, build connection and raise funds for the ongoing delivery and expansion of CMHA Edmonton programs and services. Participants can help bring mental health into the open by riding their bike, going for a run, playing outside, dancing or doing whatever else makes them feel good. We believe life is better when you can be yourself.

The event is an opportunity to let members of our community know they're not alone. By getting involved, you're helping ensure the people you care about can access mental health support—whenever they need it. [Register](#) for free—as an individual or team—or consider a [donation](#) to support [Ride Don't Hide Edmonton](#).

If you have any questions, contact Megan Germsheid with CMHA at 780-236-1295.

Yours in Learning,

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