

# SCA Elementary Newsletter



Our Mission: To challenge students, through Christ-centered education, to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in order to pursue a life of godly character, personal and academic excellence, and service to others.



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February 2019 Edition

## **GRADES 1-12 RE-REGISTRATION & RE-ENROLLMENT FOR 2019-20**

Effective February 1, all families returning to Strathcona Christian Academy (Grades 1-12) will need to complete two steps to confirm enrollment for 2019-20:

1. The first step is to re-register with Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS). Please complete the online Returning Student Registration Form - available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal between February 1-28 (see page 2 of this newsletter for full details).
2. The second step is to re-enroll with the SCA Society. All current families (including families with kindergarten siblings) will receive a DocuSign Enrollment Package via email beginning February 1. These packages are due by February 28. If one or more of your children are not returning to SCA in September 2019, please decline the DocuSign invitation to sign, and email [scasociety@spac.ca](mailto:scasociety@spac.ca) to confirm your decision not to return.

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1!**

Is your child turning five on or before December 31, 2019? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit - available at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten) - 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.

## **Reminders:**

**Wednesday, February 6 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm**  
**Thursday & Friday, February 7 & 8 - ATA Teacher's Convention**  
**Friday, February 15 - SCHOOL OPEN - SCA Regular Instructional Day**  
**Monday, February 18 - NO SCHOOL - Family Day**

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## Complete the Returning Student Registration: February 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Returning Student Registration Process opens February 1. All EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form - available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend and apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable.

**All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2019.**

Don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account: Follow the instructions below to set an account up:

1. Go to <https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/>.
2. Choose "Create Account".
3. Enter the parent or guardian information - only one parent account is required regardless of the number of children you have attending EIPS schools.
4. Create a username and password of your choice. You'll need both the username and password to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
5. Enter your school-provided Access ID and Access Password for each student being added to the account.
6. Then, select "Enter".

For more information or assistance, contact the school office at 780-449-2787.

## **Alternate Busing Day**



While most EIPS schools are closed to students on Friday, February 15, this is a regular operational day for SCA Elementary and Secondary students. Both schools will have classes as per usual on this date. If you are a family that uses EIPS busing, you should be receiving notification by Monday, February 11 regarding an alternate pick-up and drop-off time for your child(ren). Please call EIPS Transportation if you have not received this notification by February 11 (780-417-8151).

Shuttle bus service will be operating as per usual on February 15.



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## Jumping With Heart

The students of SCA Elementary will be literally jumping with heart on Friday, February 1. They will be raising funds for our annual Heart and Stroke Foundation 'Jump Rope for Heart'. Each student will participate and is being asked to bring a loonie or toonie or more to contribute to this local charity. Tax receipts are available; just place your donation in an envelope - cheques payable to 'Heart and Stroke Foundation', include your name and mailing address and mark it \*receipt requested. You can also donate online at [www.jumpropeforheart.ca](http://www.jumpropeforheart.ca) (SCA Elementary).



It will be a hopping place around here. Feel free to come and watch your child or better still, participate with them. The jump schedule is as follows:

Period 1 (8:42 -9:14)	4A and 5A	Period 6 (12:20-12:52)	2B and 3B
Period 2 (9:14-9:46)	6A and 6C	Period 7 (12:52-1:24)	1C and 2A
Period 3 (9:46-10:18)	5B and 6B	Period 8 (1:24-1:56)	4C and 5C
Period 4 (10:33-11:05)	ECS B & D	Period 9 (2:11-2:43)	2C and 3A
Period 5 (11:05-11:37)	1A and 1B	Period 10 (2:43-3:15)	3C and 4B

The students are asked to wear their **Eddie the Eagle SCA T-shirts** on this day. Comfortable clothes would be in order as well.

The Kindergarten 'A' and 'C' classes will do their jumping on Thursday (Jan. 31 - period 4) and the Kindergarten 'B' and 'D' classes will do theirs on Friday (Feb. 1 - period 4).

The event will unfold in the gym. Each grade will come in at their regular phys. ed. period to jump for 25-30 minutes. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come join in the jumping fun.

The students will have a choice of how they will accomplish their jumping. They may choose to jump individually, in pairs, small groups, jump back and forth over a skipping rope on the floor, or work through stations. Ideas are endless!

What will we raise this year? Can we hit \$1,700? \$1,800?

Let the jumping begin!!

Coordinator: Mrs. Doupe



## NEWBORN BABY CARE DRIVE

Basically Babies is a non-profit organization who supports underprivileged families with newborns. On Friday, February 22, SCA Elementary is running a newborn baby care drive to support this cause. Basically Babies 'Layettes' are each assembled with a Baby Bible and have enough clothing to supply a needy newborn baby throughout his or her first year. The need for more layettes has been increasing.

New or gently used clothing up to 24 months as well as other items can be brought to school to help share God's love to these families in our community. Items specifically needed at this time include clothing, snowsuits, sleepers, shoes, slippers, socks, new baby wash/lotion/soap/wipes, blankets, hooded towels, bibs, small toys and books!

**Please bring items to the rotunda in the morning as they will be picked up by noon.**

*Thank you so much for your support!*

## SCA Elementary Spring Musical

SCA Elementary is excited to announce our upcoming spring musical “Disney’s Jungle Book Kids”. Our Musical Theatre Troupe has been working very hard in their preparations for this exciting event to be held at Sherwood Park Alliance Church on March 13 & 14, 2019. Come join Mowgli, Baloo the Bear, Bagheera the Panther, and of course Shere Khan and Kaa in this rip-roaring theatrical adventure. Performance begins at 7:00 pm; doors open at 6:15 pm. FREE ADMISSION!



