

January 25, 2021

Principal's Message,

It is with gratitude that I thank each and every person who has been involved in the promotion of our school through the Andrew School Committee, School Council, Parent Foundation, and wherever you spread the good news. We are excited to see some great videos about to roll out on social media showcasing our school. February marks the month whereby we work through our returning student registration process, and we open up registration for Kindergarten. I can't stress enough how important your continued support of our school is for the viability of our school. We have a great school here in our community and we should all be proud of the things we have accomplished. If you have any questions about completing the returning student registration process, please contact the school office.

We at Andrew School would also to recognize Mrs. Malowany for her dedicated years of service to learners. Mrs. Malowany is retiring at the end of January after being an educator for 35 years. In those years, she has always gone above and beyond for all of the students with whom she works. On behalf of the many students who have been fortunate enough to be impacted by Mrs. Malowany, we thank you.

Greg Cruickshank, M.Ed.

Principal- Andrew School

Valentine's Day

As you've no doubt experienced in your own homes, COVID-19 has changed the way we celebrate holidays and special occasions.

One of the measures EIPS put into place to mitigate the spread of the virus was to reduce, as much as possible, the number of high-touch items in our classrooms. In terms of class celebrations, this has meant eliminating the passing out of treats and other items traditionally shared among students.

As such, students will not be able to bring Valentine's cards, gifts or treats to school for distribution next month. Many of you may be disappointed in this change of approach but please rest assured, your child's teacher will still find creative ways to mark the occasion, and make the day fun for students. In addition, the Andrew Parent Foundation will be helping make the day special for each student. Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation as we strive to keep our staff and students safe and healthy

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.

February 12th- Have heart day (Dress up in your pink and red for Valentines)

February 19th – Wildcat Day (Wear your Andrew Wildcat gear to show your pride)

February 26th – Plaid day (Wear your plaid)

Important Dates

- February 1: 2021-22 registration opens
- February 3: Early dismissal
- February 3: [Winter Walk Day](#)
- February 4-5: Teachers' Convention (schools closed to students)
- February 15: Family Day (all schools closed)
- February 15: [National Flag Day](#)
- February 24: [Pink Shirt Day](#)
- February 28: returning student registration closes



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
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Kindergarten Friday 12:00 am	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Kindergarten Friday	27

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	4	5 Professional Learning Day. No Students Report Card #2 Published	6
7	8	9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 3:30 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Kindergarten Friday	20
21	22	23	24 Kindergarten and School Open House Online 4:30 pm	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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 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.

Jan 19, 2021

Minutes Andrew School Council – Regular Meeting

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In attendance : Julie Karaoghlanian, Janell Yaremie, Kelly Doyle, Jodie Calfat

School Trustee - Colleen Holowaychuk-Mullany, Teacher - Trina Horon, Principal - Greg Cruickshank

1. Call to order - 7:02 pm.
2. Approve agenda - Kelly motioned to accept, Julie 2nd, AIF.
3. Minutes of previous meeting - motion Kelly. Janell 2nd. AIF
4. Financial report - tabled
5. Old Business

- a. Andrew Committee - they shouldn't need to attach onto the School council. Should be able create their own entity with 5 members.
 - b. Society status - Anna-Lee finished this process just doing a double check to send to Jasmine. Hopefully by next meeting we are all caught up and can go renew.
 - c. Christmas Store - went amazing. Greg set up the table to facilitate the shopping. Thanks to all the staff that helped wrapping! Tons of work!
6. New Business
- a. Valentine's Activities - Friendship-grams - Janell made a motion that the parent council purchases an item under \$2 for each child in the school. Kelly 2nd. AIF
 - b. Joni Retirement (end January) With Andrew for 18 years and EIPS and Lamont for 35 years. Parent council would like to get her a gift card for \$200. Janell made a motion to buy the Micheal's gift card. Julie 2nd. AIF.
 - c. Pink Shirt day - Parent council will purchase a shirt for each child with Vegreville art work for \$10.05. \$16.99 will be for extra shirts that people want to order. 88 shirts for students, including preschool and staff = \$865.00 including GST. Parent Council has already voted on this item. Next year Andrew School will create a collaborative piece that includes all the students and staff in the school for a custom artwork piece to show inclusiveness and cooperation.
 - d. Comments or concerns - open floor
7. Principal's report
- e. Andrew School Committee Video - Did some filming before Christmas. Wanting to create a marketing campaign to promote Andrew School. 8 different videos in mind. Jan 20 more filming taking place at school.
 - f. Science of Reading PD- We are continuing to learn about reading in K,1,2,3. Started doing screening with 3 different tools in the 5 areas of reading. Will start implementing interventions in Feb and then will rescreen to see improvements.
 - g. Preschool - currently 15 enrolled 3 and 4 year olds. Very exciting to see this number! Looking forward to a high turnout for Kindergarten next year hopefully around 10. Early learning and social aspects are so beneficial to the school environment. In November Miss Willis took over as the preschool teacher for Kim Stefiuk as she is on maternity leave.
 - h. Returning student registration / boundary exemption - starting Feb 1st registration opens. Month of Feb open for boundary exemption requests. Important as these numbers reflect the budget that the school receives for funding and staffing. Our magic minimum number is 55. We need to stay within the 55-75 window.
 - i. Questions - Class configuration will start after Feb.
8. Trustee report - see attached
9. Next meeting date - Feb 26, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom.
10. Additional note from Principal regarding the annual school fee consultation with parents.
- i. Field trip fees K-6 - \$40
 - ii. Swimming lessons - \$30
 - iii. Ski trip - \$35
 - iv. Archery - \$60

Any questions or concerns regarding these fees, please contact the school principal, Mr. Cruickshank.

Trustee Report

Next year calendar switched a PD day so that for Election Day the school is not full of students.

Reminder that Diploma exams will be optional for the remainder of this school year.

Board approved the superintendent's recommendation for students in grade 6 and 9 not write PAT's.

Approved the fall budget: November board meeting.

*\$201.53 million includes \$4.72 million of reserves.

*Accumulated surplus is estimated to be \$13.55million at August 31, 2021.

*Student enrolments down by 501, many of these students are unable to be tracked of where there are now.

*Boards across the province are reporting similar declines in student population.

*many students unaccounted for across the province, but if they have gone out of province or country we cannot track them.

Administration is constantly reviewing COVID cost and adjusts as required. We will have motion coming forward to the January board meeting regarding some re-allocation of dollars.

Approved the Annual Education Results Report for EIPS. Can be found on the website.

Board approved a Junior High Honours division program in December. Grade 8/9.

Schools are in Sherwood Park, but students in the rural area or Fort Saskatchewan can have access to some of the program pieces.

Returning registration for students February 1-28, 2021.

Municipal Election October 18, 2021:

Nominations open from January 1-September 20,2021 at noon. You have to have papers prior to doing any fundraising or spending.

I will be seeking re-election.

2021 Eips Annual Parent Survey (February) -There will be some additional questions as we are now following the new Assurance Model.

(School authorities will continue to develop education plans identifying priorities and areas to improve. The framework includes new accountability measures to keep school boards accountable for student outcomes, community engagement and continuous improvement.)

Next COSC meetings are February 3, 2021 and March 3, 2021 at 6:30pm.