



## May 2024 School Newsletter

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope that you are enjoying the extended daylight hours and the promise of more time outdoors. Students are certainly excited about the better weather and the opportunity to spend some free time with family and friends. With final assessments coming soon, we all still need to stay focused to demonstrate our very best work.

We have a school-wide trip to Elk Island National Park planned. It will be a day filled with a variety of literacy, numeracy, art, and first nations activities, just to name a few. Parent Council and the PTA Society will be hosting their annual free hot dog lunch on that day, as well. It is a great way to celebrate our learning in grade groups and bring parents together to strengthen our community school. We hope that you can volunteer in some manner to make this day a success. More information will be shared soon.

Next year, there will be a change in administration at Win Ferguson School. I am retiring after happily working in a variety of EIPS school settings for over 32 years. The new Principal at Win Ferguson School will be **Mrs. Keri Busenius**, who is currently Principal at A.L. Horton Elementary School. I know that you will extend a very warm welcome to her! I will be leaving at the end of the year with many happy memories of my time at Win Ferguson School. New adventures await me in the very near future, and I will miss my time here! Thank you so much for supporting me and my school team as we worked together to keep our community school a vibrant, friendly, and a positive learning environment for all students.

Have a great month, everyone!

William Korec, MEd  
Principal

### VOLUNTEERS

The staff and students at Win Ferguson School would like to acknowledge the hard work put forward by our parent and community volunteers this year. Thank you for juggling your busy schedules to assist us on field trips, special events, School Council and Society meetings. Thank you to everyone for caring about our community school and for volunteering. Last week, a small token of appreciation was sent home to our volunteers. We want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone that volunteered to make our school such a great place for kids. A successful school is the sum of its parts, and your dedication to learning and fun is important for everyone! As always, with appreciation.... **Win Ferguson Staff**



# SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, May 31st**

**The school will be going on a field trip to Elk Island Park!**  
**We will be looking for parent volunteers to help out on this day!**



## **ELK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK**

On **Friday May 31, 2024**, we are planning a school-wide field trip to Elk Island National Park! How exciting! The day will have many activities planned. More information will be provided in the very near future. We will need parent volunteers to help with grade groups during the day and with the hot dog lunch for our students and all adults present. Watch for the information package soon!

- Parent volunteers for making the hot dog lunch can register their interest via [winferguonpta@outlook.com](mailto:winferguonpta@outlook.com) or via their Facebook page
- Parent supervisors for the trip will come from the teachers on Permission Click (coming soon)

## GEARING UP FOR KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming kindergarten information night on **Thursday May 23, 2024**. Make sure to attend to tour the school; meet the teachers; gain insight on play-based learning; and see what a typical day looks like.

### **Kindergarten Information Night 2024**

*Date:* **Thursday May 23, 2024**

*Time:* **4:30-6:30 PM**

**Please sign in to: [School Interviews](#) to book your spot!**

**Use code: 4xcv8**

**Bookings open now.**

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible Elk Island Public Schools has also put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting [www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten). Additional information regarding **Win Ferguson School's** kindergarten program, is available on our school website.

## THANK YOU!

Join us this month as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students. On behalf of Win Ferguson School, *THANK YOU* to all our school bus operators for a job well done. You do a great job getting students to their destinations safely each day!



## EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

**May Spotlight: the [EIPS Annual Education Results Report: Overview](#). Learn about EIPS':**

- mission and belief statements
- Alberta Education Assurance Measures results
- successes and challenges;
- four-year education plan;

## RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2025-28](#)

## SCHOOL ADVISORY AND SCHOOL SOCIETY

Please be advised that the Win Ferguson School Advisory Council and the PTA will be holding their last meeting of the current school year on **Monday May 27, 2024**, starting at 6:00PM. We hope to see you there!

