

May 27th, 2021

Principal's Message,

The school year is coming close to an end and for the most part we at Andrew School have come through the Covid 19 school year relatively unscathed. I am proud of all of our students and staff for not letting Covid-19 get in the way of learning. I am looking forward to a return to a new normal next year with a more social breakfast program, a return of our lunch program, the canteen, field trips, archery, athletics, and parents feeling welcome again in the building.

We are excited to share our results of our Science of Reading project with parents and students in June. Ms. Kloster will be working on screening our students again in June using three different reading tests. Our staff and students have worked hard on building reading skills this year and we truly believe we can prevent reading difficulty in the later grades if we target our students in the earlier years who have reading difficulties.

I am excited to announce that Mrs. Horon, Ms. Shulko, and Ms. Patmore will be returning next year. We bid farewell to Mrs. Jarema and welcome Ms. Rutteman to our kindergarten classroom.

Our new principal next year will be Ms. M Kerr. She comes to us from Lakeland Ridge in Sherwood Park, where she is currently the assistant principal. Ms. Kerr was born Miss Blashko and she has many years of experience enjoying the Andrew lifestyle on the family farm south of town. Ms. Kerr also has many years of experience as an administrator. She will serve the school and community well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and assistance over the past eight years. I have truly enjoyed my time in Andrew and am excited to see the class I started with in Grade 5/6 is now graduating this year. Congratulations to the class of 2021 which includes Lincoln, Jewels, Kaitlin, Kyle, Abi, and Jared.

Greg Cruickshank, M.Ed.

Principal- Andrew School

Fun Fridays

This year we have tried to make school a bit more fun by having theme days each Friday. For the month of June we are going to go freestyle on Fridays and let the students choose which fun theme they want to repeat. So, talk to your friends and classmates and dress however you want on our June Fridays.

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:

- **June 2:** Early dismissal
- **June 3:** [Mental Wellness Day for Schools](#)
- **June 21:** [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- **June 25:** Last day of classes
- **June 28:** Last school operational day (schools closed to students)
- **August 25:** EIPS schools reopen (schools closed to students)
- **September 1:** Classes resume

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year **after you've moved**.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school 780-365-3501

2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

2020-21 Parent Survey results: **Andrew School** <https://www.andrewschool.ca/home/news/post/andrew-school-parent-survey>

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Andrew School is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 8:00. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on September 1.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed July 1 Canada Day

Closed August 2 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2021-22 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 18	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 23	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.

Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

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Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at: eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration

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. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration 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.

Tools for School

Andrew School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back-to-school.

Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Marie at 780-365-3501 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

Village of Andrew Public Library

The month of May has been a very busy month in the Public Library; therefore, the Library Board has decided to extend our curbside pickup/drop off that was on Mondays from 1 to 5 PM TO 1 to 7 PM to accommodate patrons who cannot make it during daytime hours. Hopefully this will work for everyone.

We have added many new and used books to the library shelves and are currently wondering if there is any interest in the library purchasing Audio books. If so, let us know and we can see what we can order for our library.

ADULT FICTION:

