

April 26th, 2021

Principal's Message,

Welcome to spring. We are nearing the final stretch of the 2020-21 school year. Our students are busy learning and I am happy that we have been fortunate enough to remain in class for the most part this year. We had our first positive Covid case in our school in April. However, we were fortunate to have not seen any spread within the classroom. This is a testament to our protocols and the cooperation of parents and students throughout the year. Thank you to everyone for working with us during these unprecedented times.

The promotional work of the Andrew committee has wrapped up for the first phase. We are so pleased with the work they did and videos they produced and can't thank them enough. We are excited to see a large kindergarten class next year coming to Andrew School and our preschool is bursting at the seams. Things are looking good for the sustainability of a strong K-6 program in Andrew.

At the end of May we will begin screening our students on three separate reading tests. This will measure the growth we have made using our "Science of Reading" emphasis in programming that we began in January. It is so important that we get all of our students reading well by Grade 3. Parents can help by encouraging their child to read at home, reading books to them, and accessing a wide range of books to build their vocabulary. Modelling reading as a parent is an excellent way to both show your child that you enjoy reading, as well as provide an opportunity for rich discussions about books.

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.

May 14th- Jersey day (Wear your favourite jersey, bonus for NHL playoff teams)

May 28th- Disguise day (Wear a disguise)

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Spring Photo Day 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
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June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm	3	4 Kindergarten Friday	5
6	7	8 Transition Interviews 3:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Kindergarten Friday	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Last Day for Students	26
27	28 Last Day of Operation	29	30			

Upcoming events and important dates:

- **May 1- 8** Ruth's Greenhouse Order Pick Up
- **May 3-7:** [Education Week](#)
- **May 3-9:** [Mental Health Week](#)
- **May 5:** Early dismissal
- **May 5:** Hats On! for Mental Health Day
- **May 7:** Professional learning day (all schools closed to students)
- **May 21:** School closure day (all schools closed)
- **May 24:** Victoria Day (all schools closed)

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 3

Join us on May 3 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of **Andrew School** *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

Education Week 2021: May 3-7

Education Week takes place May 3-7. Throughout the week, students and staff from **Andrew School** are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincially with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week continues to be Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more.

EIPS Launches new Blog: *tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!*

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#) The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division.

During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [tawâw](#), [miyoonakishkatoohk](#), [welcome!](#) Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 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. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment 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](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

Minutes

Andrew School Council – Regular Meeting

March 9th, 2021

In attendance - Janell Yaremie, Greg Cruickshank, Kelly Doyle, Stan Zabrisk, Jodie Calfat, Anna-Lee Laderoute, Chris Lupul, Julie Karaoghlanian

1. Call to order 7:35 Greg
2. Janell made a motion to accept the agenda as read. Kelly 2nd. AIF. Passed
3. Minutes of the previous meeting - read by Kelly and Greg - Kelly made a motion to approve as read. Janell 2nd. AIF. Passed.
4. Financial report of Andrew Parent Council & Foundation
 - Update on Book review (Society Status)
 - Merging accounts - Janell made a motion to merge the Andrew School account into the Foundation account. Anna-Lee 2nd. AIF
 - past 5 years of taxes sent on Jan 20, 2021.
 - See Treasurer report attached. Anna-lee made a motion to approve the Mar 9 financial report. Janell 2nd. AIF. Passed
5. Old Business
 - a. Valentine's Day - went well. Cold weather challenges that week. Students received their PAC gifts and enjoyed them.
 - b. Pink Shirt Day - All kids wore their shirts that were donated by the PAC. Thanks to Marie and the staff for sorting and handing out the shirts to all the students.
6. New Business
 - Easter - We usually do paska making with the students. No visitor policy this year. Should we do individual dough and Mini metal pans and instructions to send home with students. PAC is proposing that we create a take home kit for students to take home. Janell makes a motion to spend up to \$350.00 on the paska making kits for 80 kids. The dough will come from smoky lake bakery and the pans from the dollar store. Anna-lee 2nd. AIF. Passed

-Spring Flower Fundraiser- Ruth's Greenhouse - located between Andrew and Smoky lake. Families will pick up from May 1st - mothers day. Purchasers will pick up from the greenhouse. Parent council will get \$10 for every \$45 and \$7.50 from every \$35. Vegetables will profit \$5 per item. Orders are due by the end of March. Everyone thought it was a good idea. We will go forward with this fundraiser.

