February 2021

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that January has come and gone, and that February is upon us. With the fluctuating temperatures that we have been experiencing, we ask that parents help to ensure that students are wearing appropriate clothing for the elements.

We would like to thank all the parents that have been able to join us on February 1-3 for parent teacher interview nights. We appreciate the many parents that were able to join us to discuss their children's progress to date.

We thank parents for their continued support as we work through our COVID protocols. Just a reminder that students will not be able to bring Valentine's Day cards or treats to school this year.

We are looking for feedback on fees for next year. We are asking parents to complete the survey that is posted on our school website. This survey will be open until Friday, February 19, 2021.

Returning student registration is currently open. Please log on to the parent portal and indicate if your child will be returning for the 2021-22 school year. The portal will remain open until February 28, 2021.

On Wednesday, February 17 at 4:30 pm we will have our regular fundraising society meeting and school council meeting. Please contact Corey Kropp, Assistant Principal, at corey.kropp@eips.ca for the meeting code.

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 child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming 2021-22 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, 2021.**

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.

Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account

For more information contact the school directly at 780-998-2747.

RELATED INFORMATION:
Returning Student Registration Process
Frequently Asked Questions
EIPS School Boundary Maps
Closed boundaries 2021-22
Find my designated school
Applying to a non-designated school

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? 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 SouthPointe School's kindergarten program is available at *southpointeschool.ca/programs/kindergarten.*

High School Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision about high school, senior high schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are hosting virtual information sessions for all Grade 9 students and their families. The sessions allow students and families to meet the staff; virtually tour the school; learn about the curriculum, course offerings and alternative programming available; discuss diploma requirements and various career paths; plus, more. Make sure to take part to learn everything you need to know about the Division's senior high programs and courses.

Dates and times for each senior high open house are available at *eips.ca/registration/senior-high*. For general information about EIPS senior high programming visit *eips.ca*.

Fundraising Association and School Council Update

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING:
- February 17, 2021 at 4:30 pm
- Email Mrs. Kropp at corey.kropp@eips.ca to request an invite.

HOT LUNCH REFUNDS:
- If you have responded to the email sent from the FASS treasurer, your refund cheque will be sent home with your child or mailed out in the next week.
- Email Jodie at treasurer.fass1@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns.

VOLUNTEERS:
Still looking for volunteers for the following positions:
- Vice President
- Marketing Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Email Laelia at president.fass@gmail.com for more information

MEMBERSHIPS:
Become a member of the Fundraising Association!
- Membership forms can be found online.
- Email Danielle at secretary.fass@gmail.com for more information

FUNDRAISERS:

NEW!!! PURDY'S EASTER FUNDRAISER
- Catalogues with information will be coming home with students shortly.
- Order online or by form
- Order deadline is March 1, 2021.
- Pick up date is March 26, 2021.
- Contact Danielle at secretary.fass@gmail.com for more information.

BOSTON PIZZA RECEIPTS
- **Save your receipts!!**
- Boston Pizza gives back 5% of what we spend!

COBS
- Just mention Southpointe School
- Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend!

FLIPGIVE
- For online shopping
- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!

BOTTLE DRIVE
- Beverly Bottle Depot (780-479-3931 or 587-340-8803)
- Call them and they will come pick up the bottles and they will donate the refunds **PLUS** an extra 10% to the FASS!

Lost and Found

The school has accumulated quite an assortment of clothing and items in our lost and found. We have had all our students look at the items but it would be appreciated if you would look at the photos on our website to see if any of the lost and found items belong to your child. If you recognize anything, please contact the office at 780-998-2747 to arrange the return of your item(s). All lost and found will be packed up and donated to charity at the end of February.

Accessible Parking Reminder

There have been individuals parking in our accessible parking spaces when picking up/dropping off students. Please be reminded that accessible parking spaces are reserved for individuals with Accessible Parking Permits only. Drivers are not permitted to park or stop their vehicle in these spots unless the driver has a valid Accessible Parking Permit and it is properly displayed. The permit must only be used by the person it was issued to.

Valentine's Day Protocols

We have received the following information from Division office regarding Valentine's Day.

Unfortunately, this year students/parents will not be permitted to bring Valentine's cards, items, or treats to school for distribution. Teachers that wish to recognize this day will plan for alternative activities that align with Covid health and safety protocols.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter. If you have questions, please contact Carol Brown, Principal, at 780-998-2747.

Caregiver Education Series

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. This year, session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, and more.

Visit Caregiver Education for the Edmonton Zone for more information and session dates.

UPCOMING DATES

February 1	2021-22 Registration Opens
February 4-5	NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention
February 15	NO SCHOOL - Family Day
	National Flag Day
February 17	School Council & Fundraising Society virtual meeting – 4:30 pm
February 24	Pink Shirt Day
February 28	Returning Student Registration Closes
March 3	Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 p.m.)
March 5	NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day
March 26	NO SCHOOL – Day-in-Lieu for Parent Teacher Interviews
March 29–Apr 2	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
April 5	NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday