



JUNE 2024 School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As I write my final monthly Principal Message, I can honestly say that I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity I had to work together with a multitude of talented and dedicated teachers, educational assistants, and parents during my 32-year journey as an educator. Great schools are built and shaped by the culture crafted by those stakeholders who choose to make it their home. Thank you for working collaboratively to rebuild school culture in this post-pandemic period and to continue to move forward, as a community school. I am looking forward to hearing about the success my "old" students are having next year when I pop in for a visit. As Dr. Suess said, "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places. You're off and away". Adventures await us all. With appreciation...

William Korec, M.Ed.



Summer break is almost here!!!

STAFFING UPDATE

There are many staffing updates this year:

- Keri Busenius will be the new Principal next year. Welcome to the WFG family!
- Jodi Emsley is returning to Win Ferguson to teach grade 4. Welcome back!
- Morgan Vibe will be working as our ECS teacher.
- A fond farewell to Nicole Polukoshko, who will be working at Ardrossan Elementary next year.
- A fond farewell to Kenzie Wilson, who will be working at Fort Elementary next year.
- A fond farewell to the following Educational Assistants: Alanna Emond, April Rauscher, Elizabeth Mendez-Tovar, Kimberly Buck, Nicole Rockett and Lisa Bzawy. Many, many thanks for supporting our students and your work with the school team this year.

WIN FERGUSON SCHOOL STAFF 2024-2025

Grade	Teachers
Kindergarten	Morgan Vibe Laura Sundell
Grade 1 Teachers	Crystal Hudson/ Sarah Demers Heather Lavergne/ Joanne Simpson
Grade 2 Teachers	Ali Dixon Jennifer Rooke
Grade 3 Teachers	Shawna Gray Sacha Kupchenko Cora O'Bertos
Grade 4 Teachers	Brandi Fokema Jodi Emsley
Grade 5 Teachers	Tom Klimaszewski Kristyn McGregor
Grade 6 Teachers	Sheila Storey Bailey Wilson
Music Teacher	Sarah Demers
Connections Teacher	TBA
School Counsellor	Crystal Hudson
Assistant Principal	Tami Richert
Principal	Keri Busenius
Support Staff	
Office Staff	Candace Kereliuk Michelle Campbell
Educational Assistant	Rhonda Bara Karen Ingram Caroline Harkin Candace Crepeau Stacy Reid Lori McLaughlin Jennifer St. Louis Amanda Lavallee Julie Lefebvre Amanda Osicki Melanie Rudiak
Library Technician	Natalie Bos

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Win Ferguson Elementary School will continue to accept new student registrations in kindergarten and any new students who move into our attendance area this summer. To register, please go to www.eips.ca. If you need any assistance, please contact the school after **August 22, 2024**. We are here to help you!

THANK YOU

A great big thank you for all the parents who helped on our recent school-wide trip to Elk Island National Park. As well, a sincere thanks to Freson Brothers, who very kindly donated hot dogs and buns for our student luncheon. Thank you, everyone, for making the day so special for our kids.



REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available online on the last day of school at 3:00 PM. Report cards are **not** printed or mailed out to parents. Report cards are not issued before this date.

TRACK MEET DAY

Win Ferguson School is having our annual Track Meet Day on **Monday June 24, 2024**. More information will be forthcoming. Do not forget to pack sunscreen, proper footwear, and water bottles! There isn't a rain-out day planned – so fingers crossed for great weather!



WFG SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The AGM for both the School Council and the School PTA Society will be held in **September 2024**. If you require information regarding the Council or any of the positions, please visit the **PARENTS** tab on the school website. Thank you, parents, for supporting the work of the school and of the Council/ PTA. All parents are always welcome to attend.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists for the next school year are available **on the school website**. Have fun shopping and planning for the next school year! Parents can prepay and have the shopping done for them, or you can acquire the supplies on your own. Parents have indicated that they like these 2 choices, so this is the plan for the upcoming school year. You may now pre-purchase your child's school supplies through School Start for the 2024/2025 school year. You can place your order online at www.schoolstart.ca. Visa & MasterCard are accepted.

