

October 26, 2020

*Principal's Message,*

Fall is upon us and we are in full swing with learning here at Andrew School. We are excitedly building momentum towards another great year. Thank you everyone for your dedication to following the Covid-19 protocols. With incidences of positive cases on the rise in the province, we will need to continue to be vigilant and careful with our habits. Report cards will be available online on November 6<sup>th</sup>, with paper copies sent as well. The first round of interviews will not be in person. This is to keep in line with the school re-entry Covid-19 protocols that have been implemented by our school division and the province. Interviews will be conducted via telephone. Parents must sign up for an interview slot using our new scheduling program. Look for further details in this newsletter. If you need an interview slot at a different time from the available time slots between 3:30 and 5:30, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time that works well. It is important that students reflect upon their achievement on their report card, using it as a tool to set goals for themselves.

Greg Cruickshank, M.Ed.

Principal- Andrew School

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**Fun Fridays**

This year we are going to try and make Friday's a bit more fun with special theme days. Participation is voluntary but appreciated.

November 6<sup>th</sup>- Dress nicely for Remembrance Day

November 20<sup>th</sup>- Singer day (Dress as your favourite singer)

November 27<sup>th</sup>- Tie dye day

December 4<sup>th</sup>- Unicorn day



Reminder- November 16<sup>th</sup> is Picture Re-Take Day

### Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

\*\*\*New\*\*\*

Andrew School is happy to be using an online booking platform to schedule your telephone interview. To book your time slot, go to [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) and enter the code **bgx9j**

If you require an interview outside of the available time periods, please contact your child's teacher directly to arrange an alternate time. Interviews will take place on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Dates

- **November 1:** Daylight savings time ends
- **November 4:** Early dismissal
- **November 9-13:** Fall break (all schools are closed)
- **November 11:** Remembrance Day
- **November 16-20:** Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- **November 20:** National Child Day

## November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	5	6 Kindergarten Friday Report Card #1 Published	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30 pm	18 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Kindergarten Friday	28
29	30					

## December 2020

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		1	2 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	3	4 Kindergarten Friday	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Kindergarten Friday	19
20	21	22 Last day of classes before Christmas break	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, 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) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, which may include automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, through the Bus Status app, Twitter, Facebook and on Versatrans My Stop. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, "school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." 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.



## STAY AT HOME GUIDE: When do I keep my child home?

Use this guide to determine when to keep your child home from school and when it's safe to return

Complete the [COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire](#) with your child every day. The questionnaire will help determine if it's safe to send your child to school. If the answer is "Yes" to any of the questionnaire questions, DO NOT send your child to school. Stay home and see the instructions below. If the answer is "No" to all the questions, your child can attend school. Always follow the advice of Alberta Health Services.

### MY CHILD IS SICK WITH:

#### Primary COVID-19 Symptoms

- fever
- cough—new cough or worsening
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- runny nose
- sore throat

#### Secondary COVID-19 Symptoms:

- chills
- feeling unwell, fatigue, severe exhaustion
- painful swallowing
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite
- stuffy nose
- loss of smell or taste
- headache
- pink-eye
- muscle or joint aches

### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

1. Complete the online [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or call [Health Link 811](#).
2. Isolate your child for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer—a legal requirement.
3. Testing for COVID-19 is recommended. Book an appointment through the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#).

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2. Do not send your child to school until symptoms resolve.
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### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

- After the 10-day isolation is complete, and symptoms resolve, whichever is longer OR
- After receiving a negative COVID-19 test result—and your child has no known exposure to the virus—and symptoms resolve.

- After symptoms resolve and your child is feeling better.

### WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS BECAUSE OF A PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION?

If your child has primary or secondary COVID-19 symptoms because of a known pre-existing medical condition, such as allergies, they must stay home if there is no record at the school of the condition. Follow the above directions for either primary or secondary COVID-19 symptoms. Alternatively, provide the school with medical documentation of the pre-existing condition and its symptoms and return your child to school.

NOTE: The Stay at Home Guide is based on the province's guidelines for [Student Illness](#). Information contained within this guide is subject to change as additional information about COVID-19 becomes available.

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## Andrew Parent Council News

October 2020

### PARENT LIASON

We are looking for a parent volunteer from each classroom to act as a liaison between parent council. Your role would be to serve as a point of communication between the parents of your classroom and parent council. If interested, please contact a PC member, join our next meeting from the comfort of your home or send an email to [andrewschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:andrewschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com).



