

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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October 2019 Edition

Missionaries are a Comin'!

We are delighted to announce that October 13-26 we will again have visitors from our partnership orphanage in Mexico. Johnny & Addy Deras served as house parents to a group of orphans, but now serve as coordinators for all of the house parents. We love it when our Mexican guests come as they provide such insights into a different culture and the needs of the children who are far less fortunate. Johnny and Addy will be visiting and sharing with each and every classroom. We can't wait to host them. Monies from our bottle collection last year helped to pay for flights for our Mexican friends. Thank you!



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

FUNDRAISING FOR MISSIONS

This is the seventh year of our "Wheels in Motion" Missions Project. This project involves supporting an orphanage in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. The monies go toward buying wheelchair and wheelchair parts, along with supporting a classroom of special needs students. Each SCA Elementary classroom completes one fundraiser each year in their class to support this cause. Each of our classes will be brainstorming on how to fundraise \$100 per classroom for missions for this year. Stay tuned for more information from your child's teacher.

Reminders:

Wednesday, October 2 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm

Wednesday, October 9 - Picture Re-Take Day

Monday, October 14 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day

Thursday & Friday, October 24 & 25 - NO SCHOOL - ACSI Teacher's Convention



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The School Theme for 2019-2020 is...

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing".

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

School fee information for the 2019-20 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due by October 16, 2019. To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is December 15, 2019.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees. Alternatively, contact Charlene Gagne at the school at 780-449-2787.

Note about yearbooks...

Please make sure that if you would like to purchase a 2019-20 yearbook that you include it with your school fees. It is an additional fee that you choose and can be found on your Parent Portal account. The deadline for ordering yearbooks online for this school year is December 31, 2019 and they will be delivered to the students in June of 2020.

SCA Elementary T-Shirts

On many occasions it serves students well to have an SCA T-Shirt, for instance, wearing the school t-shirt on a field trip. During the year, we will often have a "Sea of Blue" day and staff and students will be asked to wear their school t-shirt. If you would like a t-shirt, one can be purchased for \$17.00 on your Parent Portal account until November 9th or at the school office anytime throughout the year. If cost is in any way prohibitive to your child having a shirt, please contact Mr. Poole at 780-449-2787.

School Supplies (Grade 1-3 Students)

In June, a letter was sent to all Grade 1-3 parents indicating that school supplies would be purchased by the school. This practice provides for continuity and ready access to supplies here at school. Parents are required to pay a fee to cover the cost of the supplies. This fee will be included in the school fees on Parent Portal.

SYNC THE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? Just visit:

<http://scaelementary.ca/about/calendar>

Click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal



NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of SCA Elementary's important dates including holidays, school closure days, planned activities, events and more.



A WORD OR TWO

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READ IN WEEK - OCTOBER 7-11



The purpose of READ IN is to create a greater awareness of the importance of reading. On Friday, October 4th, we welcome author/illustrator Mike Boldt to our school! He will lead the students in several entertaining and engaging activities. We can't wait!

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

We truly appreciate the parent volunteers who faithfully help out in the library each month. Your time is invaluable in helping things run smooth for staff and students.

— Mrs. Wielinga

Photo Re-takes

The date for photo re-takes is Wednesday, October 9. If you think your child needs a re-take, please return the online order form with a parents' signature requesting re-takes with your child on re-take day. If your child was absent for picture day, they are welcome to come on re-take day for pictures. If you have any questions regarding your online order, please contact ICON directly at 780-449-3558. Thank-you.



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 Pastor Cook at timothy.cook@eips.ca or phone the school at 780-449-2787. Currently a group meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm at SCA Elementary. The first prayer meeting of this school year is Thursday, October 3rd 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.

GRADE 1 PARENT LITERACY NIGHT!

