



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Friday, February 25, 2022

Dear FSE Families,

Thank you to our families who were able to attend our virtual February School Council/Parent Society Meeting on Wednesday! We truly appreciate the opportunity to work together to support our students!

School Council/Parent Society

Want to order Hot Lunch? Click [here!](#)

Hot Lunch

- **Friday, March 11 ~ Boston Pizza (cut off to order is March 1)**
- **Friday, April 8 ~ Freson Bros. (cut off to order is March 29)**
- **Friday, May 27 ~ Edo Japan (cut off to order is May 17)**
- **Friday, June 3 ~ Boston Pizza (cut off to order is May 24)**

Measuring Success: Complete this year's Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is surveying teachers, students and families through its annual Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey. The survey acts as an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as education quality, citizenship, family involvement, engagement levels, school climate and student wellness.

Throughout March, Grade 4 to 6 students and teachers at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey doesn't take long to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also asked to take a survey, either online or by mail. Alberta Education will send families information about the survey directly. As with the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and

asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is March 25, 2022.

Results from the AEA Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each spring. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. Each fall, the results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities in the Division's *Annual Education Results Report*.

RELATED INFORMATION:

[AEA Survey: Parent letter](#)

[AEA Survey: Methodology for rate calculation](#)

[Assurance and Accountability: Alberta's K-12 education system](#)

Have your say! The 2022 EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 14-27

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2022 EIPS Parent Survey—open from March 14-27.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

[VISIT *EIPS.CA* TO TAKE THE SURVEY: March 14-27](#)

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in six of its elementary school locations. In fact, EIPS is now accepting applications for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2018 or 2019, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, visit eips.ca or call 780-417-8219 to learn more.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

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 Elementary's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.fortelem.ca/programs/kindergarten>.

Complete the Returning Student Registration: February 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) returning student registration process is now open. All returning students must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their child's enrollment in a school for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. 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. **All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2022.**

To access the Returning Student Registration Form, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

If you do not have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you do need to set one up. For help see: [Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information contact the school directly.

RELATED INFORMATION:

[Returning Student Registration Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[EIPS School Boundary Maps](#)

[Closed boundaries 2022-23](#)

[Find my designated school](#)

[Applying to a non-designated school](#)

Caregiver Education Series

The Caregiver Education Team is proud to offer free mental health programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth through our partnership with the [Mental Health Foundation](#). In response to the global pandemic, programming continues to be offered virtually at this time.

CYF Caregiver Education [MARCH 2022 Newsletter](#).

Parking Lot

A huge **thank you** goes out to our families who use our parking lot to pick up/drop off and obey all the traffic signs! It keeps wait times down for those coming and going but most importantly, it keeps everyone safe!

Important Dates in February:

February 28 ~ [returning student registration](#) closes

Looking ahead... Important Dates in March:

March 2 ~ Early dismissal @ 2:30 p.m.

March 4 ~ Professional Learning Day for staff ~ No school for students!

March 15 ~ [Virtual gathering of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Parents & Families](#)

March 18 ~ Report cards published at 3 p.m.

March 14 to 18 ~ Week of Inspirational Math

March 21, 22, & 23 ~ Student/parent/teacher conferences from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

March 25 ~ Day in lieu for student/parent/teacher conferences ~ No school for students or staff!

March 26 to April 1 ~ Spring Break ~ No school for students or staff!

Enjoy the last weekend in February! Here's hoping March brings warmer temperatures and sunny days!

Sincerely,

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Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School

