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March 2020 Newsletter

Greetings Families,

We are looking forward to four weeks of learning before Spring Break. During the month of March, teachers will be working hard to complete progress reports which will be available for you to access on Friday, March 20. As I am in and out of classrooms daily, I am impressed with the level of engagement and meaningful learning taking place. In addition to the Accountability Survey conducted by Alberta Education, Elk Island Public Schools is also requesting for you to complete an additional survey. Please see the information below and take a moment to share your feedback. Your input is greatly valued and appreciated.

A huge thank you goes out to our Friends of Lamont Society who have been actively soliciting funds for the playground replacement project! They have some amazing news for our school community. **The Town of Lamont has generously donated \$10 000 to help support the playground fundraising initiative.** The mayor and council were very honoured to contribute and hope their donation will inspire other community organizations to support the Friends of Lamont Society's efforts. Both the Friends of Lamont Society and our school community are extremely grateful for the support shown by the Town of Lamont!

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 6 p.m. We will share the proposed school fees for 2020-21. Thank you for taking the time to provide your input through the survey. All parents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

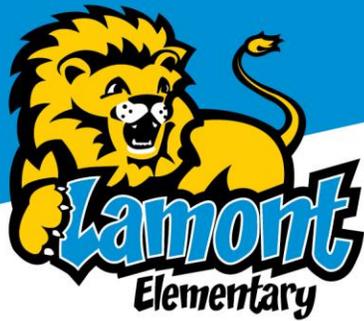
We would like to thank you for your continued support. As always, if you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments, please stop in or call our school office at 780-895-2269.

Sincerely,

Judy Anderson M. Ed.
Principal

Upcoming Events

March 4	Early Dismissal/Loonies4Lamont
March 6	No School, Professional Development Day
March 12	School Council Meeting, 6 p.m. in the library
March 20	Report Cards live



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March 25	TEAM Day – First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education
March 27	No School
March 30 – Apr. 3	Spring Break
April 6	School Resumes
April 8	Early Dismissal/Loonies4Lamont

LME Athletics Update

Track

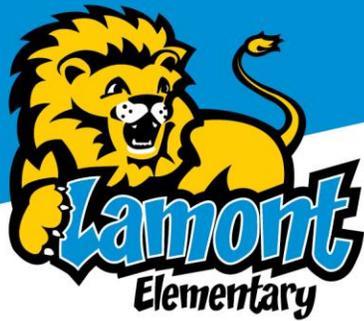
The Running Room Indoor Games was a huge success. On February 20, we participated in the 8 x 200m relay for both the boys and girls. The girls finished in 99th place and the boys finished in 91st place. There were over 260 teams participating in this track meet. Great job in both events, way to go Lions! Thank you to Mrs. Marouelli and Mr. Robertson for coaching.

Basketball

Basketball is in full swing here at Lamont Elementary. Both the boys and girls teams will be playing friendly games against Bruderheim on March 9 and March 12. Thank you to Lamont High for being willing to host the games on March 12. It is so rewarding to watch these young athletes progress and embody team spirit! Basketball will continue throughout the month of March, with tournaments March 7 at Rudolph Hennig and March 21 at Lamont High. Thank you to Mrs. Lechelt, Mrs. Marouelli and Mr. Robertson for coaching. Go Lions!

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education

The month of March is full of First Nation, Métis and Inuit activities. The Grade 5 students will be heading to Métis Crossing to learn what it is like to live on the trap line. They will experience snowshoeing, building shelters and Métis crafting. The Grade 5 students will also experience a “Blanket Exercise.” This is an interactive storyline of how First Nations, Métis and Inuit people were treated throughout colonization. Our First Nation, Métis and Inuit TEAM day will happen during the afternoon of March 25. We will have special guests Elder Wilson, Krista Leddy (Métis), Cheryl Devin, and Elk Island National Park conducting a number of Indigenous activities. Some of these will include storytelling, Métis jigging, lacrosse, bannock making, Indigenous games and exploring the large Indigenous World Map. We are thankful to have knowledge keepers who are willing to share the First Nation, Métis and Inuit culture with our students.



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Library News



Our first celebration of Canadian Authors was a great success. Students enjoyed discovering the many books by Canadian authors through a scavenger hunt, musical books, and many read aloud events. Thank you to all who participated in our red and white day.

Six students from Lamont Elementary attended the **Young Author's Conference** on Saturday, February 22. Students learned important writing techniques and creative ways to find story ideas and develop characters. A highlight of the day was meeting up with authors who have visited our school in the past couple of years.



BOOK FAIR



April 22, 23, and 24 will be your chance to shop for new books at the Scholastic Book Fair. More information and a book preview flyer will be sent the first week of April. If you are interested in volunteering at the Book Fair please contact Mrs. Wisselink at nora.wisselink@eips.ca

Lunch Bunch Update

We are starting March off with our **Try It Tuesday** selection – Where's Waldorf Pasta Salad! Hopefully your child will give it a try.

Last month we prepared two new menu items – lasagna and oatmeal. Both seemed to be well received so we will be offering oatmeal again in March and lasagna in April.

Tip for the Month – have a vegetable or fruit platter ready for your children after school so they can munch on healthy snacks before supper.

Thank you to the parents who are sending cutlery with their children. We hope to reduce our plastic waste – together we can make a difference!

Volunteers are always welcome to help serve lunch - if you have some time and interest, please text Judy Taylor at 780-405-1901. Here is the [March Lunch Calendar](#).

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 9



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Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2020 Parent Survey—open from March 9-26.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-Year Education Plan. Families are 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. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey opens March 9, 2020

Survey closes March 26, 2020

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Religion Option Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey and took the time to share their thoughts about the changes for next year.

We look forward to continuing to work with the volunteer religion instructors to deliver religious programming to our students once a week during the lunch hour. Once details are finalized, more information will be shared. Registration for the program will take place in June.

Do more this summer!

Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Camps: Registration opens March 9

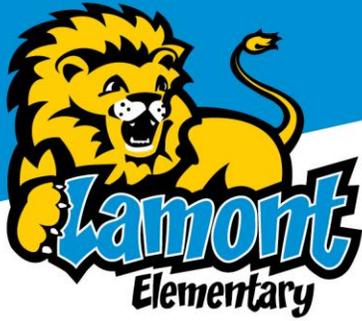
Summer School:

Open to students entering grades 10-12 and mature students

With more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

- CALM (in class or self-paced)



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- Physical Education 10
- Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Math – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Social – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Sciences – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience and RAP

Summer Camps:

Open to participants in grades 5-9

From sports to cooking to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while making friends and learning new skills.

Camps include:

- Sports – volleyball, basketball and handball
- computer gaming and design
- cooking and baking
- babysitting

Registration opens on March 9.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2020? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.



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To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at eips.ca/kindergarten—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.