



Uncie's Update

January

2017

Highlights

- Jan 17 - PAC Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- Jan 17 - Hot Lunch
- Jan 17 - Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Jan 19 - Thursday Bus to Swim
- Jan 24 - Hot Lunch
- Jan 24 - Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Jan 26 - Thursday Bus to Swim
- Jan 27 - Movie Night - Finding Dory
- Jan 31 - Hot Lunch
- Jan 31 - Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Feb 1 - Early Dismissal 1:31p.m.
- Feb 1 - Online Interview
registration opens
- Feb 1 - Pizza Day

Principal's Message

Welcome back to all students, families and staff, and a Happy New Year to everyone in 2017!

Our Christmas Concert was a wonderful way to end the calendar year, and the spirit of giving with our overflowing boxes of donations for the Strathcona Christmas Bureau was once again overwhelming. Thanks again to our parents, grandparents and extended families for helping us meet the Fire Code Safety Regulations and distributing

audiences between the morning and evening concerts! It worked great with approximately 280 attendees in the morning, and 420 in the evening.

At this time of year we look forward to providing our students with physical activities that will encourage life long skills, such as downhill skiing for grades 4 – 6 students, and cross country skiing at Strathcona Wilderness Centre for the grades 1 – 3 students. The Bus to Swim programme has begun its second term in January, and our Running Club will begin preparations for the Running Rooms Games held at the Butterdome!

All Uncas parents will once again have the opportunity to participate in the EIPS Parent Survey, which is online and can be accessed via link on our 'home' webpage (uncas.ca). Alberta Education will be mailing out their own, similar survey in the month of January for grades 4, 5, and 6 parents, and then in February those students will be surveyed online at school. Please participate in these surveys as they give us good feedback and inform our practice at Uncas School!

Scheduling will be open on February 1st for our second round of Parent/Teacher/Student interviews via schoolinterviews.ca. Specific 'how to' instructions will be on our website.

Introducing Miss Sydor, Grade 3-4 class

Hello Uncas!

I have a B.Ed in Elementary education and a B.A in Psychology from the University of Alberta. In the past I have taught a grade 3/4 class in Andrew, a grade 4/5 class in Waskateneau, grade 1 in Thorhild, kindergarten in Lac la Biche and was a substitute teacher for a variety of grades and schools. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with grade 3 and 4 again! Outside of teaching I have studied a variety of dance forms but my specialty is hip hop. I hope to bring a lot of music and dance to the classroom this year. I also adore all the *Harry Potter* books and movies!!!

I look forward to a fantastic school year!

Volunteer tags and lanyards

Uncas Elementary appreciates our volunteers. We are on a search for the some volunteer tags. All but one of our name tags and lanyards have disappeared. We understand that occasionally volunteers may forgot to remove the name tag when they sign out. If you find an Uncas Volunteer tag at home could you please return it to the office.

Uncas Out of School Care

Uncas Out of School Care now provides **year-round child care**. The centre is open on all regular school day and school closure days including Summer break.

The program also provides full time care for Kindergarten children from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm including non-school days.

For more information please call Anna at 780-297-0023 or email to a.m.groszek@gmail.com

From The Library

The Uncas Book Fair is coming up in February. On February 14 – 16 come see what Scholastic has to offer.



The Library will be open late on February 15 and 16th with Parent Teacher Interviews!

Winter is going to warm up with a fresh summer camping theme.

Come get S'more Books!

Cut this paragraph out, print your name on the back, and return it to the office by January 18 for a chance to win a family swim pass to Millennium Place.

Thank you
Ms. Kate O'Gorman

Kindergarten Registration Starts January 16!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's now time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed Student Registration Form to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship. If you're registering for Kindergarten at SouthPointe School,



the new school in Fort Saskatchewan opening in the 2017–2018 school year, you can submit a registration form to any elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan—the school will make sure your registration package is delivered to the principal at SouthPointe School.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit 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. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding Uncas' Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.uncas.ca

Have your say: Take the EIPS Parent Survey

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is inviting all of our parents and guardians to complete a survey about your experiences with **Uncas Elementary** and the Division.

Annually, EIPS conducts a Parent Survey, which acts as a supplement to Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar survey for families with children in grades 4, 7 and 10. The EIPS Parent Survey is a chance for all EIPS families to share their thoughts on the overall performance of the Division and their school, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015–2018 Three-Year

Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve our students and the wider community.

We encourage all of our families to complete the survey, which only takes a few minutes. Also, if you wish to share the experience of more than one of your children, you can respond to the survey more than once. The survey is open until Jan. 30, 2017.

EIPS 2017–2018 Division Calendar: Now Available

The approved EIPS 2017–2018 school year calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2017–2018 school year including: school-closure dates; holidays; dates for the fall, winter, spring and summer breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal dates.

Highlights from the 2017–2018 Division calendar include:

- August 30
 - First day of classes
- November 13-17
 - Fall Break
- December 25 to January 5
 - Winter Break
- January 31
 - Second Semester begins
- February 8-9
 - Teachers 'Convention
- March 26-30
 - Spring Break
- June 28
 - Last day of classes
- June 29
 - Schools close for the Summer Break



To view the 2016–2017 Division calendar and 2017–2018 Division calendar, visit www.eips.ca.

You can also sync the calendar to your own personal calendar for easy reference throughout the year.

*NOTE: Start and end times for school timetables differ by school so make sure to call your school's office or visit your school's website if you need more information.

Boundary Exemption Request Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

The Boundary Exemption Request Form and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting

www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process.

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

NOTE: Students already accepted into a non-designated school don't need to reapply.

