

Kindergarten Information Night 2021

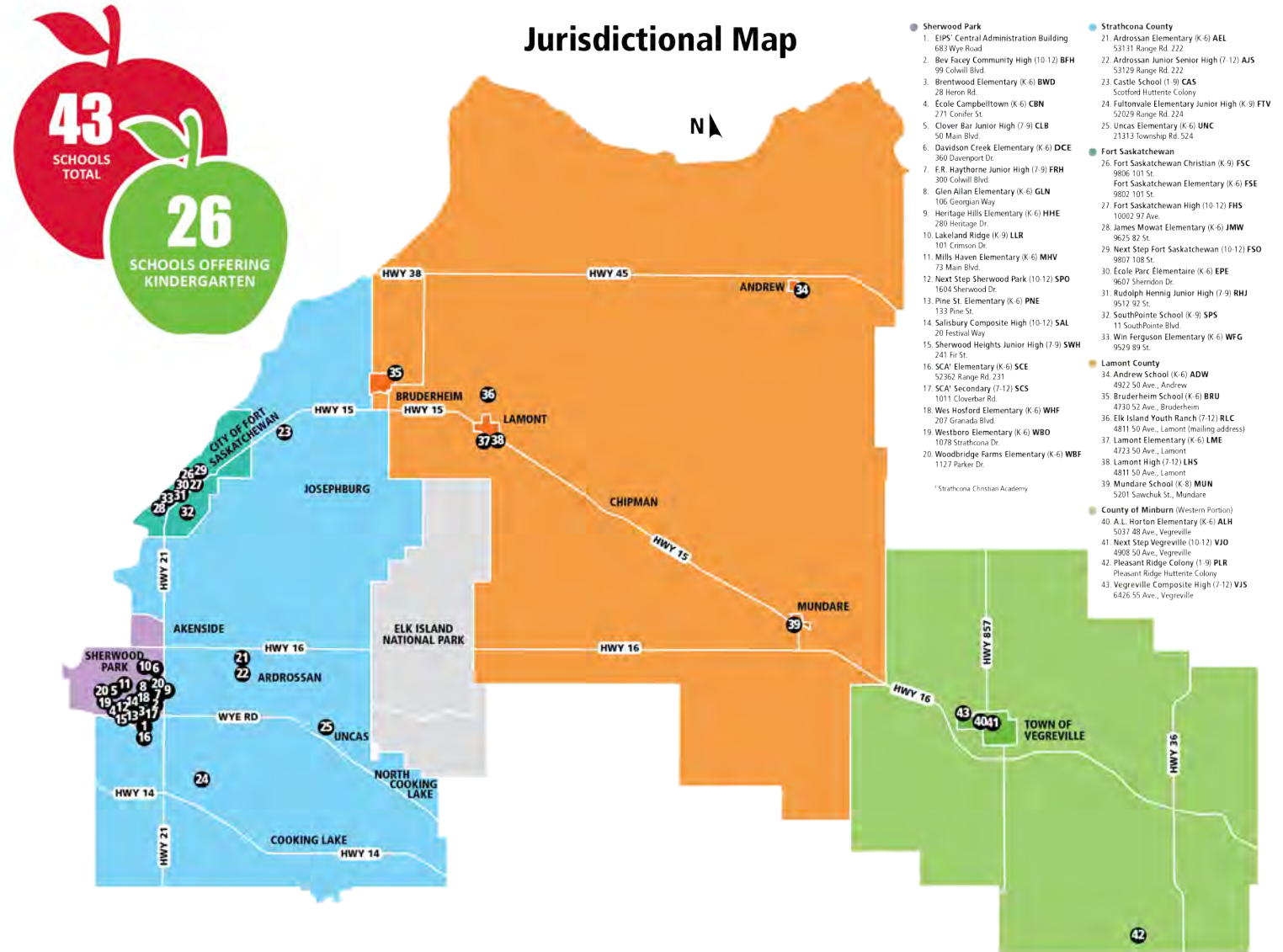




**Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN!**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) serves:

- Sherwood Park
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Strathcona County
- Lamont County
- Western Portion of the County of Minburn





