



Uncie's Update

February 3, 2017



Important Dates

- Feb. 7 Gr. 4, 5, 6 Ski Trip to
Edmonton Ski Club
- Feb. 7 Hot Lunch
- Feb. 7 **No Bus to Swim**
- Feb. 9 & 10 **No School – Teachers’
Convention**
- Feb. 9 **No Bus to Swim**
- Feb. 14 Valentine’s Day Celebration
wear Red, Pink or White
- Feb. 14 **No Hot Lunch**
- Feb. 14 Parent Sponsored Lunch
- Feb. 14 Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Feb. 15 & 16 P/T/S/ Interviews &
Book Fair
- Feb. 16 Thursday Bus to Swim
- Feb. 17 **No School - PD Day**
- Feb. 20 **No School - Family Day**
- Feb. 21 Hot Lunch
- Feb. 21 PAC Meeting 11:30am
- Feb. 21 Running Room Races at the
Butterdome for the
Running Club
- Feb. 21 Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Feb. 22 x-country Skiing
Gr. 1W 9 – 11:00 am
Gr. 1/2M 11:30 – 1:30 pm
- Feb. 22 Wear Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 23 x-country Skiing
Gr. 2S 9 – 11:00 am
Gr. 3W & 3S 11:30 – 1:30 pm
- Feb. 23 Thursday Bus to Swim
- Feb. 28 Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Mar. 1 Early Dismissal 1:31pm
- Mar. 2 Thursday Bus to Swim
- Mar. 3 **No School – PD Day**

Principal's Message

On Thursday and Friday of next week, school is closed as teachers attend two days of professional development at the Teachers' Convention. The convention is a great opportunity for teachers to hone their skills to apply when working with our children, and we appreciate the chance to do so. At the same time, we hope that all of our families have a fun filled extended long weekend!

On Valentine's Day, our students and staff will enjoy a parent sponsored luncheon! The parent luncheons are always a highlight and on behalf of all of us at the school, I would like to thank the parents for their generosity providing such an event! We encourage our students to wear Red, White and Pink to celebrate Valentine's!

Our grades 4, 5, 6 Ski Trip will be to a new venue for us, the Edmonton Ski Club. We look forward to a great day of exercise and ski/snowboarding skill development on Tuesday, February 7.

This month we look forward to our second round of Parent/Teacher/Student interviews and Book Fair to be held on Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th. We hold the interviews prior to the issuance of March report cards in order to celebrate student achievement and help students focus on areas that they



could improve upon prior to assessment of the second reporting term.

Once again we are utilizing the online scheduler to facilitate parents choosing their own times for interviews. You can find the click [here](#) link to register for interviews in the *Online Scheduling of P/T/S Interviews* article on the Home page of our website, www.uncas.ca. There is no password required.

Cross country skiing for the grades 1, 2, and 3 students is planned for February 22 and 23. Parent permission forms will be sent out Friday.

We are also excited to celebrate Pink Shirt Day as described in the article below.

Early drop off for students

Uncas School does not have staff in place to supervise children dropped off in the morning before bus arrival. Therefore please utilize the Uncas Out of School Care program whose contact information is in this newsletter.

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

Pink Shirt Day

February 22th, 2017 is Pink Shirt Day! Wear a pink shirt to say **"Make Nice"**.



The "Make Nice" campaign acts as a friendly reminder that no matter what our differences are, kindness is always a choice worth making.

Any pink shirt will work, and anyone with a pink shirt from last year can wear it again this year if they choose, and continue to show their support.

Shirts are available from London Drugs, Boys and Girls Clubs, and pinkshirtday.ca. Proceeds from shirts help support the CKNW Orphans Fund and Boys and Girls clubs.

Visit pinkshirtday.ca for more info.

Cut this paragraph out, print your name on the back, and return it to the office by February 15 for a chance to win a family swim pass to Millennium Place.

News from the Library

Book Fair is coming up February 15 – 16. Come have "s'more" fun with books and our outdoor themed photo booth. The door prize draw will happen Thursday at Lunch, so please return your door prize entries early to the Library. A student will win \$25 in books and \$25 for their classroom!

Please remember to bring back your Library books every week even if you are renewing.

Thank you,
Ms. O'Gorman



Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

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

To register, bring your completed Student Registration Form to the school you're enrolling your child at 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 Elementary's kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.uncas.ca

NOTE: To be eligible for kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years old on or before Dec. 31, 2017.

Boundary Exemption Request Process: Now open

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year is now open.

EIPS students—in kindergarten to Grade 12—wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can now apply to do so. All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The application deadline is April 7, 2017. Boundary exemption requests received after April 7, 2017 will be declined. There is no late or secondary process.

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.



No School – Monday,
February 20, 2017



Changes to Sharing Information via Email

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) appreciates the opportunity to stay connected with parents and one of the ways it does so is through email. However, federal law—Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)—requires that the Division must be given direct consent to continue to email its families, because occasionally, emails may contain what could be “commercial content.”

On February 15, you will receive a message from the Division that will give you the option to either subscribe or unsubscribe from school- and Division-generated emails. The same message is being sent to every email address you have provided to the Division. To remain on EIPS' distribution list, you will have to make a choice as to whether or not you wish to continue receiving email for each of those addresses.

If you unsubscribe, or do not respond, you will no longer receive school- and Division-generated emails such as school newsletters, information about upcoming school and Division events, parent and community engagement opportunities and others. That's because these messages may contain advertising or promotional content from time to time—for example, school fundraisers; lunch programs; field trips; the sale of yearbooks; purchasing of student photos, books, graduation, school productions or dance tickets; athletic events with an entry fee; options for purchasing third-party supplies or products or similar events and offers—and will therefore no longer be sent out.

NOTE: Even if you unsubscribe, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also still receive those messages.

We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring the Division's distribution lists are compliant with the CASL requirements and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.

Public Meetings: Ministik School

As you may be aware, in December, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees approved the motion to consider the possible closure of Ministik School. To ensure a fair and transparent process and that a decision be made in the best interests of both students and the Division, a public-meeting process is being undertaken as outlined in the province's *School Act* “Alberta Regulation 238/1997: Closure of Schools Regulation.”

A comprehensive information package is being provided to all Ministik School families. The package is also available online at www.eips.ca/schools/ministik-school. Two public meetings are being held which will offer insight and information regarding the school's possible closure. Parents, guardians and community members will have the opportunity learn about what is being considered, ask questions and offer feedback.



Meeting details:

Date: February 7 and February 15

Time: 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Location: Ministik School gymnasium

Address: 21246 Highway 14, Sherwood Park, AB.

*child care provided

More information about the meeting and related updates are available at www.eips.ca.

**Grades 4, 5, 6
Ski Trip**

Tuesday, Feb. 7



**Grades 1, 2, 3
X-Country Ski Trip**

February 22 & 23