

October 1, 2021

Principal's Message,



It's amazing how fast the month has gone by and that we are already into October. Andrew students have had a great start to the school year. It has been easy to get into the routines of school life once again with the support of our fantastic staff.

We were disappointed in not being able to meet the parents of our school community at our Meet the Staff evening, but we hope you enjoyed our virtual presentation to learn a little more about us.

It has been a busy end of month for our staff and students as we hosted our Terry Fox Run this past Monday. Students raised an outstanding \$1707.55 for the Terry Fox Foundation. I am so proud of our caring school community. Thank you to all those that donated, we are keeping Terry's legacy alive!

Students have also spent the month learning more about the legacy of residential schools, leading up to Orange Shirt Day and why we recognized National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. Our FNMI Lead Teacher, Ms. Shulko, planned a wide range of activities for our students to learn more about our role in reconciliation. Creating a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation fulfills Call to Action #80 that states, "honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process." We will continue this important work throughout the year. We will be adding a Land Acknowledgement each Monday morning on our announcements, as a way to recognize and honour the land we are on. Teachers and students will continue the important work of Truth and Reconciliation throughout the school year.

Andrew School Council had its AGM this past week in which a new School Council executive was voted in. I encourage all families to attend our meetings that are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month. 'It takes a village' to ensure Andrew School is successful. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 21, 2021. All families are welcome to attend our virtual meetings.

Melissa Kerr
Principal - Andrew School

New Staff

I would like to welcome the following new staff members to Andrew School:

- Mrs. Tricia James - Librarian Technician
 - Mrs. Maggie Morrison - Educational Assistant
 - Mrs. Justine Sexton - Educational Assistant
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Bell Schedule

- [Andrew School Bell Schedule 2021-22](#)

Division Calendar 2021-22

- [EIPS Division Calendar](#)
 - [EIPS Kindergarten Calendar](#)
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Upcoming Dates

- October 4 - School Photos
- October 4-8: Read In Week
- October 5: [World Teachers' Day](#)
- October 6: Early Dismissal
- October 10: [World Mental Health Day](#)
- October 11: Thanksgiving Day (schools and Central Services closed to staff and students)
- October 18: Election Day
- October 18: Professional Learning Day (schools closed to students)
- November 3: Early dismissal

Upcoming Events

Municipal Election 2021: Vote October 18

The next municipal election, which includes the election of local school board trustees, takes place on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021. It's your opportunity to get involved in public education by casting your vote for a public school trustee. EIPS Trustee Election information EIPS Trustee Candidate List

Electors can cast their votes for municipal candidates—mayors, reeves, councillors, as applicable—and school board trustee candidates—public or separate. Voting stations are typically open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each municipality conducts the election for its residents and establishes formal voting station hours and procedures.

To learn more about election day procedures in your area, including opportunities for advance voting and voting by special ballot, visit: County of Minburn Fort Saskatchewan Lamont County Strathcona County Town of Bruderheim Town of Lamont Town of Mundare Town of Vegreville Village of Andrew Village of Chipman

- [Candidate Information](#)

Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, “Communication Protocol for Schools.” Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. The guide also offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, email communication and various social media efforts.

- [Communication Protocol for Schools](#)

Read In Week 2021 taking place October 4-8

Read In Week returns on October 4. This year's theme: “To Each Their Own Story.” Through various activities, students will spend the week learning ways to tell their own stories and how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy.

Read In Week is a division-wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, families and community members. Andrew School invites all families to participate in Read In Week by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

Read In Week 2021

Read In Week is being celebrated in all EIPS schools October 4 to 8. The theme of this year's event is: To each their own story. We each have our own story—our own favourite stories to read and our own stories to tell. More information and additional resources are available on the [official Read In website](#).

Fun Fridays

For the 2021-22 school year, Andrew School will be bringing back themed Fridays starting October 1st. Student participation is voluntary but encouraged. Below is a specific list of days and optional participation items that your child may bring to school on themed days. Bus riders may only bring items that fit inside their backpacks.

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Theme Day and Description</i></u>
October 1, 2021	Sunglasses Day - Wear your coolest and brightest shades
October 8, 2021	Book Character Day - Dress up as a character from your favourite book
October 15, 2021	School Spirit Day- Wear burgundy and/or grey or any wildcat wear
October 22, 2021	Denim Day - Try to wear denim from head to toe
October 29, 2021	Halloween

COVID-19 Updates

The Alberta Government has updated the [daily health checklist](#). Please review the new checklist and print a copy for yourself to keep at home.