Literacy-rich, play-based programming



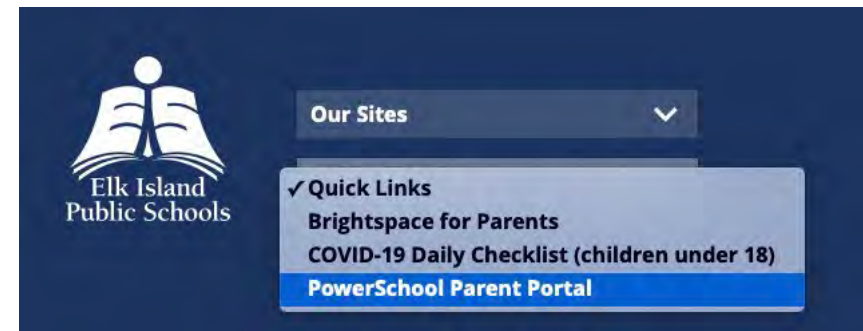
Learning Areas

- Early literacy
- Mathematics
- Citizenship and identity
- Environment and community awareness
- Personal and social responsibility
- Physical skills and well-being
- Creative expression

PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Online access to your child's grades, attendance and school fees
- One Parent Portal account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

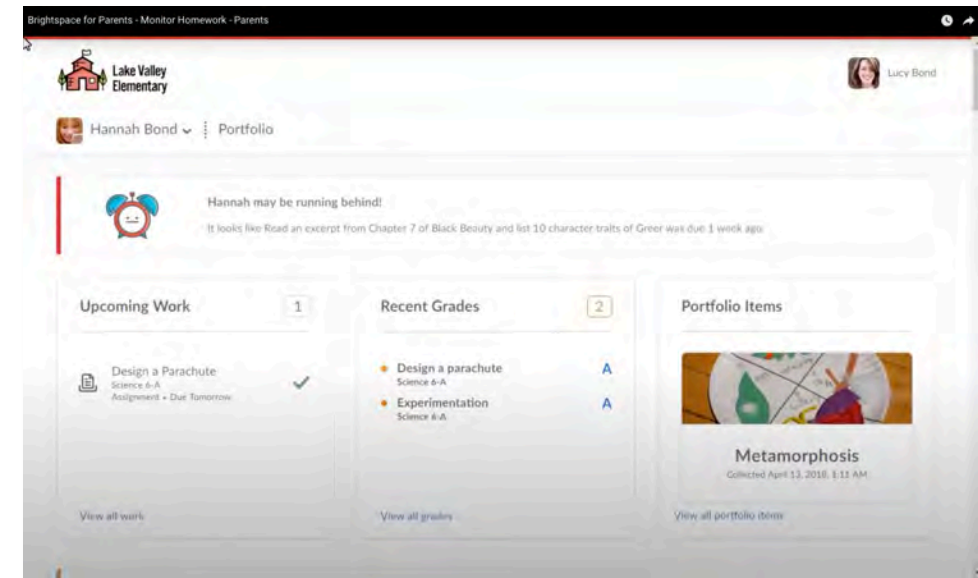
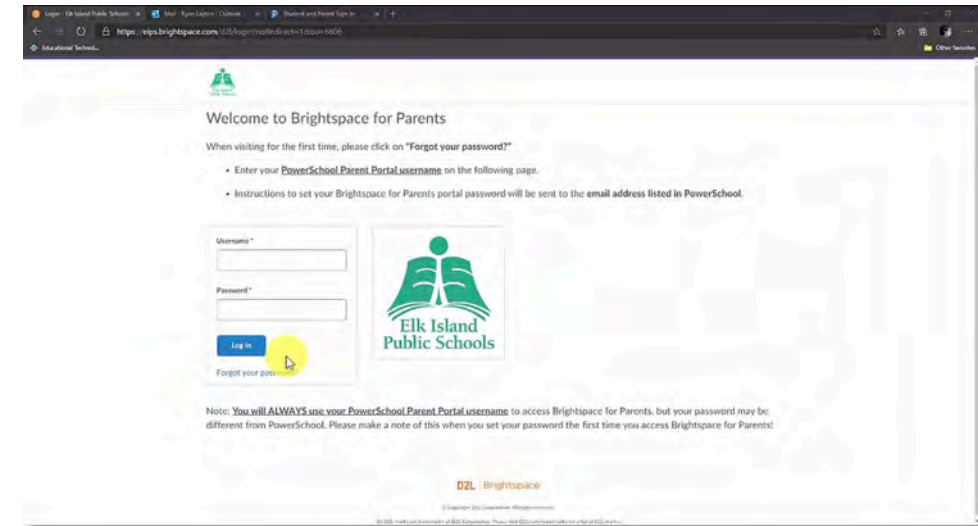
Learn more at eips.ca/schools/powerschool



