

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.



June 2023 Edition

School's Out for the SUMMER!

**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THIS YEAR IS
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023.**

REPORT CARDS & REMINDERS

Report cards will be available online, through your Parent Portal account, on Tuesday, June 27 at 3:15 pm. Please note, the report cards are published at 3:15 pm but you may not have access until 4:30 pm.

We ask that your student(s) take all their belongings with them if they are leaving early. Any additional items will be kept in the school office for pick up in September.

LOST & FOUND

There are many items in our lost and found. Items will be on display the last week of school and teachers will be walking students by the tables during this time. Any items not claimed by June 27 will be donated to a local community charity. Please come and check the lost and found for any items you are missing. Thank you.

Reminders

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:15 PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 9 - ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD DAY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 - CHIP DAY
FRIDAY, JUNE 16 - HOT LUNCH
MONDAY, JUNE 26 - YEAR END CHAPEL @ 12:30 PM
TUESDAY, JUNE 27 - YEAR END ASSEMBLY @ 12:30 PM
TUESDAY, JUNE 27 - REPORT CARDS ISSUED





TRACK & FIELD DAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

We are praying for good weather for our Div I and Div II Track & Field Day on Friday, June 9!

Div I will be using our very 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 for 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 & Field Day will take place at the Strathcona Athletic Park (behind Bev Facey School). The students will be in groups 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 the Div II meet.

There will be a concession available at lunchtime:

Hot Dogs, Chocolate Bars, Chips and Pop: \$2.00 each

Some reminders:

Students should dress for the weather. Mosquito repellent may also be a good idea as would **layered clothing** as the weather may be variable throughout the day. Your child should have **sunscreen on** all exposed skin. Please apply sunscreen at home.

Students are encouraged to bring snacks, a **bottle of water** with their name on the bottle and **they can bring a lunch**.

Please note: 'Parent Permission' forms are for Div II only. This form was sent out via a Permission Click email at the end of May. The form must be completed for each grade 4-6 student to be able to participate and ride the bus.

This day is only successful because of you, our parents, who volunteer to help us out. Volunteer forms were sent home mid-May. The forms should be returned by now but if you forgot, please phone the school and let them know.

We would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers. You are awesome!

Submitted by: Mr. Fung & Mr. Alstad



Healthy Hunger



Hot Lunch

June 13 - KB/KD (Deadline June 8)

June 14 - KA/KC (Deadline June 9)

June 16 - K - 6 (Deadline June 11)

Please visit the Healthy Hunger website to place your order.

Chip Day

June 14 - 1-6

June 19 - KA/KC

June 20 - KB/KD

If you did not pre-order chips for the year and your child would like to purchase a bag, please send a Loonie with your child on chip day.



Dates for P.A.T'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.

Tuesday, June 20- Grade 6 LA (Parts B)

Thursday, June 22 - Grade 6 Math (Part A)

Friday, June 23 - Grade 6 Math (Part B)

Monday, June 26 - Grade 6 Social

Tuesday, June 27 - Grade 6 Science

Year End Celebrations

Our year end chapel will take place on **Monday, June 26 at 12:30 pm** in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend!

Our grade 1 to 6 students will also enjoy a year end assembly on **Tuesday, June 27 at 12:30 pm** in the gym.



Year End Awards

Students will receive their year end awards in their individual classrooms at times specified by the teacher. Most class awards are presented on the last day of school.

GRADE 4-6 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2023-24

On June 27 we will be sending school supply lists home with all of our grade 3-5 students for next year. We will be offering two options for 2023-24:

- 1) purchase school supplies as usual at your local store OR
- 2) purchase school supplies online.



Keep an eye out for this note coming home in your child's backpack.

GRADE 1-3 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents of children entering grades 1-3 are reminded that you will pay a fee in September for school supplies that will be purchased and provided by the school.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Each year on the first day of school, students find out which homeroom and teacher they have. 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, educational 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).

