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June Newsletter

Dear Win Ferguson families,

June 1, 2021

Well, here we are in June already, this year has definitely been one that we will all remember. I wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you for everything you have done to help support your children and Win Ferguson school. It takes a village, and we could not have gotten through this year without your flexibility and encouragement.

We will be recording our annual year end slideshow/assembly, and this will be posted to your child's Brightspace page later in the month, please check the website at www.winferguson.ca for updates.

With the warmer weather please ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle every day, as the bottle fillers are the only fountains that are open for use.

Our last School Council/PTA meeting was held last night. Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings this year, provided feedback and volunteered their time in support of our students and staff. The first meeting of the 2021 - 2022 school year will be held on September 20, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. This evening we will be holding elections for executive positions, and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, or would like to learn more about what they do, please visit <http://winfergusonparents.com>. More information on the format of this meeting will be shared on our website in the fall.

We are looking forward to our last month together, we are going to continue to make memories that will last a lifetime. All staff at Win Ferguson would like to wish you all a very happy June and a healthy and safe summer break.

Lana Lastiwka

Principal



Statement from EIPS regarding the Kamloops Tragedy

On May 27, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation announced it located the remains of 215 children who were students at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. Our hearts are with the families of each child whose death at the school went unacknowledged. The loss of these young lives is a tragedy beyond words.

To honour the 215 children, and every child whose life was taken, schools throughout EIPS are organizing ceremonies, including a moment of silence and encouraging staff and students to wear orange on Wednesday, June 2. As well, all EIPS buildings will fly flags at half-mast for 215 hours—an hour for each child—from May 31 to June 8.

As a Division, we stand in solidarity with everyone who suffered, and continues to suffer, because of trauma inflicted by the Canadian residential school system. Elk Island Public Schools has undertaken programs and initiatives based on respect, cooperation and partnership that embrace Indigenous teachings, heritage and contributions to enhance our understanding. But this news is a solemn reminder there remains much work ahead to comprehend the full truth of what occurred at residential schools so we can move forward with meaningful reconciliation—and a positive future.

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NOTE: The National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available for former residential school students and includes emotional and crisis referral services. Services are available around the clock and can be accessed by calling 1-866 925-4419.

Literacy Corner and Numeracy Nook (Coming Soon!)

Next year, you can look forward to a section of our monthly newsletter that will be dedicated to all things literacy (Literacy Corner), and all things numeracy (Numeracy Nook). In the Literacy Corner, we will share tips, tricks, and strategies to highlight some of the ways our teachers support students on their journey to become fluent, avid readers with strong comprehension skills. In the Numeracy Nook, we will provide games, resources, and strategies that parents can use to help foster the strengthening of number sense. We hope these tools will be helpful to you, when you're supporting your child's education, at home, each night.

School Start Supplies



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Back to School with School Start

Order your back to school supplies online at schoolstart.ca

Call Centre is Available
Call 1-800-580-1868 to order over the phone or if you need assistance with online orders.

The Win Ferguson PTA will be participating in the School Start program! You may now purchase your child's school supplies through School Start for the 2021/2022 school year.

Our school PTA will receive \$5 per kit purchased!

You can place your order online at www.schoolstart.ca. Visa & MasterCard are accepted.

Tools for School

Win Ferguson has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back-to-school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Win Ferguson school at 780-998-1441 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.



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Math-a-Thon Update

Our Win Ferguson Math-a-Thon was a huge success!! We would like to give a heartfelt shout out to our WFG families and donors who participated in our Math-a-Thon. We had a total of 91 students who worked hard to raise a whopping \$10 197.60. Through generous sponsors and donations, we were able to award many amazing prizes to students who participated. The Win Ferguson team is very excited to purchase some incredible numeracy resources for the school with the funds raised.



Parent Teacher Association

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Win Ferguson Elementary School Council and Parent Teacher Association would like to send out a big thank you to the following list of business's that made generous donations towards our school Math-a-Thon event. These donations were used as prizes for all our winners, and we appreciate your support!

- ✚ Mix 107.9
- ✚ Tim Hortons (10080 88 Ave)
- ✚ Home Depot
- ✚ 7-11 (9701A-90St)
- ✚ McDonalds (8817 101a St)
- ✚ City of Fort Saskatchewan
- ✚ Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Center
- ✚ Co-op
- ✚ Freson Bros.
- ✚ AI-Terra Engineering



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Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Win Ferguson school is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 8:30 a.m.. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on September 1.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed July 1 Canada Day

Closed August 2 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, 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 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.



Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year **after you've moved**.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school at 780-998-1441.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 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. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration 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.



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 2021-22 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 18	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 23	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.

Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

IPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:

[eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](https://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).



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Upcoming events and important dates:

- **June 2:** Early dismissal
- **June 2:** Wear **orange**
- **June 3:** [Mental Wellness Day for Schools](#)
- **June 11:** **School Spirit Day - TWIN DAY**
- **June 21:** [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- **June 25:** Last day of classes
- **June 28:** Last school operational day (schools closed to students)
- **August 25:** EIPS schools reopen (schools closed to students)
- **September 1:** Classes resume