Lists available here, as well: [BACK TO SCHOOL | Win Ferguson Elementary](#)



LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder to all parents and students that the lost and found will be disposed of on the last day of school. There is a selection of hoodies and water bottles that have appeared here. If you are wondering where some of your child's clothing may be, please advise them to check, or pop into the school to have a look for yourself. Any items left that are in good shape, will be donated to a local charity.

CLASS LISTS

Our staff team works collaboratively to create our class groups. All learning groups will be diverse and include children with various abilities, talents, interests, strengths, and needs. The rich mix of children fosters an inclusive learning environment and creates an atmosphere which nurtures the development of all children. Our school team has a great track record of putting grade cohorts together that help build student confidence and achieve academic goals.

REMINDER: 2023-24 SCHOOL FEES

School fees for the 2023-24 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 Mastercard or Visa credit or debit 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 2023-24 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2024.

Accessing User Accounts: Students Leaving EIPS

Is your child graduating from or leaving EIPS at the end of the school year? If so, they must ensure any information they want to retain from their school cloud accounts is downloaded onto a personal device before leaving.

- **Google account** – Students must download any wanted content before August 6—download files either individually or in bulk using [Google Takeout](#).
- **Microsoft account** – Students must download any wanted content from their OneDrive account before August 6.

After Aug. 6, 2024, EIPS will deactivate the account.

UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed? 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 *Student Information Update* 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.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates through the Student Information Update after you've moved at the start of next school year. The form is open—for current-year updates—until June 14 at noon. It will reopen for families at the start of next school year.

DID YOU KNOW?

EIPS is collectively committed to ensuring all members of the school community are provided with welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments that respect diversity and foster a sense of belonging.

Specifically, the Division believes that all individuals within EIPS have the right to learn in settings that promote equality of opportunity, dignity and respect regardless of race, age, ancestry, place of origin, colour, religious beliefs, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical or mental disability, marital status, family status, socioeconomic status and sexual orientation. Learn more:

- [Board Policy 19: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments](#)
- [Administrative Procedure 170: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments for Staff](#)
- [Administrative Procedure 311: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments for Students](#)

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION 2024-25

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2024-25 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, 2024.

For those students who did not indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, contact EIPS' Student Transportation office at 780-417-8151. 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, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

2023-24 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers – Results now available

The results of the 2023-24 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received close to 1,900 responses from parents and caregivers across EIPS. The Division, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2023-24 Parent and Caregiver Survey results: EIPS](#)

***Please see the school website for School Results**

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

Win Ferguson School has once again partnered with the United Way for the [2024-25 Tools for School](#) campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school in August. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, many [Staples locations](#) and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region. For more information about Tools for School, contact Candace Kereliuk, School Secretary at 780-998-1441 or call EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

[Tools for School Requests: 2024-25 Family Orders](#)

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 2024-25 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
Southpointe School	August 13	5 p.m.
Southpointe School	August 13	6:30 p.m.

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

Southpointe School	August 22	5 p.m.
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*** Special Education session for PALS and Project Unit Funding students only.**

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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Grade 6 visit RHJ Grade 2 Swimming	4 Grade 3 Swimming	5 Early Dismissal Grade 2 Swimming	6 Grade 3 Swimming	7 KA and 1SH Spray park	8
9	10 Grade 2 Swimming	11 Grade 1 Father's Day Activity Grade 3 Swimming Gr 6 Strathcona Wilderness Center	12 Grade 1L Museum Trip Grade 2 Swimming	13 Grade 1H Museum Trip Grade 3 Swimming	14 KB and 1L Spray park! Wilhauks Orders Pick up 3PM	15
16 Father's Day	17 Grade 2 Swimming	18 Grade 3 Swimming	19 Grade 6 PAT – Social Studies 9AM	20 Grade 6 PAT – Science 9AM Handbell Concert	21 National Indigenous Day ECS Year End Activity PM Last day ECS A	22
23	24 Track Meet PM	25 Grade 4-6 Rec Swim AM ECS Year End Activity PM Last day ECS B	26 Last day Gr 6 Farewell PM Report cards issued	27	28	29