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January 2021 Newsletter

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone! Although much different than we are used to, we hope you had a relaxing holiday season filled with quality family time and fun.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and effort with the temporary online learning for January 6-8. We are looking forward to having students back in the building on Monday, January 11. We will continue with our weekly draws for positive choices as well as our monthly pizza lunch delivered by admin! Mr. Robertson and I both enjoy the opportunity to visit classrooms and celebrate the positive choices our students are making! Our next reward lunch is scheduled for the end of January.

Our next virtual Lamont Elementary School Council meeting is **Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.** During this meeting, I will be sharing information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the 2021-22 school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students' educational experience, we want to ensure these fees are not cost prohibitive for families.

Thank you for your continued support. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a wonderful January!

Sincerely,

Kari Huk M. Ed.

Principal

Upcoming Events

Jan. 29	Professional Learning Day, School closed
Feb. 3	Early Dismissal
Feb. 4 & 5	Teacher's Convention, School Closed

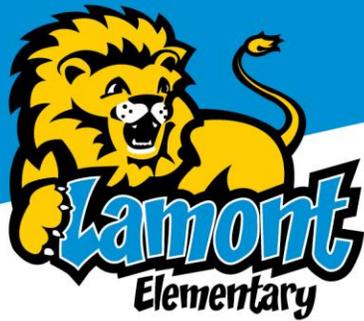
Library News

Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically. For more information about Family Literacy Day, please visit FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

On Wednesday, January 27 from 4:30-5:00 pm a special event is scheduled with Canadian author and illustrator Barbara Reid. Barbara will be doing a demonstration on how to use clay to create a picture. If you are interested go to the above website to register.

Thank you to all students for doing such a great job returning library books over the past 4 months. Overdue notices have not been sent home this year because students in grades 3-6 are able to keep track of their





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Library books by logging into Destiny. The need to quarantine books due to Covid also creates some confusion about whether a book has been returned. So, to start the new year off please return all library books that have been signed out before Christmas. I will be sending out notices for overdue books in the next couple of weeks. All students can log into the Destiny Library Program, using their school e-mail address, to find out the books they have signed out. Please go to the [library website](#) for further instructions on how to log into Destiny.

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Update

In December, classes had the opportunity to explore the Métis kit to learn more about their rich culture. In January, teachers will be able to use the Indigenous shelter kit to learn about the different shelters the First Nations, Métis and Inuit use. At the end of the month, Mrs. Lechelt's grade 5 class will also get to participate in a virtual weaving program, put on by Métis knowledge keeper, Krista Leddy.

EIPS 2021-22 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2021-22 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2021-22 school year, such as school-closure days, breaks, the first and last day of classes, professional learning days, early dismissal days, plus more. Highlights from the 2021-22 EIPS calendar include:

- September 1 – first day of classes
- November 8-12 – November break
- December 22 to January 4 - Christmas break
- February 1 – second semester begins
- February 10-11 – Teachers' Convention
- March 28 to April 1 – spring break
- June 28 – last day of classes
- June 29 – last operational day before the summer break

To view the 2021-21 calendar, visit eips.ca.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit eips.ca/calendar and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, 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) will advise families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, including automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS' [Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather](#), which states: "school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C



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including wind chill, in one or more regions.” 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 what they feel is safest during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? If so, it’s almost time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration opens for the 2021-22 school year on Feb. 1, 2021.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) 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.

Returning Student Registration for 2021-22

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2021-22 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2021-22 school year.

Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2021-22 returning student registration takes place between Feb. 1-28, 2021.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don’t have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2021.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information contact the school directly.

Another way to stay connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter and Facebook

With 43 schools and close to 17,000 students, there’s a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each uses a combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcases the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.



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Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using #eips.

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NOTE: Communications Services manages the Division's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language are not allowed and may be deleted.