



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Friday, January 14, 2022

Dear FSE Families,

Welcome back! On behalf of the FSE staff, I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We are excited to have students back in our building and ready to learn!

School Council/Parent Society

We would like to invite all our FSE families to attend our virtual January School Council and Parent Society meeting. We had hoped that we might be able to meet in person but unfortunately, we will need to wait a bit longer before we can do so. The virtual School Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m.** We will be talking about school fees and other school-related items. Here is the Zoom Meeting information so you can join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Time: Jan 19, 2022 05:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88022984358?pwd=L1RnL0Z0M3BaK2ErcWU1NUVscHFUZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 2298 4358

Passcode: dzws3b

Literacy

Literacy at Home: Supporting Reading Comprehension

Ask Questions <i>(open ended, not yes/no)</i>	Why do you think ____ happened?	What do you think ____ means? How do you know?	What do you think will happen next? Why?
Compliment	I like how you went back to re-read when it didn't make sense.	Your expression really shows you understand what you are reading.	You can provide a lot of text evidence to support your thinking.
Suggest Strategies	Why don't you try summarizing what you've read.	Go back to the text and find the part where _____. Re-read and let's talk about it.	Use the illustrations to see if that helps you make sense of what you read.
Model It	"Watch me as I"	"That part didn't make sense to me. I'm going to go back and re-read".	"This part reminds me of..."

Mental Health Resources

Alberta Health Services is running a series of free, interactive workshop [Learn Ways to Identify and Manage Stress](#) for Albertans. **Sessions begin on January 26, 2022.** Links to register are available.

AHS Caregiver Education Series/Lunch & Learns and more: [January 2022](#) update here

[Kids Help Phone-COVID-19 Resources & Support](#)

[Mental Wellness Moment](#) - with Dr. Nicholas Mitchell - a series of short 2 min video clips to address various mental health topics and concerns specific to supporting children during the pandemic.

[COVID-19 Mental Health Toolkit](#)

Returning Student Registration for 2022-23

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2022-23 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2022-23 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2022-23 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2022.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2022.

For more information, contact the school office at 780-998-7771.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2022-23 school year on Feb. 1, 2022.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Fort Saskatchewan's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.fortelem.ca/programs/kindergarten>.

Have your say, EIPS wants to hear from you!

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you to gain a deeper understanding of your confidence in the Division and its strategic direction. As such, it's launched a new annual survey entitled, EIPS Year in Review: Stakeholder Confidence Survey—open January 6-18.

The survey covers a range of topics, including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance, and resource allocations. The information gathered will help EIPS:

- assess stakeholder confidence—families, staff, Grade 12 students and community members;
- gather input to guide future decision-making; · gather feedback to enhance its Four-Year Education Plan; and
- provide a platform for families, students, staff and community members to have a voice in ensuring high-quality, student-centred learning environments in EIPS schools.

EIPS will share the results in the Annual Education Results Report 2021-22.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW! Survey closes Jan. 18, 2022

NOTE: EIPS encourages everyone to respond honestly. Your identity and answers are confidential and cannot be linked in any way to you or your child's school. Grade 12 students will have an opportunity to complete the survey at school. Families who do not want their child to complete the survey simply need to advise their child's school.

Upcoming Parent Workshop

Family and Community Support Services for the City of Fort Saskatchewan is presenting a parent workshop called *Circle of Security Parenting*.

- Are you being challenged with your child's behaviour?
- Do you feel like you are often in conflict with your child?
- Are you wanted to learn more about the emotional needs of your child?
- This program is for parents/caregivers of children aged 4 to 10 years.
- This is a relationship-based parenting program, currently being offered in person.

January 25 – March 1 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

To register: Email FSCCINFO@FORTSASK.CA or Contact 780-992-6267

Looking ahead...Important Dates in January:

January 19 - School Council/Parent Society Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

January 28 - Jersey Day ~ Wear your favorite (school appropriate) jersey!

January 31 - Professional Learning Day ~ School closed to students

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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