

# 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.



February 2023 Edition

## RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

The 2023-24 returning student registration process for all current EIPS students will take place **February 1-28, 2023**.

On February 1, all current SCA Elementary families will be sent an email and phone call from EIPS letting them know the Returning Student Registration Form is available through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

All current students in EIPS (with the exception of grade 12) must complete the returning student registration process—whether they're continuing at the same school or moving to a new school next year.

*If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.*

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

**Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 1, 2023.**

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online EIPS Kindergarten Toolkit 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.

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

## NOT RETURNING FOR 2023-24?

If your child(ren) will not be returning to SCA for 2023-24, please email Mrs. Elford ([jeanine.elford@eips.ca](mailto:jeanine.elford@eips.ca)) or call the school directly by February 28, 2023 at the latest.

## REMINDERS

- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:15 PM
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 & 22 - CHIP DAY
- THURS./FRI., FEBRUARY 9 & 10 - NO SCHOOL - ATA TEACHERS CONVENTION
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - RED/PINK DAY
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - BASICALLY BABIES COLLECTION DRIVE
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - HOT LUNCH
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - NO SCHOOL - FAMILY DAY



### HEALTHY HUNGER

#### HOT LUNCH

February 15 - KA/KC (Deadline Feb 10)

February 16 - KB/KD (Deadline Feb 11)

February 17 - Gr. 1-6 (Deadline Feb 12)

#### CHIP DAY

February 8 & 22 - Gr. 1-6

February 22 - KA/KC

February 23 - KB/KD



### BASICALLY BABIES CARE DRIVE

Basically Babies is a registered charity that is committed to supporting families in extreme need with newborns through the provision of a baby layette. On **Friday, February 17**, 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 are babysleepers, girl's tights (for under dresses), receiving blankets, baby soap, baby lotion, baby shampoo, towels and SNOWSUITS! The following items CANNOT BE ACCEPTED: baby powder, diapers, bottles, baby formula/food.

For a complete list of new or gently used items that Basically Babies accepts, please check out their website: [www.basicallybabies.org](http://www.basicallybabies.org)

### WE CARE MINISTRY DRIVE A SUCCESS!

On behalf of the We Care Ministry, we would like to say a huge **"THANK YOU"** to our students and families who gave so generously to the drive in January. These donations will be used towards SPAC's ongoing outreach ministry in the inner city and will be a blessing to many people.



## RED/PINK DRESS UP DAY - TUESDAY, FEB. 14, 2023

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.

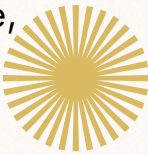


## TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

TreeHouse Preschool is a ministry of Sherwood Park Alliance Church, offering creative, faith-based classes for 3 and 4 year olds.

Registration for the 2023/2024 school year begins on February 2nd at 7pm.

For more information or to register, check out [spac.ca/treehouse](https://spac.ca/treehouse) or contact Heather Spronk (780-467-8404 x 316 or [heather.spronk@spac.ca](mailto:heather.spronk@spac.ca)).



## SCA ELEMENTARY READING DAY

SCA Reading Day on Friday, January 27 was a great success!

Our visiting Guest Author/Illustrator was Mr. Mike Boldt. Author and illustrator of over 25 books, he read from one of his books, Bad Dog, and shared many of author tips with our students. At the end of each presentation, Mr. Boldt illustrated a shark and showed students how they too can be authors and illustrators. During morning classes, all grades 1-6 students enjoyed a delicious cup of hot chocolate. Yum, yum!

A HUGE thank you to Mr. Boldt for his terrific presentations and to our parent volunteers - Mrs. Heerema, Mrs. Rokosh, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Reirson, Mrs. Odland, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Hammond, and Mrs. Vleeming - for the hundreds of cups of hot chocolate they served to our students!



## YEARBOOKS

If you would like to order a 2022-23 yearbook please make sure to choose it from the "School Items" on your student's individual tab in Parent Portal and add it to your cart when paying your school fees. The deadline for ordering a yearbook is **March 31, 2023** and they will be delivered to the students at the end of June 2023.



