

June 1, 2022

Principal's Message,



It is with excitement and sadness that I write the last monthly newsletter for Andrew School. As I reflect back on this school year, I am proud of the amazing work that staff and students have demonstrated. Our students should also be proud of their work in literacy and numeracy, as well as the wonderful school community they continued to nurture this year. Our staff worked diligently to ensure their students had engaging, evidence-based instructional lessons and activities. I will miss this small but vibrant school

community!

Although I am sad to be leaving, I am delighted to introduce the new principal of Andrew School, Mrs. Kelly Sawatzky. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our amazing school. Mrs. Sawatzky has worked within the Division at Mundare School and most recently at Vegreville Composite High School. Prior to working with the Division, she spent many years as a Family School Liaison worker and she is just about to complete her Master of Counselling degree.

As June is the month of farewells, I would like to thank our amazing counsellor Mrs. Erin Bartz for her time this year at Andrew School. She has made a huge impact on our students' lives, focusing her time on teaching social-emotional skills to our students.

Finally, I would like to recognize the fantastic contributions that our Andrew School Council and Andrew Society have made throughout this school year. This small group of parents made many large contributions to the school. Fundraising for our swimming lessons, other field trips, purchasing of new physical education equipment, Chromebooks, resources for numeracy, as well as supporting our school-wide events like Mother's and Father's Day. Because of their immense support all Andrew School students benefit! Thank you to each member of our executive: Stacie Doyle, Kristina Vanderwal, Candice Yarosh, and Kylie Rude.

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:

- June 1: Early dismissal
- June 3: Theme Day - School Spirit
- June 10: Theme Day: Time Travel Day
- June 10: K-6 field trip - Jurassic Forest
- June 17: Theme day: Rainbow Day
- June 17: Father's Day BBQ from 11:45-1:00pm
- June 20: Grade 6 Math PAT Part B Exam
- June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 22: Grade 6 Science Pat Exam
- June 23: Grade 6 Social Studies PAT Exam
- June 24: Grade 6 ELA PAT Part B Exam
- June 24: Theme day: Inside out day
- June 28: Last day for Students
- June 28: Reports Published on PowerSchool
- June 29: Last Operational Day for Staff

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division 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 their information on file for each

student—including 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 in case 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 June 13 at noon. After this time, EIPS will turn the form off for the remainder of the school year—available again at the start of the 2022-23 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 the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), contact the school at 780-365-3501.

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 2022-23 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location Date* Time*

- EIPS Central Services August 16 5 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 16 6:30 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 17 5 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 17 6:30 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 19 5 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 19 6:30 p.m.
- EIPS Central Services August 20 10 a.m.
- SouthPointe School August 18 5 p.m.
- SouthPointe School August 18 6:30 p.m.

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

** SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.

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

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

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:

eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

REMINDER: 2021-22 School Fees

School fees for the 2021-22 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child's account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23](#): School Fees and [Administrative Procedure 505](#): School and Administrative Fees, EIPS will forward any unpaid 2021-22 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022.

Student Transportation: 2022-23 Registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 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 or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the 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.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Andrew School is closed. It reopens on August 22 at 9:00am. 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 2022-23 school year. Students return to school on August 30.

- EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 29 to August 19
- Open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Phone 780-464-3477
- Address 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

- Closed July 1 Canada Day
- Closed August 1 Heritage Day

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

Counsellor's Corner

Free Counselling Support for Rural Albertans

City University in Edmonton (<http://www.cityuclinic.ca/>) is offering **FREE** virtual counselling sessions remotely to new clients across Alberta using secure video conferencing (telepsychology). Use the following hyperlink to access more information and request an appointment: [City U Edmonton Counselling Clinic](#)



Togetherall (<https://togetherall.com>) is an alternative to attending counselling sessions is a safe, inclusive, online community, where people support each other anonymously to improve mental health and wellbeing. Watch a 60 second video to get an understanding of how [Togetherall](#) can help you or someone you love. Working with AHS, Rural Mental Health Network, Healthy Campus Alberta, and CMHA Alberta.

Check out this awesome [Family Summer Gratitude Calendar](#) to work through during the summer break.

Kalyna FRN June Programs



STAY, PLAY & LEARN

Small group play sessions that focus on
child development & caregiver capacity.
For families of children, ages 0-6.

We will talk parenting challenges and successes while the children spend
time at play. 30 minutes will also focus on parent-child connection.
Play locations is at Andrew School FRN Classroom.

Please register each family individually and at least ONE week in advance.
Max 5 families. Please register only if you will attend.

To register: <https://signup.com/go/ZokVWhV> or scan QR

Please do not attend if you or
your child(ren) are feeling ill.
Please notify Erin ASAP if you are
unable to attend.

Andrew: June 2 & 16
10:00am - 11:30am

For more information: erin.t@lamontcounty.ca