Brightspace

- Online access to classroom updates, upcoming assignments, feedback from teachers and communication from the school and teacher, as applicable
- Separate portal access for parents and students
- One Brightspace for Parents account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

Learn more at eips.ca/downloads/298577





Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure

Transportation fees are due June 30, 2021
and are paid online at [eips.ca/transportation/
transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments](https://eips.ca/transportation/transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments)



Student Transportation: Little Elk Island Adventure

Students and parents learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

Learn more at

eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure



EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2021-22

Regular School Day

Early Dismissal for Students

First Instructional Day (Semester 1 & 2)

No School – Statutory or Paid Holiday

No School for All Students and Staff

No School for Students
– Professional Learning/Operational Day

SCHEDULE A:
Mondays, Wednesdays
and select Fridays

SCHEDULE B:
Tuesdays, Thursdays
and select Fridays

Important Dates

Aug 30	Professional Learning Day
Aug 31	Operational Day
Sept 1	Classes Begin
Sept 6	Labour Day – Stat.
Oct 11	Thanksgiving Day – Stat.
Oct 18	Professional Learning Day
Nov 8 - 12	November Break
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – Stat.
Nov 12	Day-in-Lieu: Parent Teacher Interviews
Dec 22 – Jan 4	Christmas Break
Dec 24	Christmas Floater Day – Paid Holiday
Dec 27	Day-in-Lieu: Christmas Day – Paid Holiday
Dec 28	Day-in-Lieu: Boxing Day – Paid Holiday
Jan 3	Day-in-Lieu: New Year's Day – Paid Holiday
Jan 5	Classes Resume for Students
Jan 31	Professional Learning Day
Feb 1	Second Semester Begins
Feb 10 & 11	North Central Teachers' Convention
Feb 21	Family Day – Stat.
Mar 4	Professional Learning Day
Mar 25	Day-in-Lieu: Parent Teacher Interviews
Mar 28 – Apr 1	Spring Break
Apr 4	Classes Resume
Apr 15	Good Friday – Stat.
Apr 18	Easter Monday – Paid Holiday
May 6	Professional Learning Day
May 20	School Closure Day
May 23	Victoria Day – Stat.
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day – no exams
June 28	Last Instructional Day No Kindergarten Classes
June 29	Last Operational Day

AUGUST 2021

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JULY 2022

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EIPS offers full-day programming on alternating days.

- Monday, Wednesday and select Fridays, or
- Tuesday, Thursday and select Fridays

Find the Division calendar at eips.ca/calendar

Visit the calendar page on the school's website for school-specific dates and events.

475
instructional
hours
per year



Typical Kindergarten Day

- **Bell schedule-** Kindergarten will start at 8:30 and end at 3:05.
- **Early dismissal days-** On the first Wednesday of each month students are dismissed one hour early. You will get reminder automated phone-calls the day before.
- **Parent drop off and pick up-** The classroom teacher will greet the students and walk them into the school each morning. At the end of the day, the teacher will dismiss the children one at a time, once ensuring an adult is present to pick up the child. The location of the entrance doors will be confirmed in September. If your child is riding the bus, a staff member will greet the children and walk them to the class line-up. At the end of the day, a staff member will escort bus students to their bus.

A background image showing a young girl with blonde pigtails, wearing a blue dress and an orange backpack, smiling. She is holding a yellow object. A woman with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a yellow shirt and large hoop earrings, is seen from the side, looking at the girl. The scene is outdoors on a paved area.

Typical Kindergarten Day

We will encourage students to be as independent as possible!

