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What's new at Andrew School



Principal's Message:

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year. I trust everyone had a wonderful break full of good food and good company. December was full of wonderful events notably the extremely well received Christmas Concert. There are too many thanks to acknowledge everyone, but special thanks go out to all the students involved Mrs. Jarema, Mrs. Christensen, Ms. Vincent and the rest of the staff. Thanks also to Parent Council who ran the annual Christmas Store. The students get very excited to buy reasonably priced presents for their loved ones. As we move into January I would like all students with the support of their parents and guardians to shift their thinking back to academics, particularly Jr. High and Sr. High students who have exams coming at the end of the month. Lastly I would like to invite all parents and guardians to take the parent survey on page 2.

Upcoming Exams

Exams are coming up very quickly! Just a reminder that Semester 1 Sr. High classes are done on January 20th and all Jr. High students will continue right through with regular classes until the 30th of January. Semester 2 will begin January 31st. Our exam schedule is included at the end of this newsletter.



Important Dates for Basketball:

- EIPS tournament is Jan 12/13/14 at various schools including Lamont and Sherwood Park.
- Wildcat invitational is scheduled for Feb 19/20.

Have your say: Take the EIPS Parent Survey

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is inviting all of our parents and guardians to complete a survey about your experiences with Andrew School and the Division.

Annually, EIPS conducts a Parent Survey, which acts as a supplement to Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar survey for families with children in grades 4, 7 and 10. The EIPS Parent Survey is a chance for all EIPS families to share their thoughts on the overall performance of the Division and their school, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.



The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015–2018 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve our students and the wider community.

We encourage all of our families to complete the survey, which only takes a few minutes. Also, if you wish to share the experience of more than one of your children, you can respond to the survey more than once. The survey is open until Jan. 30, 2017.

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

Kindergarten Registration Starts January 16!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's now time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding **Andrew School's** Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.andrewschool.ca

Archery Club

Archery season is in full swing. This year we have about 15 students participating with coaches Mrs. Jarema, and Mr. Cruickshank. This year we practice on Monday and Thursday and are currently working on getting comfortable from 15M and adjusting our form to have a consistent grouping. In March we will be attending Nationals at the Edmonton Boat and Sportsman Show. We also plan on hosting a school competition here at least once and travelling to

other schools to compete. There is always room for newcomers in Grades 4 to 12 who would like to be part of our team. See Mr. Cruickshank if you would like to join.

EIPS 2017–2018 Division Calendar: Now Available

The approved EIPS 2017–2018 school year calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2017–2018 school year including: school-closure dates; holidays; dates for the fall, winter, spring and summer breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal dates.

Highlights from the 2017–2018 Division calendar include:

- August 30 First day of classes
- November 13-17 Fall Break
- December 25 to January 5 Winter Break
- January 31 Second Semester begins
- February 8-9 Teachers' Convention
- March 26-30 Spring Break
- June 28 Last day of classes
- June 29 Schools close for the Summer

To view the 2016–2017 Division calendar and 2017–2018 Division calendar, visit www.eips.ca. You can also

sync the calendar to your own personal calendar for easy reference throughout the year.

Another way to stay connected: EIPS on Facebook

Did you know Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) recently launched a [Facebook](#) page? With 42 school and approximately 17,100 students spread across the Division, there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place every day. Using the combination of news articles, videos and photography, the EIPS [Facebook](#) page showcases the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Stay in the loop, follow us on [Facebook](#).

NOTE: The [Division Facebook account](#) is managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers and asks everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.



Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. All morning bus cancellations will be posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended...[when] Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

