



Lamont Elementary School



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June 2010 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Lamont Elementary School has had another successful year highlighted by numerous presentations and events. Students have appreciated the opportunity to participate in a wide range of clubs and activities this year highlighted by our special Olympic Day. These special activities would not be possible without the tremendous support we have received from many different individuals and groups.

Students continue to put forth their best efforts and model good citizenship. We are very proud of their hard work and accomplishments this year. Thank you for actively engaging in your learning and making our school a great place to learn.

June will be a very exciting but busy month. We have numerous field trips planned for this month and we invite you to volunteer to join us for one of our field trips. Another exciting event is our Recognition Awards. This event provides the opportunity to recognize and celebrate student successes and accomplishments. Students are anticipating our year end talent show to showcase their special talents. We are hosting our annual Family Picnic and we are hoping for sunny weather. You are encouraged to join us for these events and share these special occasions with us.

June is also a month to say farewell to our grade six students. We wish you well on your educational journey and hope you visit to share your successes. Please join us for our Grade Six Farewell Celebration. We also would like to say farewell and best wishes to the families who will not have children in our school next year.

We would like to express a special thank you to our Parent Council and Hot Lunch Moms. Your financial support combined with your willingness to spend countless hours volunteering was definitely appreciated and necessary for many of our activities. Furthermore, the hot lunches were not only healthy but delicious.

Mrs. Romanchuk is retiring after 29 years in our library. We would like to thank her for her commitment and dedication to our school and wish her the best in her retirement.

I would like to personally thank the staff of Lamont Elementary School for your enthusiasm and support. Your commitment to providing outstanding programming is exemplary. The numerous special activities and events would not be possible without your dedication and teamwork. You are able to pull together to make every event extraordinary. Thank you for making this year so fantastic.

We have had another amazing year due to your continued support. We wish everyone a safe and restful summer.



Elk Island Public Schools Uses Reserves to Present Balanced Budget for 2010/2011

Leaders throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) faced a number of challenges in preparing the 2010/2011 budget while trying to address student needs using the limited resources available. Consequently, the school division was forced to use one-time reserves to cover ongoing costs and offset a projected operating deficit of over \$3 million. With a balanced budget now approved by the Board of Trustees, EIPS is projecting its reserves will be substantially reduced by August 31, 2011. "If the funding picture doesn't change over the next year, schools and departments will face further cuts in 2011/2012," notes EIPS' Board Chair Bonnie Riddell.

EIPS has worked to maintain funding in priority areas including staffing, Special Education, technology, and Human Resources initiatives. At the same time, Learning Resource Fees throughout the division will not increase, while Student Transportation fees for Payride and School of Choice Busing will increase by \$25. Although EIPS has maintained a strong focus on staffing, the 2010/2011 budget will see cuts at both the school and department levels, with a reduction of 42.84 full time equivalent staff overall. "We remain committed to providing quality educational programs and doing the best for students with what we have. We will still have great people working hard for students and education, but the reality is this budget will impact programs and services in EIPS," adds Riddell. As approximately 95 per cent of budgeted costs at the school level are attributed to staffing, EIPS will continue to advocate for Alberta Education to cover the increased costs of salaries.

For further information about your school's budget, please contact Principal Stacey Boyko at 780-895-2269.

2010/2011 Registration at Lamont Elementary School

We know this school year hasn't quite come to an end, but at Lamont Elementary, we are already excited for 2010/2011! Our staff have begun diligently preparing for next year, and we will continue working on the details throughout June and when we return in August.

For those students who need to register for specific classes or programs, or for those families new to our school, please stop by the school office during one of the following times to complete the registration process: August 23rd and August 24th from 9 am – 3 pm.

Throughout the summer, you can also find this information, as well as 2010/2011 school supply lists, on our school website, www.lamontelementary.ca. Please check back regularly for updated information. To assist you in planning for next year, please also refer to the approved 2010/2011 system calendar available electronically at www.eips.ca by clicking the Calendars link in the top toolbar (next to the search field).

In August, the Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) division website (www.eips.ca) will have the complete **2010/2011 Back-to-School Guide**. This Guide contains all the information you will need for planning for back to school. You can also pick up a copy of this Guide at your local convenience or grocery store, bank, library, recreation facility, or EIPS' school later in August.

We look forward to seeing you at Lamont Elementary School when classes resume on **August 30**. Please contact us if you have any questions about planning for back to school this fall.

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Bus Route Optimization Brings Positive Changes for Lamont Students, Families

Each year, Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Student Transportation conducts a route optimization review to determine if students are receiving the best transportation service under existing circumstances and where improvements can be made. The goals of the review are to shorten ride times, make bus routes as efficient as possible, simplify the process for students and families, coordinate transportation to allow siblings to ride the same bus routes whenever possible, improve student safety, and use funding as efficiently as possible.

The 2010 route optimization process has presented a number of opportunities to improve services while creating cost efficiencies for the division. Beginning in the 2010/2011 school year, one bus will be eliminated from the Lamont attendance area, and approximately three quarters of all bused students will experience shorter ride times under the new plan. A "first-on, first off and last-on, last-off" policy will be employed whenever possible to make ride times equitable. To assist parents with planning and childcare arrangements, the Student Transportation department will send letters with tentative bus schedules in mid-May.

