



Friday May 6, 2021

Dear FSE Families,

Thank you for your continued support as we make the switch to online learning, for our **in school learners**. Online learners will continue their online programming. Our in school learners will be online **Monday May 10** and **return to in school Tuesday May 25**. In school learners will be online from **8:30 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.** Students log in for attendance at **8:30 a.m.** and **12:30 a.m.** daily. The morning will begin with large, then small, group instruction, with a focus on literacy. The afternoon will focus on numeracy beginning with large group instruction and moving to small groups. Lunch will be approximately **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Classes may make individual adjustments to these times to accommodate their group of students. For more information, please review the **Return to Online Learning email** from Elk Island Public Schools.

**Education Week** was a week of fabulous Learning! Thank you, Ms. Chaisson and Ms. Morey for the virtual assembly to get our week of "Learning is a Journey" off to a great start! **Hats ON for Mental Health** had enthusiastic participation! Thank you! I have suggested we continue to highlight the need to talk about mental health by wearing hats for the remainder of the school year! During morning announcements, for the month of May, we will continue with our learning about **Mental Health** and **Canadian Asian Legacies**.

**REMINDER:** Schools closed Friday May 7, 2021 for Teacher Professional Learning Day.

#### **FSE Spirit Days and Upcoming Events**

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

**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](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://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 Events and Opportunities**

Mayor's Walk/Run:

Grades 4 and 5 classes are invited to register for this year's Mayor's Walk/Run, May 3-21. To sign up:

1. Register your class for the 2021 Mayor's Walk/Run by emailing [Jennifer Wilson](#) with how many grades 4 or 5 students you have.
2. Between May 3-21, take your class outdoors to complete a 1km walk or run around your school yard or area. Enjoy the fresh air and physical activity! Watch this [video](#) to kick you off and get you excited!
3. Let us know you did it! By May 26, email [Jennifer Wilson](#) and be entered in a draw for one of five gift cards to Canadian Tire. We'll be adding up all the kilometres that you MOVED to see how far we can MOVE together as one community!

Mindful Kids:

Do you ever feel big emotions like anger, frustration or worry? Do you ever feel hyper or silly? We all do. Find out what's happening and learn some fun techniques to calm your body and

mind at the children and parents/caregivers sessions for grades 1-3. May 3, 10 and 17; 5-5:30 p.m. To [Register](#) click on the register link.

Virtual Gallery@501 Exhibits:

Did you know you can visit [Gallery@501](#) virtually? The current exhibition is [Walking Gently: Spirit Stories and the 13 Moons](#). The artists are [Gary Sutton](#) and [Leah Dorion](#), two Métis artists from Alberta and Saskatchewan, respectively. Their work is colourful and full of storytelling and symbolism.

### Caregiver Education Sessions: May

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Upcoming Caregiver Education Sessions, Lunch & Learn Webinars and SEEDS Drop-In Groups are outlined in the [May Caregiver Education Team Newsletter](#). One upcoming session of note is Junior High Jitters—geared for students starting Grade 7 this fall—on May 27.

### 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**.

Yours in Learning,

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