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Dear FSE Families,

It was Random Acts of Kindness Week and there was plenty of kindness being tossed around like confetti! From morning announcements about kindness, to revisiting our Grandfather Teachings, to 'love notes' that found their place on one of our bulletin boards. An abundance of love and kindness was felt everywhere at FSE! Speaking of kindness...

Thank you to our school community for supporting the bottle drive held during our conference nights! Our Parent Society has raised \$544. Unfortunately, this is short of our goal of \$1000, so students can't yet experience any of the amazing feats that staff were willing to do had they reached this goal. However, I can see this being something we will likely revisit soon! Stay tuned!

Another huge thank you goes out to our volunteers who generously came out to ensure we could have our Valentine's Day Carnival! We greatly appreciate your kind support in making Valentine's Day so much fun!

We are excited to welcome the newest member of our FSE family, Ms. Marissa Dykshoorn, who will be working in our grade five class starting on February 21!

### **Alberta Education Assurance Survey**

The Alberta Education Assurance Survey deadline has been extended to March 17, 2023. Parents/guardians look for your survey invitation packages in the mail. For more information about the survey, see <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey.aspx>.

### **School Council & Parent Society**

**CHIP DAY IS BACK!** On Tuesday, February 21, any students wanting to **pre-order** chips can bring in \$1 and then receive their bag of chips on Wednesday, February 22 at lunch time. (Ms. Wilson's Tuesday kindergarten class will receive their chips on Thursday.) Thanks to our Parent Society for organizing CHIP DAY!

**Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m.** is our next School Council and Parent Society meeting at our school! We will also be offering a virtual hybrid of this meeting for those who are unable to attend in person. You will need a gmail account to join. The link will be sent out closer to the meeting date. All parents/guardians welcome!

Did you know you can offer your support to our School Council & Parent Society by donating your time? A little or a lot, we appreciate any donated time! Contact our School Council & Parent Society Executive directly to learn more about potential volunteer opportunities: [fseparentsociety@gmail.com](mailto:fseparentsociety@gmail.com)

### **Hot Lunch!**

The [Winter/Spring 2023 Hot Lunch program](#) is now open for the following dates:

- Friday Mar. 17 – Boston Pizza (cut off to order is Thursday Mar. 9)
- Friday Apr. 21 – Ken's Catering (cut off to order is Thursday Apr. 13)
- Friday May 26 – Prime Time Donair (cut off to order is Thursday May 18)
- Friday June 9 – Perry's 2 For 1 Pizza (cut off to order is Thursday June 1)

### **School Spirit Wear Is Now Available**

Order your Fort Saskatchewan Elementary school spirit wear and 10% of your purchase will be donated to our Parent Society to support our school community!

Order here: <https://fse.entripyshops.com/>

### **Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [eips.ca/kindergarten](https://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'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 enrolment in a school for the upcoming 2023-24 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, 2023.**

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

If you don't 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 at 780-998-7771.

### **RELATED INFORMATION:**

[Returning Student Registration Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[EIPS School Boundary Maps](#)

[Closed Boundaries 2023-24](#)

[Find my designated school](#)

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

## **Caregiver Education Team Newsletter February 2023**

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. These free sessions are using the Zoom platform. Upcoming sessions include:

Parenting Strategies for Positive Mental Health

Technology and the Teenage Brain

Understanding Self Injury

Understanding Anxiety Series ~ Overcoming Avoidance

Resiliency Through Caring, Connecting, and Coping

For more information, visit [cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home](https://cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home) and click on the latest newsletter link at the bottom of the page.

## **Your Child's Mental Health**

Keep communication open and honest. It's important that your child knows they can approach you with any issue, and that they will be received and listened to with love and support. Simply letting them know that you are there to

support and listen to them without judgment can increase the likelihood that they'll come to you when they have a problem.

### **Tips to Help Your Child Enjoy Reading**

Model reading for your child. Actions speak louder than words. They will emulate what they see you doing.

### **Looking forward to February...**

**February 20 ~ Family Day (no school)**

**February 28 ~ Returning student registration closes**

### **Looking forward to March...**

**March 1 ~ Early Dismissal ~ Wear Yellow Day to represent the element of air!**

**March 3 ~ Professional Learning Day! No school for students**

**March 9 ~ School Council/Parent Society Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. All parents/guardians welcome!**

**March 17 ~ Hot Lunch! Term 2 Report Card Published!**

**March 23 ~ Crazy Hair Day!**

**March 24 to April 2 ~ Spring Break! No school! Classes resume April 3.**

Enjoy your extra-long weekend everyone!

Kindly,

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