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February Newsletter

This month we have Parent/Teacher Interviews which are happening on February 9, 10 and 11. This is a great way for parents to touch base with their child's teacher to identify areas of strength and growth before report cards are issued on March 19. If you haven't had the opportunity to book a time, please book your interview at schoolinterviews.ca using the event code **65pgu**. Bookings are now open and will close on Monday, February 8. If you do not have access to a computer, please call us at 780-895-2269 and we would be happy to book a time for you.

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on **Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.** During that time, I'll 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 2021-2022 school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students' educational experience, we want to ensure these fees aren't cost prohibitive for families. All parents are welcome to attend!

With the weather being unpredictable, please continue to ensure your child is dressed for the weather. If there are days where the busses are cancelled within Elk Island Public Schools, the school will always remain open.

Thank you for your continued support. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or comments, please stop in or call our school office at 780-895-2269.

Warm Regards,

Kari Huk M. Ed., Principal

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1 - 28 Kindergarten Registration and Returning Student Registration open
- Feb. 3 Early Dismissal – Loonies4Lamont
- Feb. 4 & 5 Teachers' Convention, Schools Closed
- Feb. 9, 10, 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (phone)
- Feb. 15 Family Day, No School
- Feb. 24 Pink Shirt Day

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Phone

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held by phone on Tuesday, February 9, Wednesday, February 10 and Thursday February 11, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. (Kindergarten parents will also be able to book in the afternoons between 1:30 and 3:30 pm.) These phone interviews will be 10 minutes. Report Cards will be available on March 19 so there is ample time for students to demonstrate their learning and achieve their goals after the interviews. We encourage you to book a time slot for a phone call. Please book your interview at schoolinterviews.ca using the event code **65pgu**. Bookings are now open and will close on February 8. If you need assistance to book a spot, please call us at 780-895-2269 and we would be happy to book a time for you.



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First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education

Students had the chance to explore the First Nations shelter kit in January. Mrs. Payter's grade 3/4 class learned about the Métis culture through a virtual visit with our consultant, Cheryl Devin. They also had a virtual visit with Jeremy Albert to learn about his Cree culture. There are some virtual First Nations, Métis and Inuit sessions coming up for parents to participate in. Please watch for emails on how to attend. The sessions are listed below:

Session 1 (virtual): [February 2, 2021 \(7 - 7:30 PM\)](#)

Who we are and why this work is needed

What reconciliation looks like in EIPS

Session 2 (virtual) [February 23, 2021 \(7 - 7:30 PM\)](#)

Addressing common roadblocks to understanding and relationship

Terminology; bridging the gap between what language parents may be used to hearing and what children are learning in schools

Session 3 (virtual) [March 16, 2021 \(7 - 7:30 PM\)](#)

Language of this land- The importance of highlighting Indigenous languages; deepening understanding of relationship to land through language; what exploration of Indigenous languages can look like in schools

Caregiver Education Series

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. This year, session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, and more.

Visit [Caregiver Education for the Edmonton Zone](#) for more information and session dates.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

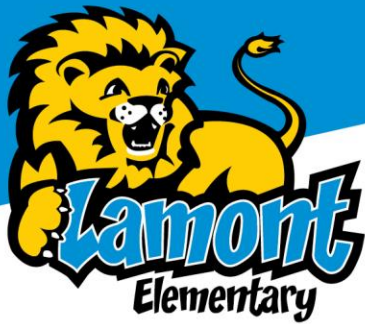
Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

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.

Additional information regarding Lamont Elementary's kindergarten program is available at lamontelementary.ca

Complete the Returning Student Registration: February 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) returning student registration process is now open. All returning students must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the



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upcoming 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. All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 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.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information contact the school directly.