



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

• ELEMENTARY •

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Dear FSE Families,

Welcome to March and hopefully warmer weather and more sunshine! I would also like to welcome three student teachers from the University of Alberta who will be starting their practicum on Monday, March 14, 2021: Ms. Guthrie, Ms. Stephen, and Ms. Serafin-Hernandez. Thank you to Ms. Frey, Ms. Percy, Ms. Appleton, and Ms. Simpson for mentoring our teachers of tomorrow!

I would also like to share that our Assistant Principal, Pam Erickson, will be stepping down from her position at the end of the 2021-22 school year. We wish Ms. Erickson the very best in her future endeavors!

With the recent announcement regarding Alberta moving to Step 2 and the lifting of public-health measures on March 1, Elk Island Public Schools will also relax most of its public-health measures. Currently the Division is waiting for further information from Alberta Education. When it becomes available, we will [post the update on our Division website](#).

School Council/Parent Society

SAVE THE DATE! Our next School Council/Parent Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. More details coming soon!

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

Hot Lunch

- **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](#)

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>.

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](#).

Important Dates in March:

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

March 11 ~ Hot Lunch!

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!

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend! I hope you find time to spend some time outside enjoying the warmer temperatures!

Sincerely,

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Principal

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School