- **Entry:** Morning Jobs
- **Gathering Time:** Calendar, plan for the day
- **Daily Gym**
- **Music/Fine Arts**
- **Literacy**
 - Story Time
 - Phonemic Awareness
 - Letter-Sound Connections
 - Oral Language
- **Mathematics**
 - Number Sense
 - Patterning
 - Shapes (2-D and 3-D)
 - Measurement

The background of the slide features a photograph of a young girl with blonde pigtails, wearing a blue dress and an orange backpack, smiling. She is standing next to a woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a yellow polo shirt and large hoop earrings. They appear to be outdoors, possibly at a school or park. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Typical Kindergarten Day

- Snack/Lunch
- Play based learning Centre time
- Blocks, Dramatic Play, Puzzles, Story/Book Corner, Games
- Loose Parts, Sensory Play
- Movement Breaks/Recess
- Learning Areas
- Early Literacy, Early Numeracy, Citizenship and Identity, Environment and Community Awareness, Personal and Social Responsibility, Physical Skills and Wellbeing and Creative expression.

A young girl with blonde pigtails, wearing a blue dress and an orange backpack, is smiling and holding a yellow folder. She is standing next to a teacher with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a yellow polo shirt and large hoop earrings. They are outdoors on a paved area, possibly a schoolyard.

The First Few Days

- **Teacher E-mail**

- In June, your child's teacher will e-mail you with information on:
 - Classroom-specific information
 - Staggered Entry
 - School Supplies

- **Staggered Entry**

- Small groups of students will attend during the first week in order to facilitate a successful transition to kindergarten. Your child's times for the staggered entry will be shared by your student's teacher.

Events and Field Trips

- Legacy Park
- Community Fire Hall during Fire Safety Week
- Read In Week visitors
- Christmas/Winter Celebrations
- Expert Visitors from Strathcona Wilderness Center
- Community Grocery Store for a tour
- Field trip to the Edmonton Valley Zoo
- Pruce Alderson Spray Park Picnic
- Celebrations – Birthdays, Halloween, Friendship



School Supplies list can be located on our website. Information is also included in the package we provide to families. The package can be picked up at the school in June 2021.



Tools for School is a program from the United Way that provides backpacks filled with school supplies to students in kindergarten to Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. The supplies provided may not be everything that's on your child's supply list, but it's a start.

If you would benefit from the Tools for School program, contact the school office.



School Fees

- Paid online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Assessed at the start of the year
- Others may be added throughout the year
- Fees are generally due within 30 days of being assessed
- Fee waiver policy

Learn more at eips.ca/schools/fees





Parent Involvement

- School Council
- Fundraising Society
- Parent Volunteers



ECS Support Team Members

- Supports for Students Consultant
- SLP
- OT
- PT
- FSLW





Community Services

- Nutrition Program
- Family Community Services



Preparing for Kindergarten



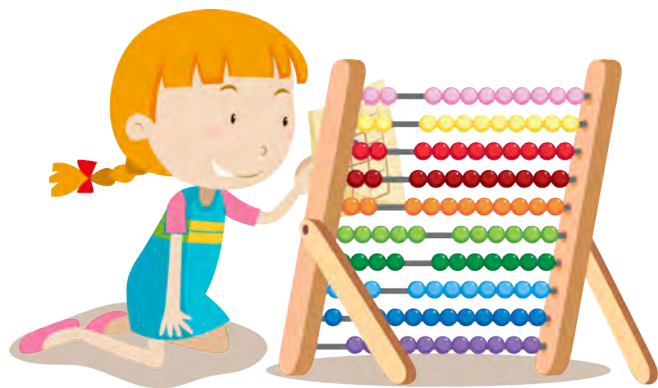
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



Social-emotional development



Numeracy



Self-help skills



Eye See, Eye Learn



Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)

- Administered in the fall
- Uses teachers' regular observations and informal assessments
- Helps determine a child's progress and development in five key areas
 - Awareness of self and environment;
 - Social skills and approaches to learning;
 - Cognitive skills;
 - Language and communication; and
 - Physical development
- Assessment findings used to help plan instruction





Helpful Links

- eips.ca/kindergarten
- Facebook: facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools
- Twitter: twitter.com/eips
- School Website: www.fortelem.ca
- Facebook: facebook.com/FortSaskElementary
- Twitter: twitter.com/FortElementary
- Instagram: instagram.com/fortelementary



Questions?

