January 6th, 2020

Principal's Message,

Andrew

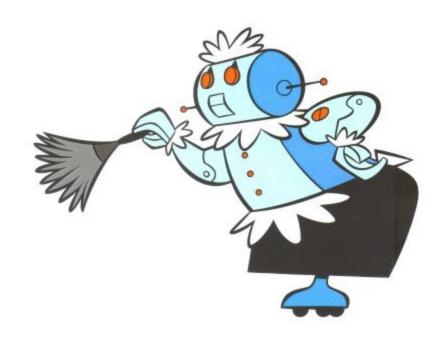
January is upon us and with it brings a whole new decade! Looking Back at the start of this millennium we would be hard pressed to imagine all the things we have in technology in 2020 and on the horizon. 20 years ago, the smart phone did not exist, Siri, Alexa, and Google were not a thing we knew existed, electric vehicles were a novelty idea, and movie rental stores still existed. As our students grow throughout the next decade of schooling, we really do need to accept the fact that the pace of change in today's technological world is so fast that it is entirely likely that many careers available in 2030 are not even jobs we know to exist today. That is why we are heavily focused on building a strong foundation in mathematics, communication, critical thinking, citizenship skills, and global perspectives. We live in exciting times right now and as a school we are all excited to see what the future may hold for everyone. Welcome to 2020 and the second half of another great school year.

*A special thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas concert and supper a huge success. *

Sincerely,

Greg Cruickshank- Principal

Important dates: Every Monday- Archery 3:00-4:00 Every Tuesday- Basketball 3:00-4:00 January 8th- Early Dismissal January 10th- Chili / Soup / Bun Lunch January 24th- Caesar Salad Lunch January 28th- School Council February 5th Early Dismissal February 6-7th Teachers' Convention (No School) February 14th School Closed February 17th- Family Day February 24th- School Ski Trip to Tawatina



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What's new at Andrew School



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Kindergarten	7	8 Kindergarten Staff Meeting 1:50 PM Dismissal 1:50 pm	9	10 Kindergarten Friday	11
12	13 Kindergarten	14	15 Kindergarten	16	17	18
19	20 Kindergarten	21	22 Kindergarten	23	24 Kindergarten Friday	25
26	27 Kindergarten	28	29 Kindergarten	30	31	

Calendar

Please see our website and rewschool.ca for the most current calendar.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Kindergarten	4	5 Kindergarten Staff Meting. 1:50 PM Dismissal 1:50 pm	6 Teachers' Convention Thursday and Friday 12:00 am	7	8
9	10 Kindergarten	11	12 Kindergarten	13	14 School Closed	15
16	17 Family Day 12:00 am	18	19 Kindergarten	20	21 Kindergarten Friday	22
23	24 Kindergarten School Ski Trip	25	26 Kindergarten	27	28	29

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EIPS 2020-21 Division Calendar: Now available!

The 2020-21 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2020-21 school year, such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2020-21 EIPS calendar include:

September 1 – first day of classes November 9-13 – November break December 23 to January 5 – Christmas break February 1 – second semester begins February 4-6 – Teachers' Convention March 29 to April 2 – spring break June 25 – last day of classes June 28 – last operational day before the summer break

To view the 2020-21 calendar, visit eips.ca.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit *www.eips.ca/calendar* and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, including automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on *WWW.eips.ca* and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS' <u>Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather</u>, which states: "school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C including wind chill, in one or more regions." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.



Returning Student Registration for 2020-21

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2020-21 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2020-21 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2020-21 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-29, 2020.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u>. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2020.

Another way to stay connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter and Facebook

With 43 schools and close to 17,400 students, there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. Each uses the combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcases the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using #EIPS.

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NOTE: Communications Services manages the Division's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language are not allowed and may be deleted.