

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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May 2019 Edition

We Love our Volunteers!

If you have volunteered at our school this year, please plan to attend our annual Volunteer Appreciation on Thursday, May 16 at 10:00 am in the gym at SCA Elementary. Please RSVP by May 9 to the school at 780-449-2787 to let us know if you are able to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You
for making
this an
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school year!



WESTERN DAY IS COMING!



Giddy-up all you cowboys and cowgirls, Western Day is just around the corner. On Friday, May 24, SCA Elementary staff and students are encouraged to wear their country-western finest as we enjoy a day with fun-filled activities. The day will kick off with an all-school assembly at 9:00 am and all Ma's and Pa's are invited! Please keep in mind that this is a friendly ho-down - please leave yer guns 'n holsters at home. All students will enjoy a FREE HOT LUNCH on Western Day provided by Parent Council (KA/KC will enjoy their free hot lunch on Thursday, May 23). Students will each receive 1 hot dog, a bag of chips, a wagon wheel, and a juice box. If your child needs a bit more food for lunch, please send additional items with them to school. If your child has dietary restrictions, please call the office to let us know. A big THANK YOU to our Parent Council for sponsoring this hot lunch for our students!

Reminders:

Wednesday, May 1 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Monday, May 20 - NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

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The School Theme for 2018-2019 is...
“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing”.

Psalms 23:1

2018-19 EIPS Parent Survey Results Report

The results are now available for the 2018-19 EIPS Parent Survey conducted in March. Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. The survey included 21 questions related to the three priorities outlined in the EIPS 2018-22 Four-Year Education Plan:

- Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students
- Priority 2: Enhance high quality learning and working environments
- Priority 3: Enhance public education through effective engagement, partnerships and communication

The overall Division results represent 3,713 responses from parents and guardians across the Division. This was an increase in responses from 2,918 in the previous year.

The feedback gathered will help our school and the Division measure its progress toward meeting the priorities and goals outlined in the EIPS 2018-22 Four-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve students and the wider community moving forward.

Complete Parent Survey results for the Division are available by visiting www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey.

SCA Elementary's Parent Survey results are available by visiting www.scaelementary.ca.

Alternate Busing Day



While most EIPS schools are closed to students on Friday, May 17, 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, May 13 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 May 14 (780-417-8151).

Shuttle bus service will be operating as per usual on May 17.

Class Placement

Each year, students find out which homeroom and teacher they have on the first day of school as they arrive. Great care and planning occurs in placing each child in the proper class. Staff spend a great deal of time considering variables such as: individual needs, learning styles, peer groupings, social interactions, boy-girl ratios, special program grouping, education assistant times, etc. before setting the lists. Parents are asked to refrain from requesting specific teachers or homerooms, except for reasons of special education (i.e. learning or physical disabilities).



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Dates for PAT's

The Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) will be written in May and June by Grade 6 students across the province. Please note the following dates when you are scheduling appointments. All of the tests take place in the morning.

Thursday, May 9 - Grade 6 LA (Part A)

Monday, June 17 - Grade 6 LA (Part B)

Tuesday, June 18 - Grade 6 Math (Parts A & B)

Wednesday, June 19 - Grade 6 Social

Thursday, June 20 - Grade 6 Science

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 6

Join us on May 6 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On May 6, we encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of SCA Elementary, *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

Student Transportation: 2019-20 registration is now open



Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2019-2020 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month - fees are due June 30, 2019.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Fees can be paid online using the PowerSchool Parent Portal or in-person at the Student Transportation office - 683 Wye Road, Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as the EIPS Central Services office.

If you are interested in using the shuttle bus, information will be sent home in May regarding that. If you have questions about the shuttle bus, please call the school at 780-449-2787 as it is organized through our office and not EIPS Transportation. Thank you.



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.

Track and Field Day - Friday, June 7, 2019



Only one month away! Please pray for good weather for our Div I and Div II Track and Field Day on Friday, June 7! Div I will be using our own school fields to spend the day participating in 16 events. Each of the 18 groups will be led around the course by a grade 3 group leader and assistant leader. It is always an enjoyable day by all. At the end of the day the students will gather together for a freezie and ribbon awards for first through third place. Mrs. Breitzkreuz heads up this meet.

The Div II Track and Field Day will take place at the Strathcona Athletic Park (behind Bev Facey School). The students will be in groups of 16 and travel through 16 events. The activities range from regular Track and Field events such as high jump and 100m dash to irregular events such as sack races and dry land canoeing. At the end of the day every student will be awarded with a first to fourth place ribbon. Mrs. Doupe heads up this meet.

Look for the 'Parent Permission' forms in May. This form **must** be filled out, signed and returned to the homeroom teacher for each grade 4-6 student to be able to participate.

This day is only successful because of you, our parents, who volunteer to help us out. **Volunteer forms will be sent home in May.** Please plan now to help out.

We would like to give a huge thank you to all of our volunteers. You are awesome!

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 e-mail Darlene Eisner at darlene.eisner@eips.ca or phone the school at 780-449-2787. The last prayer meeting of this school year is Thursday, June 6 at 1:00 pm at SCA Elementary 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.

May Prayer Focus:
Please pray for Elk Island Public Schools.



May



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15 pm	2	3	4
5	6 Kindergarten KA Grandparents Day	7 Kindergarten KB Grandparents Day	8	9 Kindergarten KC Grandparents Day Gr. 6 LA PAT (Part A)	10 Kindergarten KD Grandparents Day	11
12	13	14 Chip Day New ECS Parent's Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16 Volunteer Appreciation 10:00 am	17 Missions Chapel 9:15 am Alternate Bussing Day	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	21	22	23	24 Western Day Last Hot Lunch	25
26	27	28 Chip Day	29	30	31 June Newsletter Online	

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