On Monday, August 31, our staff will be in the rotunda with grade signs to help students find their new class!



A WORD OR TWO scelibrary.net



It has been wonderful to work with all of the students in the library this year. We are privileged to be a part of the reading experiences of your children and are very thankful for all of the great parent volunteer support we received this year. Special thanks to our Grade 6 Library Leadership Club students.

As we approach the end of June, the library schedule will be as follows:

- June 5 - 9: the last week that students will be able to sign out books
- June 12 - 16: the last week of library classes
- June 16: all books due back into the library
- June 19 - 23: all missing books must be returned or paid for

Again, a big thank you to parents for your help and support of our library this year.
Have a great summer break!

—Mrs. Wielinga



Student Transportation: 2023-24 Registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2023-24 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 or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2023.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, simply fill out this registration form.

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, visit the EIPS Student Transportation building during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

Shuttle Bus Service for 2023-2024

In an attempt to relieve some of the school parking pressures at our elementary school, we are once again providing a free shuttle bus service, before and after school, to and from our secondary school.



Parents will both drop off their children in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon at the secondary school.

We are encouraging any elementary families who have children in our secondary school and are currently picking them up by car, or any families who find the elementary parking lot congested and would like a larger parking area to retrieve their child(ren) to consider using this service. Families using the shuttle service must agree to be committed to using the service daily, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

To sign-up for the shuttle, please complete the online registration located [here](#).

NOTE: Students who are signed up for regular EIPS busing should NOT sign up for the shuttle bus. Students on regular EIPS buses can get off their bus at secondary with a parental note (sent to the bus driver).



Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2023-24 school year.

For dates and times the program will be running and to register, please visit: <https://www.eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure>

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.



EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

June Spotlight: enhancing public education through effective engagement

[Rules of Engagement](#): Using a collaborative approach to improve student achievement and success

[Driving change](#): Strengthening public education through Board advocacy

2022-23 EIPS ANNUAL FEEDBACK SURVEY: FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers – Results now available
The results of the 2022-23 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 2,709 responses from parents and caregivers across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online: [2022-23 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)



REMINDER: 2022-23 SCHOOL FEES

School fees for the 2022-23 school year are posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child's account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2022-23 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022

JUNIOR HIGH JITTERS



Is your child going into Grade 7 and feeling nervous about it? Have no fear, Junior High Jitters is here!

Junior High Jitters is a free caregiver education session hosted by Alberta Health Services. This session provides information about developmental changes teens experience, as well as the challenges they may face in this school transition. The session also discusses strategies for managing these changes and boosting wellness. Junior High Jitters is designed for caregivers and pre-teens to attend together.

Junior High Jitters Session:

Date: Wednesday, June 14

Time: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Zoom Webinar

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Happy
Father's
Day

Sunday, June 18

*The righteous man walks in his
integrity; His children are blessed
after him.*

Proverbs 20:7 KJV



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 next prayer meeting is Thursday, June 1 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 to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary

SCHOOL THEME 2022-23

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

Psalms 34:8



JUNE



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Praying Grandparents @ 1:00 pm	2	3
4 Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch Deadline	5	6	7 Early Dismissal @ 2:15 pm	8 KB/KD Hot Lunch Deadline	9 Track & Field Day KA/KC Hot Lunch Deadline	10
11	12	13 KB/KD Hot Lunch	14 Chip Day Gr. 1-6 KA/KC Hot Lunch	15	16 Hot Lunch Gr. 1-6	17
18 Father's Day	19 KA/KC Chip Day	20 KB/KD Chip Day	21	22	23	24
25	26 Year End Chapel @12:30 pm	27 Last Day of School! Year End Assembly @12:30 pm Report Cards Issued	28	29	30	

TIME FOR A
BREAK

JUNE PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for our
staff and students over
the summer

SCHOOL FACEBOOK GROUP

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

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