

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 2022 Edition

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.

Proverbs 31:25 NLT

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Reminders:

Wednesday, May 4 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Friday, May 6 - NO SCHOOL - Christian PD Day
Wednesday, May 11 - School Council Meeting @ 7:15 pm
Wednesday, May 11 & 25 - Chip Day
Thursday, May 19 - Western Day
Thursday, May 19 - Hot Lunch
Friday, May 20 - NO SCHOOL - School Closure Day
Monday, May 23 - NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day
Thursday, May 26 - Volunteer Tea @ 10:00 am



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THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 2

Join us on May 2 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On May 3, 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!

A Big Thank You to Trail Appliances!!!

Our elementary school is embarking on a project with our partnership school in Saddle Lake, Alberta. Shawahnekizhek Academy is an indigenous Christian school with whom we have a long standing relationship. We are in the beginning stages of doing a kitchen upgrade project with them to support their daily lunch program at the school. We would like to give a BIG 'shout out' and Thank you to our friends at Trail Appliances for the donation of a new 20 cubic foot stand up freezer. You are the best ... thanks Trail friends!

Janet Vader

Indigenous Lead teacher, SCE

Munch-a-Lunch!



The **next hot lunch will be held on Thursday, May 19.** The Munch-a-Lunch site is now open for ordering and will close at midnight on **May 11th.**

Link: <http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/SCA/>

The **next Chip Days will be May 11 & 25.** If you missed the prepay, feel free to send in a loonie with your child and they can still participate.



WESTERN DAY



Giddy-up all you cowboys and cowgirls, Western Day is just around the corner.

On **Thursday, May 19**, 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! We are very pleased to have cowboy artist and singer, Ben Crane joining us. There will be a petting zoo for our younger students. As in years past, we ask our students to be on the look out for the desperado "Dangerous Dan" who may try and disrupt our day. (All in good fun of course.) Please keep in mind that this is a friendly ho-down - please leave yer guns 'n holsters at home.

Students can also choose to enjoy HOT LUNCH on Western Day (KA/KC will enjoy their hot lunch on Wednesday, May 18). Ordering for this hot lunch is now open via Munch-A-Lunch.

We Love our Volunteers!

If you have volunteered at our school this year, please watch your email in early May for an invitation to attend our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea on **Thursday, May 26** at 10:00 am in the gym at SCA Elementary. Please RSVP by May 19 to let us know if you are able to come. We so appreciate our volunteers and look forward to seeing you there!



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.

Wednesday, May 18 - Grade 6 LA (Part A)

Monday, June 20- Grade 6 Math (Parts A & B)

Wednesday, June 22 - Grade 6 Science

Thursday, June 23 - Grade 6 Social

Wednesday, June 24 - Grade 6 LA (Part B)

Preparing for Kindergarten Series

The EIPS Early Learning team has planned several sessions for families with children starting kindergarten in the fall to help prepare them for the year ahead. Sessions will take place throughout May and June.

We invite you to join us for any or all of the upcoming virtual sessions that fit your schedule. Many sessions have both a daytime and evening option. Upcoming sessions include:

- Supporting a Successful Transition to School
- Self Help: Building independence
- Speech Sound Development
- Fine-Motor Development in Young Children
- Literacy in Kindergarten

The full list and schedule of sessions are available online:

<https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/preparing-for-kindergarten-sessions>

NOTE: Links to register were sent to all families with children registered to start kindergarten in 2022-23. Presenters will send the links to join the actual sessions directly to all registered families closer to each event.



The School Theme for 2021-2022...

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Track and Field Day - Friday, June 10, 2022



Please pray for good weather for our Div I and Div II Track and Field Day on Friday, June 10!

Div I will be using our own school fields to spend the day participating in 15 events. Each of the 15 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. Mr. Alstad 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. Mr. Fung 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.

Please save the date as we will need many volunteers. This day is only successful because of you, our parents, who volunteer to help us out. **Volunteer forms will be sent home in May.**

Student Transportation: 2022-23 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-2023 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 returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month - fees are due June 30, 2022.

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: Families can pay fees online using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

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.

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).

May



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15 pm	5	6 NO SCHOOL Christian PD Day	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Chip Day School Council Meeting @7:15	12	13	14
15	16	17 New ECS Parent's Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Gr. 6 LA PAT (Part A)	19 Western Day Hot Lunch	20 NO SCHOOL School Closure Day	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Victoria Day	24	25 Chip Day	26 Volunteer Tea 10:00 am	27	28
29	30	31 June Newsletter Online				

May Prayer Focus:

Please pray for Elk Island Public Schools.

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