

January 11, 2021

*Principal's Message,*

Welcome back to school! I hope it was a restful break for all. Our three days of at home learning last week looked like they were engaging and great examples of how we can stay connected in the world of teaching and learning through online means. I know it was a lot of work for our teachers and there were some technical challenges. Thank you to everyone who made it a successful three days. Our Christmas dinner we served before the break returned a sense of normalcy to our school. It was delicious and warmed the hearts of many. A huge thanks to the Tkachuk family for their support of the lunch, and to all our community members who support our breakfast and lunch program.

Prior to the break the Andrew School Committee, which is a community group dedicated to promoting Andrew School, was out and about filming a promotional video. We are excited to see the finished product soon. Please share your stories and support of our school with your friends, neighbors, and community members. With February being the time to pre-enroll for next year, we need all of our community behind us to support student enrolment.

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.

January 15<sup>th</sup>- Malanka Day (Dress up in a silly outfit and celebrate the New Year!)

January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Canadian Tuxedo Day (Denim clothes)

January 29<sup>th</sup> – 80's day (Big hair, or neon clothes, headbands, etc)

### Important Dates

- **January 19<sup>th</sup> School Council Google Meets <https://meet.google.com/gwb-hpbz-hgw>**
- **January 29<sup>th</sup> PD Day- No Students**
- **February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Teacher's Convention – No Students**

## January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	7	8 Kindergarten Friday	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Kindergarten Friday	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Professional Learning Day. No Students	30
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## February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	4 Teacher's Convention 12:00 am	5	6
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### EIPS 2021-22 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2021-22 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2021-22 school year, such as school-closure days, breaks, the first and last day of classes, professional learning days, early dismissal days, plus more. Highlights from the 2021-22 EIPS calendar include:

- September 1 – first day of classes
- November 8-12 – November break
- December 22 to January 4 Christmas break
- February 1 – second semester begins
- February 10-11 – Teachers' Convention
- March 28 to April 1 – spring break
- June 28 – last day of classes
- June 29 – last operational day before the summer break

To view the 2021-21 calendar, visit [eips.ca](https://eips.ca).

**Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar?** You can. Simply, visit [eips.ca/calendar](https://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 [eips.ca](http://eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS' [Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather](#), 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 what they feel is safest during times of inclement weather. For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

### **Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2021-22 school year on Feb. 1, 2021.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) 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 Andrew School's kindergarten program is available at

<https://www.andrewschool.ca/about/kindergarten>

### **Returning Student Registration for 2021-22**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2021-22 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2021-22 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 2021-22 returning student registration takes place between Feb. 1-28, 2021.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2021.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information contact the school directly.

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

With 43 schools and close to 17,000 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 [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each uses a 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](#).

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

*NOTE: Communications Services manages the Division's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8 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.*