



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Friday, December 3, 2021

Dear FSE Families,

Welcome to December! It is hard to believe we have completed three months of school already. December is one of our favorite months as there is such excitement in the air with the holiday season upon us.

Some families are beginning to ask about gifts for staff. We ask that instead of a staff gift, please donate to the [Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank](#) or a charity of your choice. Thank you for all that you are doing to ensure students, staff and families enjoy the holiday season!

School and Transportation Fee Waiver Applications: If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a [Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2021. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2021, or 45 days after registration.

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 or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

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 and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and www.fortelem.ca/about/fees. Alternatively, contact Ms. Marcoux-Jones at 780-998-7771.

School Council/Parent Society: Hot Lunch for December was today! Thank you to our School Council/Parent Society and our volunteers for giving us the opportunity to have Hot Lunch this year. The next Hot Lunch is on Friday, January 14, 2022. You can go to the [Hot Lunch](#) section on our website for more information. Please email fseparentsociety@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer.

Numeracy: We often get asked the question :*How can I help my child with math at home?* Here are a few tips that might help.

1. Talk about math whenever you can in a positive way.
2. Use daily situations to explore math together. For example, talk about the hockey game last night. Ask questions like “How many goals did Calgary lose by?” or “What was the difference in the scores?” and “How did you figure that out?”
3. Play card or dice games that allow your child the chance to learn about numbers like ‘Snap’ or ‘Bump It’.
4. Model a growth mind set with your child. Encourage persistence and share that some math problems take time to figure out.
5. Connect math to everyday life. For example, ask your child to identify different shapes in the environment or how long it would take to save up a certain amount of money using their allowance.

Important Dates in December:

December 10 – Christmas Wear Day! Wear a fun, school appropriate Christmas inspired outfit! For example, an ugly Christmas sweater or anything red and green.

December 14 – Class Christmas concerts available on Brightspace.

December 16 – Board of Trustees meeting is [live streamed](#).

December 17 – Christmas Wear Day! Wear a fun, school appropriate Christmas inspired outfit! For example, an ugly Christmas sweater or anything red and green.

December 20 – PJ, milk and cookie day for Ms. Olsen’s ECS class

December 21 – PJ, milk and cookie day for Ms. Thompson’s ECS class and grades 1 to 6 students; last day of school before Christmas break

December 22 - Christmas break begins!

January 5 - Classes resume

Sincerely,

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Principal

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School