7. Principal's report

- a. Andrew School Committee Videos - we are on about video number 45. Thanks for all the hard work putting these together. The videos have been very well received. Still a few more videos coming out. Committee wants to do some more promoting in the future.
- b. Science of Reading - Uses 5 pillars of literacy. Trying to improve K,1,2 kids reading abilities. Working with the UofA and part of a pilot project with EIPS. This approach teaches more of a phonics approach.
- c. Leveraging Student Achievement - Project proposal to have a EA come to the school and teach the students the Science of Reading. She is a student teacher nearly complete with her schooling. She is an excellent addition to the team.
- d. Returning student registration / boundary exemption - no new entries despite all the promoting. At least 9 students registered for kindergarten for next year. Next year current enrollment will be about 55-60 kids for next year.
- e. CSL March 19th (Report Cards) and interviews March 25th - date shifted to align all the in school and online learners.
- f. Saffron presentations - a group that promotes personal health. Internet safety and friendship and relationship skills.
- g. Questions - Comments - Stan mentioned that while we didn't necessarily see new registrants we are playing the long game with promoting Andrew and Andrew School. Next with promotion and marketing will be showcasing history and future potential. The committee would like to look at how the foundation and committee are functioning. Chris expressed concerns and questions regarding the school committee joining the Parent council. Janell suggested a meeting with everyone involved before the next scheduled School Council meeting. Date to be discussed between members.

8. Trustee report - unavailable at this time.

9. Next meeting date - April 27 at 7 pm

1. Adjournment - Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44. Janell 2nd

Village of Andrew Public Library

The Village of Andrew Public Library is very happy to announce that we are going to be doing CURBSIDE pickup/dropoff... Starting Monday, April 26, 2021, the Village of Andrew Public Library will be operating from 1 to 5 pm for pickup and drop off only. We have placed a blue tote box in the Village Office for anyone needing to drop off their books. The blue tote will be moved in front of the Library doors every Monday between the hours of 1 and 5 pm. For PICKUPS, you can knock on library door and pick up the books, otherwise, they will be left at the Village Office. This is just until COVID restrictions are lifted and we can reopen and have our patrons back in the library.

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

ADULT FICTION:

Everything After by Jill Santopolo; Terminal Freeze by Lincoln Child; Eternal: A Novel by Lisa Scottoline; Every Vow You Break: A Novel by Peter Swanson; The Little French Bridal Shop: A Novel by Jennifer Dupee; War Hawk by James Rollins; Last Summer by Holly Chamberlin; The Director's Cut: A Novel by Janice Thompson; The Daughter by Jane Shemilt; Saving Faith by David Baldacci; You Don't Want to Know by Lisa Jackson; The

Paying Guests by Sarah Waters; and The Return by Nicholas Sparks.

EASY FICTION:

101 Dalmations by Justine Korman

NON FICTION:

Smokejumper: A Memoir by One of America's Airborne Firefighters by Jason A. Ramos; This is Happy: A Memoir by Camilla Gibb; Haunted Canada: 6 More Terrifying True Stories by Joel A. Sutherland; The Lost Whale: the True Story of an Orca Named Luna by Michael Parfit; The Good Girls; An Ordinary Killing by Sonia Faleiro; The Panic Years: Dates, Doubts, and The Mother of All Decisions by Nell Frizell; After: A Doctor Explores What Near-Death Experiences Reveal About Live and Beyond by Bruce Greyson, M.D.; and Crossroads; My Story of Tragedy and Resilience as a Humboldt Bronco by Kaleb Dahlgren.