On the evening of September 24th our Grade 1 teachers welcomed over 80 parents for the 10th annual Grade 1 Parent Literacy Night! Mrs. Tamara Martin-Spady, EIPS Elementary Literacy Consultant, was the special speaker of the evening and presented many tips and ideas for reading with children. The grade 1 teachers shared aspects of the SCA LA program with a great touch of humor and a skit. Parents heard lots of practical ideas on how to support their child's reading at home. Many thanks to the parents who took time from busy schedules to join us for the evening. And a huge thank you to our community sponsors and especially SCA Elementary Parent Council for their support.

JUST A REMINDER...

It is very important to have children arrive to school on time. It is disruptive to classes that have already begun and requires energy to go through any start-up announcements or activities a second time. **Students need to be seated in their desks by the 8:40 am bell.** Students arriving late need to check in at the office to receive a late slip. School doors open at 8:20 am.

School Bus Safety Week: October 21-25

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 21-25. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.



More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/transportation or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

Grade Six Campout

From September 11th-13th the grade 6 classes enjoyed three amazing days at Camp Nakamun. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather while we were out there, and we were able to participate in all of our outdoor activities. Upon arrival at the camp, the grade 6 students quickly settled into their cabins and ate a bag lunch. The afternoon was filled with activities such as archery, zipline, wall climbing, crafts, barge rides, and ping pong. That evening the students enjoyed the Amazing Race, swimming, gym time and lastly the girls' pillow fight. Thursday was another busy day of activities.

Pastor Cook challenged the students during our chapel times while Mr. Fung led us in meaningful worship times. Also on Thursday, students were able to enjoy the always popular Thursday night games and the boys' pillow fight. A special thank you from Mrs. Peters, Ms. Collins, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Maxwell, and Mr. Fung to our wonderful parent volunteers: Mrs. Boldt, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Hodges, Mr. Dafoe, Mr. Peters, Mr. Teeuwsen, Mr. Scheffer, Mr. Klaus, Mrs. Dyrland, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Drebert, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Wenger, Mr. Hornbacher, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Nieto, and Mr. Allers.

This year's camp was a wonderful time of building friendships, spiritual encouragement and creating memories for a lifetime.

SCE would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Jeaninne Elford who will be starting as our main secretary on Monday, September 30th! Thank you to Mrs. Maddigan for stepping in and providing exceptional care of our staff, families and students!

School Emergency Response Plan

As part of our School Emergency Response Plan (SERP) at SCA Elem we held an emergency evacuation drill during the month of September. To prepare staff and students in the event of an emergency, a variety of drills will be ongoing throughout the school year.

If you have any questions, please call Ms. Janzen at the school.

Nut AWARE School

We are proud to be a nut aware school. Because nuts can cause severe, life-threatening reactions in some of our students, we ask that you **do not send** food items that contain peanut butter/peanuts/all tree nuts and sesame seeds. Thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for all the students in our school community.



We at SCE Elementary wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

May your long weekend be full of blessings!

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. Contact: Aileen at parentspartnership@hotmail.com for more information!

Indigenous Education

I am delighted to be the lead teacher at our school for First Nations, Metis and Inuit education. This will be my third year in this role and I am enjoying it immensely.

At SCE, we are being purposeful about ensuring that our students receive a meaningful experience when it comes to Indigenous education. In addition to classroom instruction on this topic, as it falls into the curriculum, each grade will also have a special opportunity to learn about a unique aspect of First Nations, Metis or Inuit history and culture. Here is what each grade will learn about:

- Grade one – First Nations food tasting
- Grade two – Pow wows and Celebrations
- Grade three – Traditional clothing and tools
- Grade four – Residential Schools/Orange shirt day
- Grade five – Indigenous transportation
- Grade six – Blanket Exercise (parents are welcome to join)

If you have any questions about our Indigenous education program here at SCE, please feel free to contact me at the school or by email: janet.vader@eips.ca

Janet Vader

October



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Early Dismissal 2:15pm	3 Grandparents Prayer Meeting 1:00pm	4	5
6	7	8	9 Picture Re-take Day (K-6) Read-In Week	10 ECS Mom's Coffee Party 7:00 pm	11 Thanksgiving Chapel 9:15 am	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	15	16 Chip Day!	17	18 Hot Lunch	19
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