

Uncie's Update



April 7, 2017



Important Dates:

April 10	Twin Day
April 11	Hot Lunch
April 12	Uncas Battle of the Books
April 14	No School /Good Friday
April 17	No School /Easter Monday
April 18	Hot Lunch
April 18	PAC Meeting – 6:30pm
April 20	EIPS Speech Competition
April 25	Hot Lunch
April 28	No School /PD Day
May 2-6	Education Week
May 1	District Battle of the Books at Glen Allan Elementary
May 2	Hot Lunch
May 2	Classroom Pictures taken
May 3	Early Dismissal – 1:31pm
May 3	Red ECS Team Class Picture Day
May 4	1 st Thursday Bus to Swim
May 5	Gr. 1 Arbor Day Field Trip to Sherwood Park



Principal's Message

Spring is here, and it is great to see our kids playing on greening grass! We hope that you had a refreshing Spring Break, and we are back

in April to begin our third and final term of the school year. There are exciting times ahead of us at Uncas School!

The annual District Speech Competition will be held April 20th at the Agora Centre in Sherwood Park. Our student representatives are Jesse D (grade 4), Brooklyn M (grade 5), and Megan A (grade 6). At our assembly before the Spring Break, all three of our speakers did an incredible job presenting their speeches to the entire school! Congratulations to them and all the best when you represent us at the District Competition!

Our Battle of the Books teams are shaping up, and there are further details of the team in the Library news article.

Our staff will be organizing field trips in the upcoming months. If there is an opportunity for parents to participate as chaperones they will be notified in the permission slips that come home with their child.

Education Week is celebrated annually in the first week of May. Celebratory activities planned at Uncas School



around the theme "Learning is a Journey" will make the week a highlight for us all!

Our Bus to Swim program will be starting it's final session in early May. This year we will have had two sessions of two groups and this final session of one group taking advantage of the opportunity to learn the valuable lifeskill of swimming. This fully subscribed PAC-led program is made possible by parent volunteers and we are very grateful for their efforts!

Finally, thank you to parents for completing the "Planning for Next Year!" form to help us prepare for the next school year. We anticipate a healthy enrollment at Uncas School in 2017-18!

Library News



We are into the final weeks of the Battle of the Books Competition! The school competition will happen on April 12th at lunch in the

Library. The District-wide battle will happen May 1st during the day at Glen Allan Elementary!

Students please read the books and come to the meetings. There will be a letter sent home soon to those students who are going to the District competition.

Spring is here and so are the puddles. Please leave your books inside where they can be safe, warm and dry. Don't forget to Read Every Day!

Ms. O'Gorman

Gearing up for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on **May 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- and gain insight about a typical day in kindergarten and the importance of play-based learning.

Elk Island Public Schools has also put together an online toolkit to make the transition to school 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>.

NOTE: To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years of age on, or before, December 31, 2017.



Monday, April 10



A big *THANK YOU* to all of our volunteers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), please accept our heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers within the Division who help make our schools and programs successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic competition, co-ordinating a fundraising event or delicately cutting out poppies for a Remembrance Day celebration, the impact our volunteers have within our school community is profound. It also offers an incredible learning opportunity for our students as it encourages them to mirror that behaviour in their own lives.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 23-29, EIPS extends our thanks and celebrates the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who dedicate countless hours of their time in our schools.

Trina Boymook
Chair, Board of Trustees

Stay Connected: Subscribed to EIPS email news

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice. As soon as you sign up, you'll begin receiving Division- and school-related news—newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community

engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.

2016–2017 Parent Survey: Results

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is committed to ensuring all parents and guardians of students within the Division have a chance to share their thoughts on the overall performance of their school and the Division. One of the ways EIPS ensures its parent's voices are heard is by conducting an annual parent survey.

In January, the Division invited EIPS families to participate in the 2016–2017 Parent Survey. The survey included 15 questions regarding topics such as the quality of teaching, school leadership, parent engagement and more. The overall response rate was 16 per cent, which included close to 2,700 responses from parents and guardians across the Division.



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 its students and the wider community.

Complete Parent Survey results for the Division are available by visiting www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey.

You can also review the **Uncas Elementary** Parent Survey results by visiting www.uncas.ca/about/documents

Boundary Exemption Request Process: Open Until April 7

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) students—in kindergarten to Grade 12—wanting to attend a non-designated school in the 2017–2018 school year must apply to do so before April 7, 2017. To apply, families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. Any 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.



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