## READATHON

Congratulations to all WFG students for participating in our most recent Readathon. Together, we raised over **\$27,000** and read **78,098** minutes. We are so proud of our students! Great readers make great leaders! Our own Owen L. in 5V had the opportunity to represent all the students at Win Ferguson and speak on **Mix 107.9PM (Heartland News)** about the Readathon, his favorite books and the importance of reading. Great job, Owen!

Special thanks to Mrs. Leah Kenchington, Mrs. Trish Kuhn, Ms. Morgan Vibe, and all the School Council members for all their work behind the scenes organizing and collecting prizes for our students. And thank you, parents, for supporting our school, our Council, and your child with this literacy fundraiser!

## WFG Prize winners!

<b>Grand Prize – Top Fundraiser</b>	Jayde F. 3G	\$150.00 Gift Card Sponsored by WFG PTA
<b>Overall top reader – Division 1</b>	Paige L. 2D	1046 minutes \$75 Wal-Mart Gift Card Sponsored by WFG PTA
<b>Overall top reader – Division 2</b>	Owen L. 5V	2027 minutes \$75 Wal-Mart Gift Card Sponsored by WFG PTA
<b>Top class (Most minutes read) Division 1</b>	2D	9387 minutes ( <b>Pie in the face game</b> )
<b>Top class (Most minutes read) Division 2</b>	5M	9627 minutes ( <b>Pie in the face game</b> )
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	ECS	<b>Cash N.</b> \$20 Scholastic Gift Card Sponsored by the Kuhn Family
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	Grade 1	<b>Pax C.</b> \$20 McDonalds Gift Card Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councillors
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	Grade 2	<b>Hunter R.</b> \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card Sponsored by Don Ranchuk – Wastewater Mgmt.
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	Grade 3	<b>Ben M.</b> \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card Sponsored by Don Ranchuk – Wastewater Mgmt.
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	Grade 4	<b>Ellie C.</b> \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card Sponsored by Don Ranchuk – Wastewater Mgmt.
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	Grade 5	<b>Caleb A.</b> \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card Sponsored by Don Ranchuk – Wastewater Mgmt.
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	Grade 6	<b>Harlow W.</b> \$20 Wal-Mart Gift Card Sponsored by Don Ranchuk – Wastewater Mgmt.
<b>Highest Fundraiser</b>	Connections	<b>Wyatt P.</b> \$20 Scholastic Gift Card Sponsored by the Kuhn Family

<b>Top fundraising Class (1)</b>	2R (\$3107.88)	<b>Class pizza party</b> Sponsored by Panaga Pizza
<b>Top fundraising Class (2)</b>	2D (\$2600.00)	<b>Class pizza party</b> Sponsored by Perry's 2 for 1 Pizza
<b>Top fundraising Class (3)</b>	20 (\$2565.00)	<b>Class pizza party</b> Sponsored by Pizza 73
<b>Most minutes read ECS</b>	Liam L	<b>400 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Most minutes read Gr 1</b>	Cypress W	<b>435 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Most minutes read Gr 2</b>	Easton W	<b>805 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Most minutes read Gr 3</b>	Jamie M.	<b>728 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Most minutes read Gr 4</b>	Ava K.	<b>1028 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Most minutes read Gr 5</b>	Mason S.	<b>1475 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Most minutes read Gr 6</b>	Caiden K.	<b>1320 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Most minutes read Connections</b>	Wyatt P.	<b>311 minutes - \$10 McDonalds Gift Card</b> Sponsored by Mayor Katchur/ City Councilors
<b>Top Minutes Read Classroom</b>	Grade 5M	<b>Pizza Party</b> – Sponsored by Busters Pizza

