

April 4, 2022

*Principal's Message,*



We are officially in spring, and the melt is in full force. I hope that our families had a restful spring break and are ready to conquer the last 3 months of school. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by so far.

We have had a busy March with different activities: Kindergarten to grade 6 students completed swimming lessons; Grade 5/6 spent 4 days at the University of Alberta participating in USchool; Term 2 report cards were published on PowerSchool; and parents, students, and teachers completed different surveys to share their thoughts on how Andrew School is doing.

I look forward to seeing more of our school community as COVID-19 restrictions have changed and we are able to begin having gatherings. Our first in-person opportunity will be our next School Council Meeting (details below), as well as planning a Mother's Day event in May. As a new principal to the school, I look forward to these upcoming events without restrictions!

I would like to invite all parents and guardians to attend our in-person Andrew School Council meeting on Thursday, April 28, from 1-2pm. This will be our first in-person meeting of the year, but we will also send out a link for those that cannot make it into the school. This is a great forum to discuss school-related issues and topics and learn how you support our school community.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and guardians that we do our best to provide all relevant information about school-related topics on our [website](#). From school closure days to different weekly activities, this is your best opportunity to know what's happening at the school. Take time on Sunday's to check in on what's happening the week ahead.

Melissa Kerr

## Bell Schedule

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

## Division Calendar 2021-22

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

## Division Calendar 2022-23

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## Upcoming events and important dates:

- April 6: Early Dismissal
- April 7: [World Health Day](#)
- April 7: Theme Day - Decades Day
- April 8: Dress up it blue for Autism Awareness Month
- April 13: School Council sponsored Easter Egg Hunt
- April 15: Good Friday - School Closed
- April 18: Easter Monday - School Closed
- April 22: [Earth Day](#) and school yard clean up
- April 22: Theme Day - Hat Day
- April 22: Ukraine Hot Dog Fundraiser (look for info sheet that will be sent home next week)
- April 24-30: [National Volunteer Week](#)
- April 29: Theme Day - Travel Day

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## Spread the Word: EIPS is Hiring Substitute Educational Assistants

Do you know someone who's great at working with children and youth and eager to support student learning? Someone who's looking for a flexible schedule and variety in their day-to-day tasks? Spread the word! Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is hiring substitute educational assistants (EA) to work on a casual, on-call basis supporting all school locations.

EAs are integral to the school team, assisting teachers with instructional and non-instructional tasks in the classroom and other school activities. Whether it's working one-on-one with individual students or with a small group of students in a class or special program, EAs provide support and assistance to help students achieve success. Substitute EAs are critical to ensuring the continuity of student learning each and every day.

Substitute EAs are needed to fill positions until the end of the school year. If you know someone who'd be great in this role, encourage them to [apply today](#).

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### Watch for 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. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice. For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

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—greyness indicates the presence of water.

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### Junior High Information Nights: Running April and May

Junior high schools across EIPS are hosting information nights for all Grade 6 students and their families—taking place in April and May. Make sure to attend to learn everything you need to know about the junior high programs at your child's school. Those who attend will also have a chance to:

- meet the teachers;
- tour the school and classrooms;
- learn about the upcoming curriculum; and
- ask questions.

For specific dates and times, see: [EIPS Junior High Information Sessions 2022](#)

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### A Big THANK YOU to EIPS Volunteers

National Volunteer Week takes place April 24-30. On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all EIPS volunteers and school families for your support over the last 24 months. Collectively, we've had to react, shift, and adapt throughout the various COVID-19 waves and changing public-health restrictions. Despite that, EIPS volunteers showed tremendous flexibility, commitment, and creativity to ensure schools continue providing exceptional education and opportunities for all students.

So, thank you for your time, efforts, and support. It's inspiring and making a difference in the lives of students. I encourage everyone to join in this year's National Volunteer Week by celebrating the hundreds of volunteers within EIPS and reflecting on the role of volunteers in our future.

Trina Boymook - Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees