



FORT SASKATCHEWAN

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Dear FSE Families,

Welcome to March! It is hard to believe Spring is right around the corner!

Congratulations go out to our 5S class for winning the classroom of the month! Next Wednesday, March 8, MIX 107 will be providing these students with a pizza party and prizes! Way to go, Elements!

Have your say! EIPS' 2023 Annual Feedback Survey Opens March 1-23

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2023 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For parents and caregivers—open from March 1-23.

Every year, EIPS conducts the feedback 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 input helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community. [VISIT EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY: March 1-23](#)

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.

Yearbook Pre-orders Ready!

We are happy to announce the FSE 2022/2023 Yearbook is currently under construction, and we are now able to accept pre-orders.

To pre-order your copy, please log into your [Parent PowerSchool Portal](#) and add the “Optional Yearbook Fee”. The cost is \$20 and once payment is received, your student’s copy will be reserved and sent home once they arrive on site (May 2023).

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.

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 www.fortelem.ca.

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 five 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 2019 or 2020, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit eips.ca.

School Council & Parent Society

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. All parents/guardians welcome!

We will be offering a hybrid attendance structure at our March meeting so if you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to join us virtually using the following Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/dqc-rfhf-gzc>. All participants will be required to identify themselves.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our Parent Society is holding a fundraiser at the Camrose Casino on April 23 & 24. Volunteer shifts are from 4 – 11 p.m. each night. Hotels and meals are paid for by the Parent Society. If you are interested in supporting a major fund raiser for our school, please reach out to our Parent Society via email at 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/>

Caregiver Education Team Newsletter **March 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 - Test, Anxiety, Supporting Children & Youth with ADHD, and Understanding Anxiety.

For more information, visit cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home and click on the latest newsletter link at the bottom of the page.

Your Child's Mental Health

Let them know they are loved and supported. For a child, one of the most important things you can provide is an environment where they know they are loved and important. They know they are supported no matter what they do, and this increases their feelings of security and safety in the home.

Tips to Help Your Child Enjoy Reading

Use rewards. Sometimes they are necessary... like when you are trying to get them to enjoy reading. Positive reinforcements are more effective than negative consequences. What motivates your child?

Looking at March...

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.

Looking forward to April...

April 3 ~ Classes resume; Autism Awareness Day! Wear blue to spread kindness and raise awareness for those who are living with autism.

April 5 ~ Early dismissal ~ Green Day ~ Wear green to celebrate the element of Earth!

April 7 ~ Good Friday ~ No School

April 10 ~ Easter Monday ~ No School

April 13 ~ Cut off to order Hot Lunch on April 21

April 21 ~ Hot Lunch

April 23 & 24 ~ Parent Society Camrose Casino Fundraiser 4 – 11 p.m.

April 28 ~ Favorite Colour Day! Show your school spirit and wear your favorite colour!

We are wishing our basketball teams the best as they play in their tournament this weekend! We know you are going to make us proud! Go Elements Go!

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Kindly,

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Principal

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School