

June Newsletter

How is it June already? This year has gone very quickly with many celebrations and highlights!

What an incredible year it has been. It has also been such a different year at school as we navigated through COVID 19. Thank you all for supporting us through the many changes we have had this year.



In staffing news, at the end of this school year, Mrs. Miskiwi will be leaving Lamont Elementary and heading to Sherwood Heights Junior High to be the Assistant Principal/Counsellor there. We will definitely miss Mrs. Miskiwi and wish her all the best at her new school. Assuming the counsellor role in her place will be Mrs. Tammy Marks. We also are excited to announce that Mrs. Tami Richert will be our Assistant Principal next year.

When I reflect back on the year and think about the success of our students, I am blessed to work with such an incredible group of motivated and caring staff members. I would like to thank the entire staff for their dedication and commitment to making Lamont Elementary such a wonderful place to be.

Thank you again families, for your ongoing support and for making this year at Lamont Elementary so successful! On behalf of our staff, we would like to wish all of you a healthy, happy summer! To our grade six students, we wish you all the best at your new school.

Sincerely,
Kari Huk, M.Ed.
Principal

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education

Our Project of Heart display is completed and mounted onto the wall near our front entrance. A special thanks to Mrs. Janssen for painting the bison in the middle. It brings the collaborative art piece together nicely.



Jeremy Albert, our First Nations, Métis and Inuit Advisor was able to come on March 25th to assist us in gathering materials to create our own First Nations, Métis and Inuit Traditional Games kit. Due to Covid numbers rising, Jeremy was unable to join us to train our staff on the “Under One Sun” resource. This will hopefully take place at the beginning of June. We will have access to the Inuit Edukit and Mrs. Oviatt will be sharing the First Nations Music and Celebrations kit in her music classes. Teachers will also take time to discuss National Indigenous People’s Day, which takes place on June 21st.

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it’s up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there’s any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child’s Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you’re moving this summer, you’ll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you’ve moved.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school at [INSERT SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER].

Library News

This week (May 31-June 4) is the last week students will be able to sign out books from the library. In the next couple of weeks we hope to collect all the books that are due, overdue and perhaps lost. We will also have our end of the year draw for “The Sweetest Summer Prize EVER”. All students (Grades 1-6) who return their books and those who have paid for lost books will be entered for this draw. The draw date is Monday, June 21, so please have all books returned before this date to have your child’s name entered into the draw.

We have had an unusual library year due to Covid, but I want to thank students for their patience and persistence as we navigated the Library online. All students in Grades 2-6 became experts in putting books on hold through Destiny. I was pleased with the increased number of books that were signed out through the year as students were able to search for specific books that interested them. We are hopeful that Library will be open to students in September.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer but please do not stop reading to your child and engaging your children in books. Research has shown that children who do not read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress. Visit the local public library on a regular basis through the summer. Garage Sales and Thrift Stores are also great places to find inexpensive books.

2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: Lamont Elementary School](#)

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Lamont Elementary School is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 9 am. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact

EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on September 1.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed July 1 Canada Day

Closed August 2 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program’s aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they’ve learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2021-22 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 18	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 23	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.

Dates and times may change depending on the province’s public-health measures.

IPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park
SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan
[Register Now](#)

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:
eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration

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. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration 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.

Tools for School

Lamont Elementary School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back-to-school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Kari Huk at kari.huk@eips.ca or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.