

March 22nd, 2021

Principal's Message,

What a year we've had. It was at this time last year when we were entirely shut down as a province as we attempted to navigate an unknown virus and its impact on human health. It was an eerie feeling driving down empty roads as many waited at home hoping to get a handle on what was an unknown situation not seen in a century. Teachers were planning for the return to learning in an on-line world only, while parents struggled to figure out technology and childcare with schools closed. It was a difficult three months of on-line learning and many students were unable to stay caught up as learners. I am happy with how our return to classrooms has played out this year and can report that we have filled in the gaps left from last year's on-line emergency teaching and learning situation. Our students have shown their remarkable ability to adapt to change and overcome challenges. Here's to hoping that by this time next we have moved towards a 2019 sense of normal.

I have accepted a position as principal of Lamont High School for the 2021-22 school year. EIPS is in the process of recruiting a new principal for Andrew School to start next fall. Stay tuned for further details. I am excited for the challenge of moving to a new school. However, I will truly miss all the people and fun times I've had in Andrew during the last eight years. It will be hard to say goodbye. The good news is that Lamont High School is a destination for Andrew School students after Grade six. So, I hope to see many familiar faces as they enter junior high. Thank you to everyone for your tremendous support over the years.

Greg Cruickshank, M.Ed.

Principal- Andrew School

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.

March 25th (Thursday) – Spring Break Day (Wear your vacation outfit and get started on spring break early)

April 9th – Crazy hair day

April 16th – Wildcat wear day

April 22nd (Thursday)- Earth Day theme

April 30th – Favourite T-Shirt Day

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break
4 Spring Break	5 Spring Break	6 Classes Resume	7 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	8	9 Kindergarten Friday	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Kindergarten Friday	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	6	7 Professional Learning Day. No Students	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 School Closure Day	22
23	24 Victoria Day	25	26	27	28 Kindergarten Friday	29
30	31					

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

(Virtual March 25th)

To schedule an interview with your child's teacher please go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code?code=4b5r8>

If you would like a different day or time, please email your child's teacher or contact the school at 7803653501

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PE K-6- Gregory.cruickshank@eips.ca

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? 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 [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 www.andrewschool.ca

Gearing up for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming virtual Kindergarten Information Night on **March 24th** Make sure to attend to virtually tour the school; meet the teachers; gain insight on play-based learning; and see what a typical day looks like.

Kindergarten Information Night 2021:

Date: March 24th

Time: 4:30PM

Location: Join the information session **please email siobhan.sanderson@eips.ca**

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible Elk Island Public Schools has also put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

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A big THANK YOU to all EIPS families

National Volunteer Week takes place April 18-24. Most years, we celebrate the week in schools by thanking the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who offer their knowledge and time to help enhance learning within the Division. This year is a little different because of COVID-19. While different, schools are thanking their families in new and creative ways.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every one of our EIPS school families for your support over the last 12 months. Collectively, we've created a relationship that allows us to rally behind one clear vision: To provide exceptional education for all students. As we navigate the pandemic, it's critical we continue to work together to support student learning. Through this, we'll inspire learners and ensure they gain the skills they need to transition to the next grade or the world of work.

So, again, thank-you for your time, for your efforts, for your kindness and for your understanding as we work together to ensure all students succeed.

Trina Boymook

Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees

Thin Ice!

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take the proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice. For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](http://www.redcross.ca).

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—the greyness indicates the presence of water.

Village of Andrew

Public Library

The Village of Andrew Public Library is happy to announce that we are open once again to the public. Our hours of operation are:

Mondays from 1pm to 5 pm and Wednesdays from 2 pm to 7 pm.

We have many new additions to our library. Some are new purchases that the library made and some are generous donations made by many people. Thank you everyone for your kind donations of gently used books.

ADULT FICTION:

A Perfect Amish Romance by Shelley Shepard Gray; A Crooked Tree by Una Mannion; Intervention by Terri Blackstock; A Fatal Lie: An Inspector Ian Rutledge Mystery by Charles Todd; Possession by Katie Lowe; The Power Couple by Alex Berenson; The Shadow Box by Luanne Rice; Annie and the Wolves by Andromeda Romana Lax; The Vineyard at Painted Moon by Susan Mallory; The Night Fire by Michael Connelly; A Pretty Deceit by Anna Lee Huber; A Reasonable Doubt by Philip Margolin; Hindsight by Iris Johansen; Robert B. Parker's Angel by Ace Atkins; The Affair by Danielle Steele; Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner; Steadfast the Heart by Tracie Peterson; Refining Fire by Tracie Peterson; When Mercy Rains by Kim Vogel Sawyer; Where Courage Calls by Janette Oake; Where Trust Lies by Janette Oake; Atlas Girl by Emily T. Wierenga; Making it Home by Emily T. Wierenga; Deja Vu by Fern Michaels; Golden Prey by John Sanford; Bone Box by Faye Kellerman; Friendly Fire by John Gildtrap; Yesterday by Fern Michaels; A Day Away by Nora Roberts; The Girl in The Mirror by Sarah Gristwood; Missing, Presumed: A Novel by Susie Steiner; The Night Tiger by Yangsze Choo; The Theory of Death by Faye Kellerman; The Doll

House by Phoebe Morgan; As Close As Sisters by Colleen Faulkner; Camino Island by John Grisham; Parting Shot by Linwood Barclay; The Stranger in the House by Sophie Draper; The Wedding Party by Jasmine Guillory; Just Between Us by Rebecca Drake; The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware; Shattered by Dick Francis; Walking Shadows by Faye Kellerman; Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand; Welcome to the Pine Away Motel and Cabins by Katarina Bivald; Nick of Time by John Gilstrip; The Naked Eye by Iris Johansen; The Children's Train: A Novel by Viola Ardone; the Children's Blizzard: A Novel by Melanie Benjamin; Twenty: A Jack Swyteck Novel by James Grippando; and Our Darkest Night: A Novel of Italy & the Second World War by Jennifer Robson.

NON FICTION

American Daughter: A Memoir by Stephanie Thornton Plymale and Elissa Wald; Two Truths & A Lie by Ellen McGarrah; The Babysitter: My Summers by Sonia Faleiro; Eat Smarter: Use the Power of Food to Reboot Your Metabolism, Upgrade Your Brain, and Transform Your Life by Shawn Stevenson; Leading Progress: The Professional Institute of Public Service of Canada; Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda by Romeo Dallaire; Us Conductors by Sean Michaels; Leading Progress: The Professional Institute of Public Service of Canada by Dr. Jason Russell; and The Heroic Memory: The Memorial Addresses to the Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill by Churchill Statue and Oxford Scholarship Foundation.

Stop by and have a look at all the new books. If there is something that you'd like and we do not have, just ask and we can put it on our next order.

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What's new at Andrew School