

## February 2022



### **Principal's Message**

It is hard to believe that January has come and gone, and 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/footwear for the elements.

We would like to thank all the parents that were able to join us on February 2-3 for parent teacher phone 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. We have appreciated all our parents that have been keeping their children home when they are feeling unwell and letting the front office know when students will be away from school.

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 18, 2022.

Returning student registration is currently open. Please log on to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and indicate if your child will be returning for the 2022-23 school year. The returning student registration form will remain open until February 28, 2022. Kindergarten registration has also opened for the 2022-23 school year. If you have a child that is turning five before December 31, 2022, please complete the online registration form for next year. SouthPointe School is once again a closed boundary school.

Students who will be in junior high at SouthPointe School in 2022-23 will be provided with elective information early in March. More information will be shared with parents when elective registration begins.

For grade nine parents that have students attending Fort High for the 2022-23 school year, they are hosting a virtual open house on February 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm. Meeting code information will be emailed to families and will also be available on the Fort High website on February 17.

On Wednesday, February 16 at 4:30 pm we will have our regular Fundraising Association and School Council meeting. The virtual meeting code will be sent by SchoolMessenger on February 14. All parents are welcome to attend.

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

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2022? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [eips.ca/kindergarten](http://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's kindergarten program is available at [www.southpointeschool.ca/](http://www.southpointeschool.ca/).

### **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 2022-23 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, 2022.**

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.

#### **RELATED INFORMATION:**

[Returning Student Registration Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[EIPS School Boundary Maps](#)

[Closed boundaries 2022-23](#)

[Find my designated school](#)

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

### **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 information sessions for all Grade 9 students and their families. The sessions allow students and families to meet the staff; tour the school; learn about the curriculum, course offerings and alternative programming available; discuss diploma requirements and various career paths; plus, more. Decisions about whether each event will take place virtually or in-person will be made closer to each date. Refer to the event calendar on each school website for details in the coming weeks. Make sure to take part to learn everything you need to know about the Division's senior high programs and courses.

[Senior High Information Nights: Dates and times](#)

[EIPS senior high programming](#)

### **EIPS 2022-23 Division Calendar: Now available!**

The official 2022-23 EIPS calendar is now available. The calendar includes important dates during the 2022-23 school year, such as school-closure days, breaks, the first and last day of classes, professional learning days, early dismissal days, plus more.

Highlights from the 2022-23 EIPS calendar include:

*first day of school* – Aug. 30, 2022

*November break* – November 7-11

*Christmas break* – December 21 to January 3

*second semester starts* – January 31

*Teachers' Convention* – February 9-10

*spring break* – March 24-31

*last day of classes* – June 27, 2023



To view the 2022-23 calendar, visit [eips.ca](http://eips.ca).

**Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar?** You can. Simply, visit [www.eips.ca/calendar](http://www.eips.ca/calendar) and click on “subscribe to calendar.” It’s that easy.

### **REMINDER - Accessible Parking**

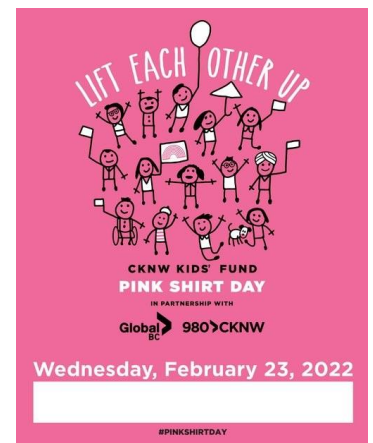
Please be aware that we’ve added an additional accessible parking spot in front of our school and the spots are located **behind** the signs, so be sure to leave plenty of space for those who require these spots.



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.

### **Counsellors Corner**

Pink Shirt Day - On February 23 students are invited to wear pink shirts as a demonstration to stand up together against bullying. This year we are focusing on healthy relationships and kindness. Positive experiences cause the release of dopamine in our brain, which is our feel-good hormone. Acts of kindness (a part of healthy relationships) help us feel good and therefore allow us to engage in learning and be the best version of ourselves! Pink shirt day started because two grade 9 boys decided that rather than watch someone be bullied for wearing a pink shirt, they would show kindness and stand in support of a bullied student by gathering hundreds of students to wear pink shirts. On Pink Shirt Day students across the school will participate in activities to spread kindness and model healthy relationships. By wearing pink shirts students are showing their pledge to spread kindness and engage in healthy relationships.