The Power that Preserves by Stephen R. Donaldson; The Illearth War by Stephen R. Donaldson; Lord Foul's Bane by Stephen R. Donaldson; Dust and Desire by Conrad Williams; Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens; Don Quixote the Ingenious Hidalgo by Cervantes; Into the Water: A Novel by Paula Hawkins; The Last Neanderthal by Claire Cameron; The Color of Magic by Terry Pratchet; The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger; Highland Bride by Hannah Howell; High Stakes by Fern Michaels; 9 Dragons by Michael Connelly; The Titanic Secret by Jack Steel; Year One by Nora Roberts; Golden Lion by Wilbur Smith; The Fionavar Tapestry by Guy Gavriel Kay; K" is for Killer by Sue Grafton; No Middle Name by Lee Childs; Eyes Open Wide: A Novel by Andrew Gross; Crazy for You by Jennifer Cruise; Name Dropping by Jane Helle; Mercy by Michael Palmer; Magic by Danielle Steel; Watch Me by A.J. Holt; Property of a Noblewoman by Danielle Steel; Coast Road by Barbara Delinsky; Marry Me At Christmas by Susan Mallery; Final Target by John Gilstrap; The Klone and I by Danielle Steel; A Good Woman by Danielle Steel; The Lady and the Rivers by Phillipa Gregory; Summer's End by Danielle Steel; Bittersweet by Danielle Steel; Heartbeat by Danielle Steel; The Au Pair by Emma Rous; The Promise by Danielle Steel; A Perfect Stranger by Danielle Steel; Toxic Bachelors by Danielle Steel; Big Girl: A Novel by Danielle Steel; 15th Affair by James Patterson; The Gunslinger by Stephen King; Insidious by Catherine Coulter; Echoes in Death by J.D. Robb; No Easy Target by Iris Johansen; Pegasus: A Novel by Danielle Steel; My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante; The Story of a New Name by Elena Ferrante; Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay by Elena Ferrante; The Story of the Lost Child by Elena Ferrante; Bitterroot Lake: A Novel by Alicia Beckman; Hush: A Harriet Blue Thriller by James Patterson; The Perfect Daughter: A Novel by D.J. Palmer; What Comes After: A Novel by JoAnne Tompkins and Distrust by Lisa Jackson.

JUVENILE FICTION:

Warriors into the Wild by Erin Hunter; The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss; A Journey to the Centre of the Earth by Jules Verne; Maggie Malone and the Mostly Magical Boots by Jenna McCarthy; Luv Ya Bunches by Lauren Myrade; Violet in Bloom by Lauren Myrade; 13 Gifts by Wendy Mass; The Only Girl in School by Natalie Standiford; Whatever After: Sink or Swim by

Sarah Mlynowski; Bad Kitty: Happy Birthday Kitty by Nick Bruel; If I Just had Two Wings by Virginia Frances Schwartz; and Fablehaven by Brandon Mull.

JUVENILE GRAPHIC:

Ghostopolis by Doug Tennapel

YOUNG ADULT FICTION:

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and Other Stories by R.L. Stevenson; Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer; High Tide by Veronica Henry; The Chosen by Chaim Potok; The Fault in Our Stars by John Green; Full Blaze by M.L. Buchman; and The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney.

EASY FICTION:

Christmas Trolls by Jan Brett; Town Mouse, Country Mouse by Jan Brett; Wish Upon A Star by Andrea Posnar-Sanchez; Finding Drago by Tracey West; I Wish I Could Be Like Tommy Blake by David A. Poulsen; Curious George at the Fire Station by Margaret Rey; Goodnight, Mr. Duckling by Nancy Tafuri; Caring Classmates by Sierra Harimann; We're Different, We're the Same by Bobbi Jane Kates; Tiggers Hate to Lose by Cassandra Case; Tiggers Moving Day by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld; Pooh's Neighborhood by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld; Tigger Takes Over by Agnes Sumner; Sweet Dreams, Pooh by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld; Pooh Visits the Doctor by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld; Safe in the Woods with Pooh by Barbara Gaines Winkelman; Pooh's Scrapbook by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld; Pooh's Honey Hunt by Lindsay Morgan; Owl's Trip South by Barbara Gaines Winkelman; Pooh Helps Out by Kathleen W. Zoehfeld; Gophers Day Out by Cassandra Cates; and Fright Club by Ethan Long.

NONFICTION:

You'll Grow Out of It by Jessi Klein; Minecraft Combat Handbook by Stephanie Milton; Canada Puzzles for Kids by Jesse Ross; Bossypants by Tina Fey; The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son on Life, Love & Loss by Anderson Cooper & Gloria Vanderbilt; Project Dinosaur by Steve Parker; The Legends of King Arthur and his Knights by Sir James Knowles; and Get Smarter: Life and Business Lessons by Seymour Schulich.

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