



# Uncie's Update



**November 3, 2017**

## Important Dates

- Nov 5: Daylight Savings Ends-Fall Back
- Nov 7: Hot Lunch
- Nov 7: Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Nov 9: Remembrance Day Observance 10:30 a.m.
- Nov 9: Thursday Bus to Swim
- Nov 10: **No School** - Remembrance Day
- Nov 13-17: **No School** - Fall Break
- Nov 21: Hot Lunch
- Nov 21: Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Nov 22: ECS Field Trip to Telus World of Science
- Nov 23: Thursday Bus to Swim
- Nov 24: Report Cards go home
- Nov 27: PAC Meeting 6:15 pm
- Nov 28: Hot Lunch
- Nov 28: Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Nov 29: Start of Food Bank Christmas Giving
- Nov 29: Hep B shot for Grade 5 students
- Nov 30: Thursday Bus to Swim
- Dec 2: Christmas Market 10:00-3:00pm
- Dec. 6: Early Dismissal 1:31pm

## Principal's Message

Brrr! the cold weather has come a bit early this year, and it looks like it is here to stay. Thanks in advance to all parents for keeping their eye on the weather and ensuring that their child has proper winter clothing for dealing with the cold. Toques, mitts, a warm jacket, boots and snow pants for our younger kids are a must! When the mercury dips below minus 20 degrees Celsius we keep our

students inside or have a shorter outdoor recess.

I would like to remind everyone that Hot Lunch and Bus to Swim falling on school bus cancellation days are themselves cancelled. Thank you for your adjustments to those situations.

In October our celebration of Canada's Sesquicentennial continued with our second Canadian Heroes Assembly. We honored Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's first woman in space! The students followed up the presentation by creating a visual representation of a character trait that our hero Dr. Bondar possesses. Ask your child to tell you about Dr. Bondar; she is one highly accomplished representative of our great country!

Remembrance Day Observance will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will honor of our men and women, both past and present, who sacrificed so much for us and our democratic, free way of life. We are always proud of how our children respect the ceremony, and invite all parents to join us in our observance of this solemn occasion beginning at 10:30 a.m.

*Bully Awareness Week* is held in November throughout Alberta. Uncas School is celebrating the week with

classroom presentations on positive relationship skills, and *Wear Blue Day* on November 24<sup>th</sup> to challenge bullying.

November is also report card month. We look forward to sharing and celebrating our students' progress over the past three months. Students will receive a paper copy of their report card, and it can also be viewed online via the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

### Library Update

We had a very successful "Wild West" Book Fair! Thank you to everyone who supported us. Our sales were over \$2,900.00 and with our commissions we will be able to purchase many new books for the Library!

The next book fair will be in February!

Please remember to bring back all library books in time for your library period, even if you wish to keep the book for one more week. This will assure that students can take out books during their library period. Thank you for your help in preventing overdue books!

Ms. Gamache  
Librarian

### Names Please!

We need your help in making sure students' clothing doesn't go missing or *get mixed up*. Please label your child's winter clothing because often two items of clothing can look exactly the same.

Our lost and found box is beginning to fill up, so next time you are in the school check to see if any lost items from your home have found their way into the box.



**Celebrating the Season of Giving**  
Christmas is upon us once again and the time of giving is alive.

Uncas needs your help collecting donations for the **Strathcona Christmas Bureau.**



Our Christmas Giving begins on Wednesday, November 29 and we will work together bringing articles until the final day on Friday, December 8.

Here are the items we would like to collect each day:

November 29 – Pasta and Pasta Sauces

November 30 – Cakes mixes

December 1 – Cereals: hot or cold

December 4 – Jello and puddings

December 5 – Jigsaw puzzles and games

\*If you are buying toys requiring batteries, please include them!

December 6 – Pancake mix and syrup

December 7 – Canned stew and chili

December 8 – Scarves, mitts, toques and socks (one size fits all).

**If possible ...** please donate food in tin cans or plastic containers instead of glass jars for safety in the hampers. Thank you!

\*Your child is not expected to participate every day. Participation is voluntary\*





### Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, “school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.



### Follow us

If you are following the school on TWITTER @UncasSchool, please message us via Twitter by Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> for a chance to win a family swim pass to Millennium Place.

If you are not following us on Twitter, here are some easy steps to help you get connected:

- Download the free Twitter app
- “Follow” us:  
@UncasSchool,  
@UncasLibrary,  
@UncasGrade4,  
@UncasGrade5,  
@UncasGradeSix
- On your Smartphone, be sure to allow Notifications to receive updates right away!

### No School

School Closure:  
November 10

Fall Break:  
November 13 – November 17