### **Makerspace Supplies Needed**

What do you do in a Makerspace you ask? You create! Things that you are curious about, that come up in your imagination, that inspire you! Makerspace is a place for engineering, technology, art, and architecture! We'll be dabbling in robotics, coding, design, and much more!

Students are enjoying our Makerspace so much that we could use your help with some of the supplies that need to be refilled! Recyclables and old art/sewing/decorating supplies are great for building and creating! For example:

- Cereal & cracker boxes
- Clean yogurt containers
- Paper towel and toilet rolls
- Popsicle sticks
- Masking tape & regular tape
- Ribbon
- Yarn
- Crayons, markers, pencil crayons



- Pipe cleaners & pompoms
- Scrap booking paper
- Small pieces of cardboard
- Bread tags
- Buttons
- Newspaper
- Straws

These items can be dropped off in the bin of the front entrance of our school. We will have the bin labeled! Please ensure all items are clean. Thank you!

### **EIPS Career Pathways**

#### **February 2022 CP News**



Career Pathways is designed to develop skills that students can apply in their daily lives when preparing for entry into the workplace or for further learning opportunities. Competencies achieved will allow students to make relevant connections with work and/or post-secondary training.

Mission: To provide authentic, relevant, and engaging career opportunities and foster growth and readiness for life after school.

### **Virtual Showcase: Forestry**

February 16 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm | Free  
Grades 9-12

With forests covering over half of Alberta, sustainable management of this valuable resource is vital to the future of our province making the forest industry an essential part of the workforce of today and tomorrow. Do you love spending time outdoors? Intrigued by the idea of researching and developing new forest management practices to help ensure the security of our future forests? Thrilled by the exciting opportunity to protect this valuable resource by helping to prevent, detect and extinguish forest fires? Or perhaps your interests lean more towards technology?

No matter your interest, you can find your dream job within the wide variety of careers available in the forestry sector. Join us to learn about how you can get your boot in the door towards your future forestry career today! CAREERS is pleased to offer you an opportunity to learn more about career options within the forestry sector. Featured topics will include the Junior Forest Ranger Program – Government of Alberta, traditional forestry career opportunities - Work Wild, non-traditional forestry career opportunities – Inside Education, and a forest industry representative.

<https://www.careersnextgen.ca/event/virtual-showcase-forestry/>



Literacy at Home

# Literacy at Home: Supporting Reading Comprehension

<b>Ask Questions</b> <i>(open ended, not yes/no)</i>	Why do you think ____ happened?	What do you think ____ means? How do you know?	What do you think will happen next? Why?
<b>Compliment</b>	I like how you went back to re-read when it didn't make sense.	Your expression really shows you understand what you are reading.	You can provide a lot of text evidence to support your thinking.
<b>Suggest Strategies</b>	Why don't you try summarizing what you've read.	Go back to the text and find the part where _____. Re-read and let's talk about it.	Use the illustrations to see if that helps you make sense of what you read.
<b>Model It</b>	"Watch me as I ...."	"That part didn't make sense to me. I'm going to go back and re-read".	"This part reminds me of..."

UPCOMING DATES

- February 1** Kindergarten and grades 1-12 new student registration opens for 2022-23  
Returning student registration opens for 2022-23
- February 10-11** NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention
- February 14** School Council & Fundraising Society virtual meeting – 4:30 pm
- February 15** National Flag Day
- February 17** Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 21** NO SCHOOL - Family Day
- February 23** Pink Shirt Day
- February 24** Tues/Thurs Kindergarten Hot Lunch
- February 25** Hot Lunch
- February 28** Returning student registration closes
- March 1** Jump Rope for Heart kickoff
- March 2** Early Dismissal Day (end of the day 1:51 pm)
- March 4** NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day

