



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Dear FSE Families,

I hope everyone is managing to stay warm with this big dip in temperatures! It is quite the change from last week and it looks like it will continue into next week. We have had many days of inside recess and are looking forward to returning to being able to get outside and run and play!

Welcome to Ms. Scott the new Family School Liaison Worker for Elk Island Public Schools!

My name is Jen Scott, and I am the new Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) for Elk Island Public Schools. I am available to provide regular sessions with students to help him/her succeed in achieving set goals, liaison with families and school staff to further support students, facilitate specialized small groups of students with similar goals and provide resources and information to children, youth, families, and/or school staff. I look forward to making connections with Fort Elementary students and families!

School Council & Parent Society

Our Parent Society will be raffling off 5 pairs of **front row seats for our grade 1 to 6 Christmas Concert**. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. (CASH ONLY)

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. is our next School Council and Parent Society meeting at our school! All parents/guardians welcome!

Hot Lunch!

The [Fall 2022 Hot Lunch program](#) is now open for the following dates:

- Friday December 9 - Edo Japan (cut off to order is December 1)

- Friday January 20 - Perry's 2 for 1 Pizza (cut off to order is January 12)

To order, go to the [Munch a Lunch website](#). If you have any questions, please email Nicole at anonymousearthdweller@gmail.com.

Fee Waiver Application Deadline

If circumstances exist where you're 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, 2022. If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2022, 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. Jones in the school office at 780-998-7771.

Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

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, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

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

Christmas Break

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Open December 22 and 23; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Dec. 26, 2022, to Jan. 2, 2023

Open January 3; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. *for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Caregiver Series

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. These free sessions are using the Zoom platform. Upcoming topics include understanding depression and substance use. For more information, visit cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home.

Looking forward to December...

December 7 ~ Early dismissal at 2:05 p.m. ~ Kindergarten Christmas Concert at 6 p.m. in the gym

December 9 ~ Hot Lunch

December 13 ~ Our Parent Society is having 'Chip Day'; students bring a loonie to purchase a bag of chip

December 15 ~ Gr. 1 to 6 Christmas Concert in the gym; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. *Bring a donation to the Food Bank!

December 19 ~ School Council is providing milk and cookies for Ms. Wilson's ESC class

December 20 ~ School Council is providing milk and cookies for Ms. Thompson's ESC class and grade 1 to 6 classes; LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 21 to January 3 ~ Christmas Break (no school)

Looking forward to January...

January 4 ~ first day back and early dismissal for staff meeting

January 26 ~ John Dunn will be coming to share about his adventures exploring Canada with the entire school

January 30 ~ Professional Learning Day: No school for students

As always, if you have any questions, please email me directly at shelby.labrecque@eips.ca or call 780-998-7771.

Stay healthy,

Shelby Labrecque, M. Ed.

Principal

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School