The main change relates to household contacts of COVID-19 cases. If you are **not fully immunized** and are a household contact of a COVID-19 case, you *should* stay home for 14 days from the last day of exposure and monitor for symptoms.

A household contact is a person who lives in the same residence as the case OR who has been in frequent, long-duration, close-range interaction with a case of COVID-19. For example, someone who is a caregiver or an intimate or sexual partner of a COVID-19 case. For children, it also includes siblings, someone who slept over, or someone who provided direct physical care to the child.

If you have fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat or loss of sense of taste or smell you are required to isolate for 10 days as per the current CMOH Order OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to work or activities.

A reminder that:

- **Masks are mandatory for all staff and students in kindergarten through Grade 12.**
- **Any and all visitors to EIPS schools and buildings must adhere to EIPS' mandatory masking requirement.**

Please carefully read the [EIPS Operations Guidelines 2021-22](#) and [EIPS Operations Frequently Asked Questions](#) documents that were sent out to families.

Use this [helpful chart](#) to see when your child should stay home.



STAY AT HOME GUIDE: When do I keep my child home?

Use this guide to determine when to keep your child home from school and when it's safe to return

Complete the COVID-19 [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) with your child every day. The checklist helps determine if it's safe to send your child to school. If your child answers "Yes" to any of the checklist questions, DO NOT send your child to school. Stay home and see the instructions below. If the answer is "No" to all the questions, your child can attend school. Always follow the advice of Alberta Health Services.

MY CHILD IS SICK WITH:

Core COVID-19 Symptoms

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath
- loss of smell or taste

Secondary COVID-19 Symptoms:

- chills
- sore throat
- painful swallowing
- runny nose
- congestion
- headache
- muscle or joint aches
- feeling unwell, fatigue
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- loss of appetite
- pink-eye

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

1. Complete the online COVID-19 [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#).
2. Isolate your child for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer—a legal requirement.
3. Testing for COVID-19 is recommended. Book an appointment through the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#).
4. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is asked to contact to school.

1. If the child has ONE symptom stay home and monitor symptom for 24 hours. Only return to school if symptom improves after 24 hours.
2. If the child has TWO or more symptoms, or if the one symptom doesn't improve or worsens, stay home and complete the online [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#). Do not send your child to school until symptoms resolve.
3. Testing for COVID-19 is recommended. Book an appointment through the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#).
4. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is asked to contact to school.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

- After the 10-day isolation is complete, and symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. OR
- After receiving a negative COVID-19 test result—and your child has no known exposure to the virus—and symptoms resolve.

- After symptoms resolve, more than 24 hours passed since the onset, and your child is feeling better.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS BECAUSE OF A PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION?

If your child has core or secondary COVID-19 symptoms because of a known pre-existing medical condition, such as allergies, they must stay home if there is no record of the condition. Follow the above directions for either primary or secondary COVID-19 symptoms. Alternatively, provide the school with medical documentation of the pre-existing condition and return your child to school.

NOTE: The Stay at Home Guide is based on the province's guidelines for [student illness](#) and is subject to change as additional information about COVID-19 becomes available.

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Village of Andrew Public Library October News

Welcome back to another year of fun reading! The Public Library has been very busy over the past couple of months, not only ordering new books and DVD's, but also receiving many donated books and DVD's ready for our patrons. As you will see, we have received many donations which have been added to our collection. Thank you once again to anyone who has donated any books or DVDs to our Public Library. It is greatly appreciated!

If there are any books or DVD's that you would like to see added to our library, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

Just a reminder that it is time to renew your library memberships.

- Adult membership is \$ 5.00
- Family membership is \$ 10.00

For a complete list of books and DVDs, [please click the link](#).

FCSS Lamont County Region - Community Awareness

Community Awareness events promote support communities which ensure residents are connected. FCSS identifies the first step to connect people to ensure there are ongoing opportunities to explore what's available in Lamont County. Each Fall FCSS organizes these special nights to encourage local groups and organizations to come together to promote and advertise services and support available. The events are free of charge for attendees and are great places to bring the family to explore and receive information about all Lamont County has to offer. Events are hosted annually in the Town of Lamont, Town of Bruderheim, Town of Mundare and the Village of Andrew.

[Click on the link](#) to see all the community news from Lamont County.