



# Lamont Elementary School November Newsletter

Greetings Lamont Elementary Families,

October went by very quickly and we want to thank you for taking the time to participate in our parent/teacher interviews! Teachers appreciated the opportunity to share your child's successes as well as plan for next steps to support their learning. Teachers will be writing progress reports that will be available for you to view on Friday, November 27. If you missed the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, you are more than welcome to set up an alternate time over the next couple of weeks. A huge thank you to our teachers for the effort they put in to making the conversations meaningful and for the three evenings they spent connecting with parents.

Although a bit different this year, Halloween was so much fun, and I enjoyed seeing all the creative costumes in our virtual Halloween Parade.

The school will be closed for Fall Break starting Saturday, November 7 and will reopen on Monday, November 16. I hope everyone is able to relax and recharge with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,  
Kari Huk

## Upcoming Events

- **November 1:** Daylight savings time ends
- **November 4:** Early dismissal
- **November 9-13:** Fall break (all schools are closed)
- **November 11:** Remembrance Day
- **November 16-20:** Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- **November 18:** Picture Retakes from 9 am to 11 am
- **November 20:** National Child Day

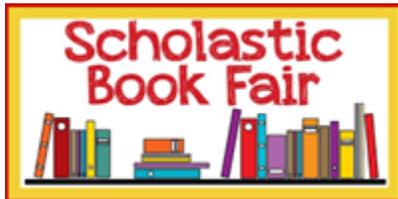
## Picture Retakes

Lifetouch Photography will be here on Wednesday, November 18 from 9 – 11am for retakes and any students who missed getting their picture taken the first time.

## Library News

**Read-In Week 2020** saw us travelling around the world with stories and recipes from different countries. Thank you to all students and staff for participating in Culture Days, it was great to see the different costumes and share special items from our cultures. Thank you also, for submitting some of your families' favorite recipes. Be sure to check out the [World Recipes 2020](#) tab on the Library webpage.

**Virtual Author Visits** – On November 2 and 3, Authors Marty Chan and Lorna Schulz Nicholson will be visiting our students through Google Meets. On Monday, Marty Chan will be speaking to students in Grade ¼ -6. Marty has just released a new chapter book, *Haunted Hospital*, which is set in Edmonton. He has also written a great mystery series for young readers. Lorna S. Nicholson will meet with students in Grades 1-3 on Tuesday. Lorna has written many hockey themed books including the Pucksters series and books about well-known hockey players such as Connor McDavid and Hayley Wickenheiser.



**Virtual Scholastic Book Fair** - We sadly missed out on our Book Fair last April, so we are excited to be able to offer a Virtual Book Fair from November 23 to December 4. During these two weeks our Lamont School Community will be given a special access code to the Online Book Fair. You will place your orders online and all orders will be shipped directly to your home. Any orders over \$35.00 will receive free shipping and all orders will arrive in time for Christmas. Lamont Elementary School Library will receive 20% of the profits from the Book Fair. More information will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

**Library Books on Hold** – the grades 3-6 students have been doing an awesome job putting books on hold and exploring the Library through the Destiny online platform. Each week PALS – Grade 2 have been receiving pre-selected books. We are hoping to give students in Grades 1-2 an opportunity to place books on hold as well, but until we are able to do this at school you can access the Library's Destiny platform online from home and assist your child in finding books and placing them on hold. If you go to the LME Library home page you will find instructions for logging on to Destiny and placing holds. Please contact me at [nora.wisselink@eips.ca](mailto:nora.wisselink@eips.ca) if you would like help with logging in and placing holds.

### **First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education**

On October 16th, we had consultant, Cheryl Devin come and assist with delivering the "Blanket Exercise" to our grade 6 students. It involves a hands on experience to help students understand the Indigenous story before and after colonization. Métis week is November 16th to 20th. Teachers will have access to Métis stories and other resources they can share within their classrooms.

**Inclement Weather**

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families 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) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, which may include automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, through the Bus Status app, Twitter, Facebook and on Versatrans My Stop. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://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 remain open to students. EIPS believes families 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.