### SCA ELEMENTARY READING DAY

**SCA Reading Day** on January 25 was a great success! To kick off the day, Miss Eisner did a video “Read Aloud” of the “Wonky Donkey” for all to enjoy. Strathcona County librarians, Mrs. MacDougall and Mrs. Cook presented an array of books for students to enjoy, read a book to the classes, and reminded everyone that Strathcona County Library membership cards are free to everyone! All you need to do is come down to the library. Students enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate topped with marshmallows served to them by our parent volunteers. A GREAT big thank you to our guest speakers, Mrs. MacDougall & Mrs. Cook, Miss Eisner and to our parent volunteers!



**REMEMBER to READ every day!**

### **CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!**

Are you a past, present, or future grandparent of a student who attends SCA Secondary or Elementary schools? We need your prayer support! If you have time to meet once a month to pray for our students, please email Darlene Eisner at [darlene.eisner@eips.ca](mailto:darlene.eisner@eips.ca) or phone the school at 780-449-2787. Currently a group typically meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm at SCA Elementary. The next prayer meeting of this school year is Thursday, February 14 and you are welcome to join!

We want to cover the schools and the children with prayer. Your wisdom and experience is strongly desired to do this. Psalm 71:16 says, “I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD!” Read the rest of Psalm 71 to discover your mandate as a spiritual grandparent to all of our students.

### **School Council Sponsors New Video Screens**

In our school’s main rotunda are two video screens that highlight school events and students. We love our video screens, but they are aging and are desperately in need of upgrading. In January, the school council decided to spearhead the project of providing new screens. Currently, students and parents are bringing in bottles for the Eddie the Eagle’s Mega Bottle Drive. Half of the money raised goes to missions, and the decision was made to direct the other half towards the purchase of upgraded video screens. **Keep bringing in those bottles!!!**

## **Please Give us a Hand!**

Throughout each school day, we receive many, many calls to our office from parents with reminders for students or alternate arrangements for transportation. We recognize that on occasion our families will have emergencies or unexpected changes and will need to call us with these changes - and we are happy to help.

Currently, we receive a number of calls each day and it is a disruption to classroom instruction when we call in to pass along the message. We also receive many calls right at the end of the day and we are faced with a frantic rush to get the message to a child at the last minute.

If your child has an appointment and will need to be picked up early, we ask that you please send a note in with your child for their teacher. We would also ask that you remind your children in the morning or give them a reminder note that they can refer to if there are any changes to their daily routine.

Thank you in advance for helping us reduce the interruptions to our classrooms.



## **Munch-a-Lunch is Now Open!**

To order hot lunch for the rest of the 2018-19 school year, please go to:  
<http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/SCA/>

NEXT HOT LUNCH: Friday, February 22, 2019

FEBRUARY ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Please ensure you order hot lunch for the correct day!

## **ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT CONFIRMED - JANUARY 2019**

Strathcona Christian Academy joined Elk Island Public Schools in 1998 and signed a 20 year agreement as an Alternative Christian Program. Last September, our school embarked on the process of reviewing, revising and renewing this agreement. We are pleased to announce that the updated agreement was signed in early January and continues to August 2025. We are so pleased to be a part of Elk Island Public Schools and their commitment to encouraging and supporting Christian programming. A special thanks to Superintendent Mark Liguori, Associate Superintendent Brent Billey Executive Pastor Wayne Regehr and Society Board members John Peters and Mark Johnson who spearheaded the process.

## **Red/Pink Dress Up Day - Thursday, February 14**

Each year as part of our fun Valentine's Day celebrations, we ask students and staff to go to their closet and pull out their favourite red or pink outfit. We encourage our students to start thinking now about what to wear in just a couple of weeks time.







## **The School Theme for 2018-2019 is...**

***“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing”.***

***Psalm 23:1***

### **Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey**

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey - an annual check up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grade 4 students and teachers at SCA Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also being surveyed, which can be done online or by mail - information about the survey was mailed to these families in mid-January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The survey must be completed by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its four-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division's *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit [www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar](http://www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar).



## **Parents in Partnership**

The Parents in Partnership team is a group of parents who meet for prayer, staff and teacher encouragement, and crisis meals. The prayer group meets on Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the conference room at the elementary school. We meet one hour each week to support the staff, teachers and families through prayer and we invite you to join us. All are welcome to join as often as your schedule allows.

If you would like any information about the Parents in Partnership team or would like to join us, please contact us at [parentsinpartnership@hotmail.com](mailto:parentsinpartnership@hotmail.com).

**February Prayer Focus:**  
**Please pray for our**  
**SCA Elementary Custodial Staff.**



# February



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Munch-a-Lunch is open to order Hot Lunch					1 Jump Rope for Heart	2
3	4	5	6 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15 pm	7 ATA Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	8 ATA Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	9
10	11	12 Chip Day	13 February Hot Lunch Orders Due Online	14 Red/Pink Day	15 SCHOOL OPEN - Alternate Busing	16
17	18 Family Day NO SCHOOL	19	20	21	22 Hot Lunch  Basically Babies Collection Drive	23 EIPS Young Authors Conference
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Online Re-Registration

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