

May Newsletter



With May upon us, we are hoping for some warmer weather and sunshine. We have lots to look forward to as we head into the final two months of this school year.

On May 27 at 6:30 p.m. we will host a Virtual Kindergarten Information Night. This will be a great opportunity for families to meet the teacher, gain insight on play-based programming, and see what a typical day in kindergarten looks like. We are certainly excited to meet our new kindergarten students who will be joining our Lamont Elementary School community next year! The number of students registered support us running two programs so we will have a Monday/Wednesday class and a Tuesday/Thursday class with alternating Fridays.

In staffing news, at the end of this school year, Mr. Robertson will be leaving Lamont Elementary and heading to Southpointe School in Fort Saskatchewan to be the Assistant Principal there. We are currently in the process of hiring a new Assistant Principal and will make that announcement soon. We will definitely miss Mr. Robertson and wish him all the best at his new school.

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

Have a wonderful month of May!

Sincerely,
Kari Huk

Upcoming Events:

May 5	Early Dismissal, Loonies 4 Lamont, Hats on for Mental Health Day
May 7	School closed for students (Professional Learning Day)
May 21	School Closure Day
May 24	Victoria Day, School closed
May 27	2021/2022 Kindergarten Virtual Open House

CALLING ALL PARENTS:

Our "Friends of Lamont Elementary School Society" is looking for parents to help raise money for new playground equipment. Whether it's fundraising ideas, attendance at meetings, joining the executive or volunteering for fundraisers... they need your help! If you are interested in making our great school even better, please let us know!

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 3

Join us on May 3 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of Lamont Elementary School, THANK YOU to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

Education Week 2021: May 3-7

Education Week takes place May 3-7. Throughout the week, students and staff from Lamont Elementary, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincially with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week continues to be Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more.

Lamont Elementary is excited to celebrate Education Week and has a number of activities planned, including: Virtual Author Visits, Virtual Book Fair and Hats on For Mental Health Day.

EIPS Launches new Blog: [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#)

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#) The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division.

During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!](#) Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.

Join Us for an Upcoming PALS Family Session

The EIPS Early Learning team has planned several sessions for current PALS families to help children continue building on their learning skills in our PALS classroom and prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Sessions began in April, and they'll continue throughout May.

We invite you to join us for any or all of the upcoming virtual sessions that fit your schedule. Many sessions have both a daytime and evening option. Some sessions are designed for parents and caregivers, while others are meant for PALS students to join. Upcoming sessions include:

- Blissful Bedtimes
- Self Help: Building independence
- Rhyme Time with Intellidance
- Building Language through Everyday Conversation
- Transitioning to Kindergarten
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The [full schedule of sessions](#) is available online. Links to register were sent to all current PALS families, and presenters will send the links to join the actual sessions directly to all registered families closer to each event.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration is now open

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is

registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.