<b>Over 300 Minutes Read Draws</b>	DQ Certificate	Juliet L. 6W
	Lawn Game	Caleb C. 5V
	Inflatable Pool	Wally G. 2R
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Holly H. 3K
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Charlie W. ECS
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Hunter R. 2R
<b>Classroom Draws</b>	McDonalds coupons	Grade 4K
	McDonalds coupons	Connections
<b>Participation Draws</b>	Boston Pizza coupon	Braelynn W. 2D
	Boston Pizza coupon	Derek F. 2D
	Boston Pizza coupon	Norma Jean S. ECS
	Boston Pizza coupon	Brynlee W. 1L
	Boston Pizza coupon	Emmet P. 3C
	Booster Juice coupon	Jeannie G. 2R
	Booster Juice coupon	Quinn R. 5V
	Booster Juice coupon	Ryder P. 3K
	Booster Juice coupon	Sadei M. 2D
	Booster Juice coupon	Dex M. 6W
	Ft Movie Theater coupon	Bennett G. 2O
	Ft Movie Theater coupon	Julia G. 3K

	Ft Movie Theater coupon	Kiara S. 6S
<b>\$75 in Pledges Draw</b>	Scooter (\$150 value)	Lilyan B. 2O Sponsored by WFG PTA
<b>\$35 in Pledges Draw</b>	Cotton Candy Cake coupon	Molly C. 4K
	Ft Movie Theater coupon	Austin G. 2R
	Ft Movie Theater coupon	Quinn T. 5M
	Ft Movie Theater coupon	Jude M. 5V
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Lexa W. 2R
	Harbour pool passes (2)	August L. 2O
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Caius F. 1SH
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Nikki M. 1L
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Alivia B. 3K
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Mila R. 6W
	Harbour pool passes (2)	Skylar B. ECS



**WILHAUKS BEEF JERKEY FUNDRAISER**

Back by popular demand and just in time to treat your family to some great snacks at the lake, we will be selling Wilhauk’s beef jerky again this year. Information and ordering dates will be shared soon. Thank you, for you anticipated support. A yummy way to end the school year.



## FIRST NATIONS INFORMATION UPDATE

Wisdom and Humility are the Seven Sacred Teachings that we have focused on over the last couple of months. Our grade 3 classes shared that wisdom is represented by the beaver because he uses his natural gift wisely for his survival. The students encouraged us to find our natural gifts and talents and use them to make the world a better place. The grade 4 classes shared that humility is represented by the wolf, who are social animals that live in packs. They work in cooperation with each other and for the greater good of the pack. The grade 4 students reminded us that we need to think of others before thinking of ourselves. The final teaching, Truth, represented by the turtle, will be shared in May. Our next Fort Saskatchewan First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Family Gathering will be taking place on May 28<sup>th</sup> at West Rivers Edge Pavilion. We look forward to seeing our Indigenous families there to celebrate and have a time of connection.

The EIPS First Nations, Metis, and Inuit May newsletter is [here](#). It shares important information, learning opportunities, and community events inside so be sure to check it out.



 **Elk Island Public Schools**

**EIPS FORT SASKATCHEWAN  
INDIGENOUS  
FAMILY GATHERING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 28**  
**WEST RIVER'S EDGE 6 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**PAVILION**

JOIN EIPS FORT SASKATCHEWAN  
FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT  
FAMILIES, ELDER EVELYN AND OTHER  
SPECIAL GUESTS FOR AN EVENING OF  
CONNECTION THROUGH SNACKS,  
CIRCLE AND CONVERSATION

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR!**

# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Dismissal Day	2 Star Wars Day (Early)	3 PL DAY	4 
5	6 Bus Driver Appreciation Day	7	8	9	10 Treat sale	11 
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 CLOSURE DAY	18 CLOSURE DAY	18 
19	22 VICTORIA DAY CLOSURE DAY	23	24	25 ECS Open House 4:30-6:30 PM Grade 1 Field Trip	26 Hot Lunch Day	27 
26	27 SAC and SOCIETY 6PM Grade 2 Swim	28 Grade 3 Swim	29 Grade 2 Swim	30 Grade 3 Swim	31 WFG goes to Elk Island National Park	