



Andrew

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What's new at Andrew School



May 26th, 2020

Principal's Message,

Welcome to the last month of the 2019-20 school year. I would like to take this chance to thank all of you for the support you have shown for our school this year. Despite having to change our plans for the way we teach and learn, we've been able to stay connected and continue to provide lessons to deliver curriculum for our young learners. I am proud of how well our students have adapted and our teachers have transformed. However, it is my hope that when safe to do so we can get back to being a community within a building. The last two and a half months have been hard on everyone as we are all social creatures who crave a sense of normal. As we approach the summer I encourage each student to continue to engage in their online classroom and give their best effort. Doing this will be for your benefit with our new focus on essential learner outcomes. I also know that taking care of your family's emotional health should be your first priority. So, please know that as parents now more than ever you have our permission to set the pace for learning in the month of June. Our last day of classes will be on June 19th. Thanks again for a great school year and one where I am proud to have been your principal to serve this community.

Greg Cruickshank- Principal

Important dates:

June 19th- Last day of classes

June 21st- National Indigenous People's Day

June 26th- Report cards published

June 29th- Last school operational day

Returning Materials and Year End Wrap up

The last week of school will be a busy one whereby all staff will be in the building as we complete report cards and students drop by to return any materials or technology they have borrowed. Teachers have a list of what is borrowed from the library and will let each parent know the week of June 15-19 what they need to return. The following dates will be designated for families to return items to the school.

June 22 12:00-3:00 Last names A to F

June 23 12:00-3:00 Last names G to P

June 24 12:00-3:00 Last names R to Y

COVID-19 Equipment and materials return process

- One member per family will return all items. This person must enter through the front door and sign in.
- There will be a separate exit with all traffic flowing one way.
- Physical distancing of 2M will be maintained.
- Do not attempt to return items if you or anyone in your household has cold or flu like symptoms
- Do not attempt to return items if you have been in close contact with a confirmed active case of COVID-19
- Items may be returned in the fall with no fines or fees should you be unable to return items due to self-isolating measures.

Kindercare program in Andrew ***New** (Subject to enrolment)

Andrew School will offer kindercare to kindergarten aged students on non-kindergarten days throughout the school year. This program will operate alongside our licensed pre-school program. Students in kindercare can ride the bus to and from the school for kindercare just as they would on regular school days. Our program will focus on enhancing the programming received on kindergarten days through a focus on play. This includes letter and number recognition, language and literacy, math facts and numeracy, arts and crafts, and physical literacy. As this will be a licensed childcare program, parents may access the childcare subsidy. The fee for our program will be \$300 / month. To see if you qualify go to <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx>

Please call 7803653501 or email Gregory.crucikshank@eips.ca if you are interested in Kindercare. Call now so we can plan to make this happen!

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open! Calling all Andrew and area 5 year old's!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2020? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at eips.ca/kindergarten—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.

Additional information regarding kindergarten is available on our school website at www.andrewschool.ca

Andrew Preschool

Andrew School will again be hosting a pre-school program. Fees will remain the same at \$80/month. We are exploring pre-school operating on Tuesday and Thursday next year. Stay tuned for more information at the end of August. It is impossible to predict right now what things will look like for a return to normal school operations. However, once we have directions on school re-opening we will move ahead with our pre-school program.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run 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 is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus 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 and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2020-21 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 18	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	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.

NOTE: Date and time may change depending on the phase of the province's relaunch strategy.

EIPS 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: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Busing 2020-21

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2020-21 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.

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](#).

Tools for Schools

Andrew School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2020-21 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 our school directly. We'll discretely provide the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up 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 EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact 7803653501 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.