



## April 2024 School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Spring has sprung, or at least it is trying to! With that, come large puddles and of course, mud - so we ask that you make sure that your children have both indoor and outdoor shoes. It becomes difficult to keep our school clean when outdoor shoes are being worn inside the school. We thank you for your assistance with this.

As we begin our final term, it is important to keep lines of communication open with teachers to ensure that your child meet all their academic goals for this school year. We consider parents an integral part of our student learning team and team communication is important. We have a Read-a-thon planned, and we would all like to thank you for your anticipated support of the school, the council, and your child! This is a new online platform for fundraising that some other schools have tried this year. We look forward to hearing feedback on this initiative. There are many extras that we could not provide students if it wasn't for the support of our families and the council. Many thanks go out to the PTA and especially to our very own grade five teacher, Ms. Vibe, for taking on this leadership opportunity.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful and warm spring. I hope that the weather cooperates, and that you have an opportunity to spend some time outside with family and friends. Thank you, on behalf of the school team!

William Korec, MEd  
Principal



### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILLS

We continue to hold planned emergency drills at Win Ferguson School to ensure our staff and students are prepared in case of an emergency. In April and May, we have a few evacuation drills to complete for this school year. If you have any questions about our emergency preparedness, please contact the office.

### **SKI TRIP**

We would like to thank all our WFG parents who came out to the ski hill for the return of our skiing/snowboarding experience! It was a great day on the hill and it's a great place to learn to ski or snowboard. We are already booked in for next year!

### **SILVER CARNIVAL**

Our community school raised **\$263.60** from our recent Silver Carnival. Thank you, everyone, for your kindness and generosity. Thank you, grade six students and the rest of the staff for setting up and organizing this opportunity for our students. The proceeds will be donated directly by the school to our local food bank to benefit families in our community.

### **TREAT SALES**

Mark Friday April 12 on your calendars. Our Win Ferguson PTA is planning a school-wide treat sale. Watch for the upcoming flyer.

### **GEARING UP FOR KINDERGARTEN**

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming kindergarten information night on **Thursday May 23, 2024**. Make sure to attend to tour the school; meet the teachers; gain insight on play-based learning; and see what a typical day looks like.

#### **Kindergarten Information Night 2024**

**Date:** **Thursday May 23, 2024**

**Time:** **4:30-6:30 PM**

**Please sign in to: [School Interviews](#) to book your spot!**

**Use code: **4xcv8****

#### **Bookings open Friday April 26, 2024**

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible Elk Island Public Schools has also put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting [www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten). Additional information regarding **Win Ferguson School's** kindergarten program, is available on our school website.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL / PTA**

Our next School Advisory Council is on **Monday April 29th, 2024**, at 6:00 PM in the Learning Commons. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.





## 2024 Win Ferguson Elementary Read-a-Thon Prizes



All participants have the opportunity to win some amazing prizes!

**1 Top Fundraiser** Grand prize: \$150 Gift Card

**2 Top Reader (Most minutes read)** Grand prizes: \$75 Gift Card for Division 1 and Division 2.

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**\$75 in pledges:** Every student who brings in a minimum of \$75 will be entered in a draw to win a scooter. (Value up to \$150)

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**\$35 in pledges:** Every student who brings in a minimum of \$35 will be entered in for multiple draws for a variety of prizes.



Harbour Pool

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Highest earner per grade will receive a gift card.

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Top Reader (Most minutes read) per grade will receive a gift card.

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Top Classroom with most minutes read gets to play **PIE IN THE FACE** with Principal (Div 2) and Assistant Principal (Div.1)

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Top 3 Fundraising classrooms will win a special treat for entire class.

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Every student will receive a Read-a-Thon participation prize and opportunities to win minute read prizes throughout the event!

## **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 2022-23](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

### **April 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

## **RELATED INFORMATION**

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

### **Did you know?**

Alberta Reserves are accumulated surplus funds that may be designated to a school, department, or priority. The Board of Trustees approves the transfer of funds to and from reserves and has a yearly plan on how those reserves are used—to the benefit of students. EIPS identifies high-demand areas and uses its operating reserves for initiatives like student learning, new curriculum work, consultant support, mental health initiatives, technology upgrades, public-health best practices and other one-time projects. Operating reserves are also used to furnish and equip new schools and classrooms. With its capital reserves, EIPS replaces ageing equipment, purchases technology, modernizes and expands student learning spaces, and funds emergent capital needs.

Learn more:

- [Board Policy 2: Role of Board](#)
- [Administrative Procedure 501: Financial Management](#)

## **Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS**

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help. Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in five of its elementary school locations. Applications are now open for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2020 or 2021, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit [eips.ca](#).

**A big THANK YOU to EIPS Volunteers**

National Volunteer Week takes place April 14-20. On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to all EIPS volunteers. Every time you've contributed, whether it was helping on a class field trip or planning a school event for families to enjoy, you were there at a moment when we needed you. Students needed you; staff needed you; the community needed you—and you answered the call. These are moments that matter and are ones that make a difference in a student's experience at their school. So, thank you again for being there. Without you, EIPS would not be what it is today, and schools wouldn't be able to do all the wonderful things they do. This National Volunteer Week, I encourage everyone to celebrate the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours put into supporting student growth and achievement at schools across the Division.

Cathy Allen, Chair  
EIPS Board of Trustees

# April 2024

| Sun | Mon                          | Tue                                  | Wed                             | Thu  | Fri  | Sat |
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|     | 1                            | 2<br>Classes resume<br>Welcome back! | 3<br>Early dismissal<br>2:12 PM | 4  | 5  | 6   |
| 7   | 8<br>READ-A-THON<br>BEGINS   | 9                                    | 10                              | 11<br>EIPS School<br>Trustees visit<br>WFG     | 12<br>Treat Sale Day<br>Career Dress-up<br>Day | 13  |
| 14  | 15                           | 16                                   | 17                              | 18   | 19<br>READ-A-THON<br>ENDS                      | 20  |
| 21  | 22                           | 23                                   | 24                              | 25<br>Seven Sacred<br>Teachings<br>Assembly PM | 26<br>Twins Day<br>Hot Lunch Day               | 27  |
| 28  | 29<br>SAC Meeting<br>6:30 PM | 30                                   |                                 |  |  |     |