Should you have further questions about the route optimization process, you may speak with your school principal, the Director of Student Transportation, or your trustee representative Mae Adamyk.



Summer Office Hours for Elk Island Public Schools

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Central Office will remain open throughout the summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2010/2011 school year. However, please note the following changes to our office hours for the summer months:

Summer Hours (July and August)

Open	Monday to Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed	Fridays	July 2 to August 13 (inclusive)

Statutory Holidays

Closed	Thursday, July 1	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 2	Heritage Day

Regular office hours will resume the week of August 16
Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Student Transportation department will also be closed on statutory holidays and all Fridays from July 2 to August 13 (inclusive). As such, Student Transportation **cannot** accept transportation payments on these days.

All parents/guardians are welcome to pay their transportation fees online at their own convenience using our secure online payment option at <http://www.eips.ca/content.php?page=294>. Pay your transportation fees before the June 30 early deadline to save \$25.

Volunteer with *Tools for School*

Do you have a couple extra hours you can spare for a good cause? Parents, staff, school teams, and individuals are invited to volunteer for the United Way *Tools for School* campaign by stuffing backpacks. Whether you need to complete volunteer hours or just want to give back to your community, the *Tools for School* program wants you.

Some supplies are already in stock, and as more donations come in there will be no shortage of volunteer opportunities throughout the summer. Gather up your friends or your co-workers and head to the InKind Centre, 16821-113 Avenue, Edmonton. The Centre can accommodate anywhere from five to 15 volunteers at a time. Volunteers can come for as little as three hours up to a full day. Contact Lindsay Herrick with the United Way at 780-443-8380 for more information or to become a volunteer today.



PAT Schedule		
Tuesday, June 15	Gr. 3 Language Arts Part B	9:00 – 10:00 AM
Tuesday, June 15	Gr. 6 Social Studies	9:00 – 10:00 AM
Wednesday, June 16	Gr. 6 Language Arts	9:00 – 10:00 AM
Thursday, June 17	Gr. 3 Math Part B	9:00 – 10:00 AM
Thursday, June 17	Gr. 6 Math Part B	9:00 – 10:00 AM
Friday, June 18	Gr. 6 Science	9:00 – 10:00 AM

Thank You

- To Jones Greenhouse for the flowers to fill our flower box in front of the school. They look wonderful!
- To The Knights of Columbus for the picnic lunch on May 27th for all our students. It was enjoyed by everyone! And to all the volunteers who came in to serve us – thank you!
- To our SAC executive and Friends of Lamont executive. We appreciate your contributions to our students and school this past year. Please consider joining the executive next fall as they are always looking for new people and ideas.
- To our Hot Lunch Mama's for their hard work organizing, preparing and serving us hot lunches this year.
- To our religion teachers for their time and work with our students throughout the year.
- All our parent volunteers – we truly appreciate your support and help.

Volunteer & Family Picnic

We invite all our families and volunteers to join us for a picnic on Thursday, June 10th from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you there - **RAIN OR SHINE!**

Talent Show

Once again this year, students at Lamont Elementary will have an opportunity to participate in a Talent Show. Students at our school have a variety of talents in singing, dancing, and playing instruments. Often they don't get the opportunity to showcase those talents throughout the school year. We thought that this would be the perfect opportunity for your children to do so. We encourage those students who have talents to showcase to return their audition form to school and participate in this event. We also invite parents to attend the performance on Thursday, June 24th at 9:30 a.m.

Recognition Awards

We will be recognizing our Grade 4 and 5 student's accomplishments with a ceremony on Thursday, June 24th starting at 1 pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Grade 6 Farewell

On June 24th, starting at 2 pm, as well as presenting recognition awards to the Grade 6's we will also be celebrating the Grade 6 students' completion of Elementary School and wishing them well as they move to Junior High.

Moving?

If you know your children will not be returning to Lamont Elementary School for the 2010/2011 school year, please let us know immediately.

History Summer Camps

The Strathcona County Museum is holding two History Summer Camps for students in Grades 5 to 8 - July 19 to 23 and July 26 to 30. Camps run from 9am to 4pm with early and late supervision available. It will be a unique experience for curious and motivated learners. Campers will make their own wooden chair, just like the pioneers, participate in fun activities based on our community's past, design and plan a museum exhibit, produce a movie in a pioneer-themed exhibit, and much more. All participants will receive a T-shirt, wristband flash drive, lanyard and water bottle. For more information contact the Strathcona County Museum at 780-467-8189. Camp applications can be downloaded at www.strathconacountymuseum.ca.

Music Theatre Camp

August 9 – 13th, 2010 at Lamont Arena, Meeting Room. Open to all children 6 yrs and older. Students will work with a voice instructor, put costumes together, learn stage dynamics and put together a production! For more information or to register call Judy Taylor at 780-895-7471. Sponsored by Kalyna Festival!



**Have a wonderful summer
vacation, see you on August 30th!**