

## FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Friday, November 19, 2021

Dear FSE Families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful, safe fall break!

We are trying something new! To align with our Hot Lunch times, lunch recess will now be from 11:59 a.m. to 12:29 p.m. followed by lunch eating time from 12:29 p.m. to 12:49 p.m.

## **Learning Disruption Funding for Grades 2-3**

At the end of last school year, the Government of Alberta announced 2021-22 funding for school divisions to help address learning disruptions for grades 1 to 3 students caused by the pandemic. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has received \$791,840 in learning disruption funding to support students in grades 2 and 3, a portion of which has been allocated to Fort Saskatchewan Elementary.

The funding will provide targeted programming for specific students identified as requiring additional support in literacy and numeracy. At Fort Saskatchewan Elementary, all grade 2 and 3 students had the opportunity to participate in the STAR Reading assessment and the Numeracy Assessment Screener earlier this year to assess students' literacy and numeracy levels. Those below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile were identified as needing additional supports and eligible for funding. The Government of Alberta learning disruption funding received—at a per-student funding rate of \$490—will support targeted intervention programming for these students.

If your child was identified as needing additional supports, you'll receive more information directly from the school. Intervention programming for identified students will begin soon.

If you have questions about the intervention programming, contact your child's teacher.

Here are some important dates for **November**...

**November 20**: National Child Day

November 25: Ms.Thompson's ECS class – EYE-TA report cards sent home

**November 26:** Grade 1 – 6 Report Cards published at 3 p.m.; Ms. Olsen's ECS class – EYE-TA report cards sent home

With the winter season underway, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, including automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on <u>eips.ca</u> and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS' <u>Administrative Procedure 131:</u> <u>Inclement Weather</u>, which states: "school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C including wind chill, in one or more regions." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on what they feel is safest during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

A safety reminder that **only busses** are allowed in the bus lane between 8 & 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 & 3:30 p.m. For your convenience, our school parking lot has a drop off lane for families. Please note there is <u>no parking</u> in the drop off lane. Thank you very much for helping keep our school community safe!

Wishing everyone a safe and restful weekend! Stay warm! Sincerely,

Shelby Labrecque, M. Ed.

Principal

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School