



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

• ELEMENTARY •

Friday, June 3, 2022

Dear FSE Families,

I would like to share that Ms. Mikulecky, our music teacher, will be working with Alberta Education next school year. We will be working on finding her replacement over the next few weeks. On behalf of the staff and students, we wish you well as you take on your new, temporary position!

As well, Ms. Gulseth, our current grade one teacher, has accepted a position at SouthPointe School for the 2022-23 school year. Although we are sad to see her leave FSE, we wish her the very best and know she will continue to serve our Fort Saskatchewan students well.

Class Photos

All families received an order form for class photos. If you have not yet ordered and wish to, it's not too late!

Order Your Class Groups

Images will be available online
2-3 business days after Picture Day.

How To Order

- 1 Visit iconexp.com
- 2 Enter Online Proof Code:
FortSask2022
- 3 Click **Buy Now** (lower right corner)
- 4 Select **Class Group**
- 5 Click **Add to Cart**
- 6 Select **Checkout**
- 7 Correctly enter **student's first name, last name and homeroom/class** before proceeding to payment information
- 8 If ordering for more than one student, include **student names and homeroom/class in Notes section** before proceeding to payment information

Did you know...

You can still order your fall portraits!!
Call our office at 866.449.3558
to get your access code.

Calming Spaces

Having a calming space in your home helps provide your kids a place to self-regulate and practice positive coping skills. Join Strathcona County Family and Community Services for this online session to learn how to create a calming space and for suggestions on how to make it effective for your family. Supplies included. This session takes place Tuesday, June 7 @ 5 to 5:45 p.m. [Sign up](#)

Junior High Jitters

This is a free caregiver education session hosted by Alberta Health Services in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation. Is your child going into Grade 7 and feeling nervous about it? This session will provide information about developmental changes teens experience, as well as the challenges they may face in this school transition. Strategies for managing these changes and boosting wellness will be discussed. The session is designed for caregivers and pre-teens (grades 6-8) to attend together.

Wednesday, June 15

6 to 7:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Junior High Journey

This is a free, online session hosted by Strathcona County Family and Community Services. Transitioning from elementary to junior high is exciting and can be stressful. Learn strategies to support your teenager at this free workshop for parents and caregivers of youth transitioning from Grade 6 to Grade 7.

Tuesday, June 14

6 to 7:30 p.m.

[Sign up](#)

Free Summer Programs

Boost your child's ability to self-regulate, cope with stress and work through challenges this summer. Check out Strathcona County Family and Community Services' free summer programs. New half-day and full-day programs available for children in grades 1 to 6. Space is limited. [Programs at a glance](#) | [Poster](#) | [Full details and registration](#)

Early Years Programs

Some of the programs offered are specifically geared toward families with younger children, including those just starting kindergarten.

- ***Camp Slumberkins under the Sea*** – Join our friend, Bigfoot, as he jumps feet first into learning about growth mindset this summer. Bigfoot hears lessons from his friends about what it means to try your best, go with the flow, take breaks and keep trying.

July 4-8 or August 15-19

- ***Kimochis Start School*** – Supporting children and their parents starting kindergarten. Get ready for kindergarten with Bug, Lovey Dove, Huggtopus, Cloud and Hero. Bug shares feeling of shy and worried about the first day; Lovey Dove reminds us to be friendly to everyone at school; Huggtopus will teach us about social cues; Cloud shows us how to breath; and Hero lets us know change can bring up big emotions.

July 11-14, July 18-21, August 2-5 or August 22-25

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division has on file to ensure it is up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review their information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email

addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important in case there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year. All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **June 13 at noon**. After this time, EIPS will turn the form off for the remainder of the school year—available again at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), contact the school at 780-998-7771.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2022-23 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location Date* Time*

EIPS Central Services August 16 5 p.m.

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EIPS Central Services August 17 5 p.m.

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EIPS Central Services August 19 5 p.m.

EIPS Central Services August 19 6:30 p.m.

EIPS Central Services August 20 10 a.m.

SouthPointe School August 18 5 p.m.

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* Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

** SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

Register Now

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:
eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

REMINDER: School fees for the 2021-22 school year are posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child's account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to Board Policy 23: School Fees and Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees, EIPS will forward any unpaid 2021-22 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022.

Student Transportation: Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. To pay in-person, contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

School Supplies

Lists for school supplies for the 2022-23 school year are available on our [website](#).

Families also have the option to purchase supplies through Write-On Stationer.

<https://www.write-on.ca/shop/>

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School - FORT SASKATCHEWAN
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.

Tools for School

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2022-23 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, all Staples locations and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Manon Marcoux-Jones at 780-998-7771 or call EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

[United Way Tools for School: 2022-23](#)

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 [June 2022 Newsletter](#).

ARE YOU MOVING? As we begin preparing for next year, it is important that we have accurate student counts. To this end, if for whatever reason your child is attending another school for the 2022-23 school year, we ask that you notify the office as soon as possible at 780-998-7771. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Looking ahead to June:

June 10 – 16 ~ Pride Week Fort Saskatchewan

June 15 ~ Gr. 6 PAT Math Part A

June 17 ~ ‘Not a Backpack Day!’

June 19 ~ Father’s Day

June 20 ~ Gr. 6 PAT Math Part B

June 21 ~ National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22 ~ Gr. 6 PAT Science

June 23 ~ Gr. 6 PAT Social Studies

June 24 ~ Gr. 6 PAT ELA Part B

June 27 ~ Gr. 6 Celebration!

June 28 ~ Last day for students! Report cards published online

June 29 ~ Last operational day for staff

As we head into June, there is still much learning happening, so I hope you all find time this weekend to rest and relax in preparation for the busy month ahead.

As always, if you have questions or concerns feel free to reach out to me at 780-998-7771 or shelby.labrecque@eips.ca.

Sincerely,

Shelby Labrecque, M. Ed.

Principal

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School