## EIPS 2023-24 DIVISION CALENDAR

The official 2023-24 EIPS calendar is now available. The calendar includes important dates during the 2023-24 school year, such as school-closure days, breaks, the first and last day of classes, professional learning days, early dismissal days, plus more. To view the 2023-24 calendar, visit [eips.ca](https://eips.ca)



# ABSENCE/LATE REPORTING

**Just a friendly reminder on our absence/late reporting process.**

## DAY OF NOTICE

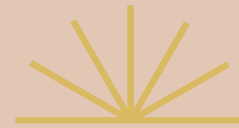
If your child is sick or something comes up unexpectedly and they will be late or absent, please let the office know. Teachers are not always able to check their email after the school day begins. You can:

**Phone:** 780-449-2787 (voicemail before school opens is fine)

**Email:** [general.sce@eips.ca](mailto:general.sce@eips.ca) or visit the 'contact' tab on the school website <https://www.scaelementary.ca/contact> and fill out the form to 'SCE School Office'

## IN ADVANCE NOTICE

If you know in advance that your child will be late or absent from school on a certain day, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send an advance email or send in a note to their teacher.



**We are required to check in with families when a student is absent without communication from a parent. If you could please help our office staff by letting us know of unexpected lates or absences, it would be so appreciated!**

## 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](mailto: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 next prayer meeting is Thursday, February 2 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.

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

On the last day of every month we post the newsletter for the upcoming month on our website. Please visit [www.scaelementary.ca](http://www.scaelementary.ca) to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary

## GREAT DAY OF GIVING

On Friday, April 28, 2023, we will be holding a Great Day of Giving. This event has been initiated by our school council and our school staff.

Our goal for the day is to raise \$100,000 dollars.

\$50,000 dollars will be used to upgrade SCA's school technology. The other \$50,000 will go towards soccer field upgrades for our orphanage ministry partners in Mexico.

It is going to be a tremendous day of celebrating the goodness of God!

## SCHOOL THEME 2022-23

*Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*

*Psalm 34:8*

# JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The students of SCA Elementary will be literally jumping with heart on **Friday, February, 3rd**. 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.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt, this year you can also donate online at <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/17150> (Minimum donation of \$5 required to receive a tax receipt) instead of writing a check.

It will be a hopping place around here! The jump schedule is as follows:

Period 1 (8:42-9:14) 4A & 5A	Period 6 (12:20-12:52) 1B & 2B
Period 2 (9:14-9:46) 6A & 6C	Period 7 (12:52-1:24) 2A & 3C
Period 3 (9:46-10:18) 5C & 6B	Period 8 (1:24-1:56) 4C & 5B
Period 4 (10:18-11:05) - N/A	Period 9 (2:11-2:43) 2C & 3B
Period 5 (11:05-11:37) 1A & 1C	Period 10 (2:43-3:15) 3A & 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 ECS 'KA' class will do their jumping on Wednesday, Feb. 1 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

The ECS 'KB' class will do their jumping on Thursday, Feb. 2 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

The ECS 'KC' class will do their jumping on Friday, Feb. 3 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

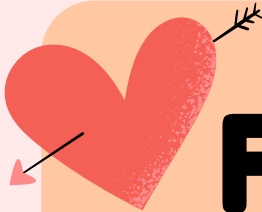
The ECS 'KD' class will do their jumping on Tuesday, Jan. 31 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

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 are more than welcome to come, participate, and help this year with the event!


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 \$1000? \$1200?



# February



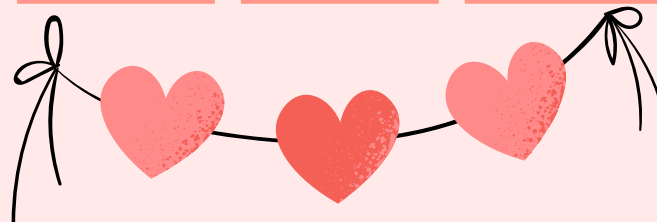
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			1 Early Dismissal 2:15 pm Returning Student Registration Opens at 9:00 am	2	3 Jump Rope for Heart	4
5	6	7	8 Gr. 1-6 Chip Day	9 No School ATA Teacher's Convention	10 No School ATA Teacher's Convention KA/KC Hot Lunch Order Deadline	11 KB/KD Hot Lunch Order Deadline
12 Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch Order Deadline	13	14  Red/Pink Day	15 KA/KC Hot Lunch	16 KB/KD Hot Lunch	17 Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch Basically Babies Collection Drive	18
19	20 No School Family Day	21	22 KA/KC, Gr. 1-6 Chip Day	23 KB/KD Chip Day	24	25
26	27	28 March Newsletter Online Returning Student Registration Closes				

## FEBRUARY PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for our SCA  
Elementary Custodial  
Staff

## SCHOOL FACEBOOK GROUP

Did you know we have a  
school Facebook Group?  
Find us on Facebook  
under:  
SCA Elementary Parents



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