### 2020/21 Parent Council

Janell Yaremie – Chair: 780-935-3890

Julie Karaoghlanian – Vice Chair: 647-894-8509

Anna-Lee Laderoute – Treasurer: 587-936-0840

Kelly Doyle – Secretary: 780-907-8508

[andrewschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:andrewschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com)

Please feel free to contact any of the executive with any ideas or questions.

**Please join us for our next meeting:**

**Tuesday November 24, 2020**

**@ 7pm**

**via Google Meets.**

Please contact Mr. Cruikshank to add your name/email to the calendar invite.



### PC Important updates:

**Picnic Tables-** Metal tables installed (*thank you Mr. Cruikshank*), replacement of boards needed for wooden tables around playground and front of school.

**Halloween Goodie bags & pumpkins** for painting are arriving last week of October.

**What do you want to see from PC this year?**

**What does Parent Council mean to you?**

*October 13, 2020 minutes on reverse side.*

### Andrew Committee



**GOAL:** Making Andrew School strong and viable as possible.

They encourage and need more parent involvement.

Committee members attended our October meeting, and provided updates

Started approx. 2 months ago, to date they have had discussions with MLA, Lamont County, EIPS Trustee, superintendent, ADW principal and Village.

**THEY NEED YOU!**

*Connect with their FB page to stay updated with meetings.*



## Agenda/Minutes

### Andrew School Council – Regular Meeting

October 13th, 2020 –virtual meeting via google meets

Attendance; Greg Cruikshank, Janell Yaremie, Julie Karaoghlanian, Colleen Holloywaychuk, Sheila Lupal, Stan Zabrick, Stacie Doyle, Jodie Calfat

1. Call to order - 7:06pm
2. Minutes of previous meeting -Not available for current meeting, will present May 2020 minutes at next meeting for review.
3. Financial report -Treasurer Report tabled to next meeting, as treasurer not available for meeting.
4. Old Business *First meeting of school year. No old Business from past season, only resurrection of society with paper work required to be filed. Send to Jasmin page for audit and submission.*
5. New Business
  - a. Election of new members *Nominated members, vote casting two calls for objections for each position listed.*  
*Chair- Janell Yaremie –no objection*  
*Vice Chair- Julie Karaoghlanian –no objections*  
*Treasurer- Anna-Lee Laderoute –no objections*  
*Secretary –Kelly Doyle – no objection*
  - b. Halloween Activities
    - i. Pumpkin decorating? \$3/each Walmart, \$3/each Calfat supplier  
*Janell made motion for PC to purchase pumpkins for decorating, Stacie seconded motion. 70 student. (Approx. cost\$210) - Paint supplies from painting project can be used.*
    - ii. School plans for Halloween  
*PC will provided individual goodie bags for each of the 65 k-6, +7 playschool students. Must arrive 3 days prior (October 25) for quarantine.*  
*Students will have class parties and maintain social distancing and outlined school guidelines.*
6. What is Parent Council Goal for 20/21 school year? *Tabled for next meeting, as need other two members to assist. As less in school activities and presence allowed with COVID rules. Parents encouraged to provide statement of what PC means to them, what they would like to see from this school term PC.*
7. Principal's report
  - a. Andrew School Education Plan 2020-21 *attached*
  - b. Learning Gaps *seen across division due to COVID break. Students slid backwards. 6wk cycles. Focus on current 6 wks is closing gaps in Andrew students.*
  - c. Mathletics Request *approx. \$650 (\$10/student) online based. Tabled for next meeting*
  - d. Andrew Committee *need more parent involvement. Started approx. 2 months ago, discussions with MLA, Lamont County, EIPS Trustee, and Village. Goal: Making Andrew School strong and viable as possible.*
  - e. Picnic tables *installed thank you Mr. Cruikshank for arranging. Old tables, one destroyed. Two need board replaced. Look into replacing wood, fixing tables. In front of school & playground.*
  - f. Special Events *Every Friday –Special Friday, as important to keep student engaged. Less normal activities so school reaching in and finding ways to uplift and keep students spirits lifted and environment fun. Halloween in Classrooms. Christmas may look different, other schools looking at ideas of recording classes and creating a video for the parents, like a digital concert. Will update closer to time as things may change.*
  - g. Questions *No questions or concerns came forward*
8. Trustee report *PAT opted in as well this is option for parents with online learning. Only LA and Math, no science and no social. Diploma exam discussion, similar to PAT, families have options.*  
*COSAC (division councils) now online first Wednesday of every month. PC members encouraged to attend. Nov 4 @ 7pm.*  
*Commend Greg and School staff, accountability pillar results are amazing!! Thank you Mr. Cruikshank!!!*
9. Next meeting date *November 24, 2020 @ 7:00pm via Google meets*
10. Adjournment *8:03pm*