



# FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Dear FSE Families,

Students participated in our Terry Fox walk on **Friday, September 24**, recognizing and honoring our Canadian Hero. Thank you to everyone who participated and who donated to this worthwhile cause!

We were pleased to have the opportunity on **Wednesday, September 29** to recognize Orange Shirt Day, as well as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Our school wide, virtual assembly honoured the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit impacted by residential schools, and contributed to this important conversation.

Safety of students is always our top priority and so we will be conducting our annual Bus Evacuation Drills on **Tuesday, October 5** for our grade 1 to 6 students. Our ECS classes will also be spending time on **Tuesday, October 5 & Wednesday, October 6** learning about bus safety. Thank you to our Transportation Department for providing these important events to our students!

**Tuesday, October 5** is World Teacher's Day! Thank you so very much to the dedicated staff at FSE who care so deeply about our students and families each and every day!

A friendly reminder that **Wednesday, October 6** is Staff Meeting day so students will be dismissed one hour early at 2:05 p.m.

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Sincerely,  
Shelby Labrecque, M. Ed.  
Principal  
Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School

**Information**

## **Municipal Election 2021: Vote October 18**

The next municipal election, which includes the election of local school board trustees, takes place on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021. It's your opportunity to get involved in public education by casting your vote for a public school trustee.

[EIPS Trustee Election information](#)

[EIPS Trustee Candidate List](#)

Electors can cast their votes for municipal candidates—mayors, reeves, councillors, as applicable—and school board trustee candidates—public or separate. Voting stations are typically open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each municipality conducts the election for its residents and establishes formal voting station hours and procedures.

To learn more about election day procedures in your area, including opportunities for advance voting and voting by special ballot, visit:

[County of Minburn](#)

[Fort Saskatchewan](#)

[Lamont County](#)

[Strathcona County](#)

[Town of Bruderheim](#)

[Town of Lamont](#)

[Town of Mundare](#)

[Town of Vegreville](#)

[Village of Andrew](#)

[Village of Chipman](#)

## **Improving Home-School Communication**

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. The guide also offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, email communication and various social media efforts. [Communication Protocol for Schools](#)

## **Read In Week 2021 taking place October 4-8**

Read In Week returns on October 4. This year's theme: "To Each Their Own Story." Through various activities, students will spend the week learning ways to tell their own stories and how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities planned for Read In Week include: having guest readers who will be joining our classes virtually to share their favorite stories.

Read In Week is a division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, families and community members. Fort Saskatchewan Elementary invites all families to participate in Read In Week by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

Don't forget to share what you've learned. Throughout the week, you can post your own stories about Read In Week using the hashtag [#eipsreads](#).

For more information visit [eips.ca](#) and [readin.ca](#)

### **Pay School Fees Online!**

School fee information for the 2021-22 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or debit card—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](#) and <https://www.fortelem.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Manon Marcoux-Jones at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School at 780-998-7771.

### **Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5**

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

