



# Uncie's Update

January

2018

## Highlights

- Jan 15 – Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Jan 16 - Hot Lunch
- Jan 16 - Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Jan 18 - Thursday Bus to Swim
- Jan 19 - PAC Meeting 11:25 p.m.
- Jan 19 - Movie Night – 6:30pm
- Jan 23 - Hot Lunch
- Jan 23 - Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Jan 25 - Thursday Bus to Swim
- Jan 30 - Hot Lunch
- Jan 30 - Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Feb 1 – Snow Valley Field Trip Gr. 4-6
- Feb 1 – PT Interview Bookings Open
- Feb 1 - Thursday Bus to Swim

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to all students, families and staff, and a Happy New Year to everyone in 2018!

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 300 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 lifelong 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 program has begun its second term in January, and our Running Club will begin preparations for the Running Rooms Games held at the Butterdome!

Alberta Education will be mailing out their annual Accountability Pillar 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!

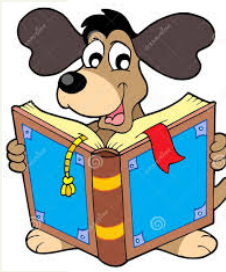
Scheduling will be open on February 1<sup>st</sup> for our second round of Parent/Teacher/Student interviews via [schoolinterviews.ca](http://schoolinterviews.ca). Specific 'how to' instructions will be on our website.

**Welcome Back, Mrs. Soltys!**

I am so happy to have returned back to Uncas after completing my maternity leave. I had a baby boy named Henry on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He is an adorable and happy baby. After a full year away it was so nice to come back to so many warm welcomes and familiar faces. I am excited to be teaching grade 5 for the remainder of the year and it is such a treat to have some of the same students as when I left last year. Thank you to everyone who has been so warm in welcoming me back to Uncas I am so happy to be here!

**From The Library**

The Uncas Book Fair is returning this February. On February 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>, during the Parent/Teacher/Student



interviews, come see what Scholastics has to offer. With our "Paws for Books" theme, this fair will be paws-itively awesome!

If anyone would like to help volunteer with the upcoming book fair in February, please contact Miss Gamache in the library. We would love having extra hands with handling the cash, setting up the fair, and packing the fair up at the end. Specific dates for setting up and packing up will be provided later in January.

Happy Reading,  
Miss L. Gamache

**Kindergarten Registration Starts January 15!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's now time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2018–2019 school year on **Jan. 15, 2018**. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

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](http://www.uncas.ca)

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:**

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice is sent to the given email address.

**NOTE:** The online registration form is available as of Jan.15, 2018—the paper version no longer exists.

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.

### **Volunteer tags and lanyards**

Uncas Elementary appreciates our volunteers. We are on a search for the some volunteer tags. A number 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.

Cut this paragraph out, print your name on the back, and return it to the office by January 19 for a chance to win a family swim pass to Millennium Place.

### **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](mailto:a.m.groszek@gmail.com)

### **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season well underway, 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) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: 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.

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 will 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



### REQUEST TO ATTEND A NON-DESIGNATED SCHOOL

Effective for the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing the way in which students apply to attend a non-designated school. From March 1 to 15, 2018, parents of all EIPS students are being asked to pre-enrol their children online and indicate whether their child will be attending their designated school or if they wish to register at a different school. Acceptance at a non-designated school is based on available space—families will be advised of the outcome by April 13, 2018.

Because of high enrolment numbers, some schools won't be accepting any non-designated students. Schools with closed boundaries will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process.

Please note that should you request a non-designated school for your child and need busing, there are fees associated with this choice.

Visit [Transportation Services](#) for more information.

As part of the pre-enrolment process, parents are also asked to check and update phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and other important data – doing so will both make sure that the Division has the most current information available and eliminate the need to fill in the paper Correction Form that has traditionally been sent home every fall. Better yet, families will be able to go online and update their child's data throughout the year as circumstances change.

To determine your child's designated school, please check [EIPS school boundary maps](#).

### EIPS 2018-19 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2018-19 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2018-19 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2018-19 EIPS calendar include:

September 4: First day of classes (after long weekend)

November 12-16: November break

December 24 to January 4: Christmas break

January 31: Second semester begins

February 7-8: Teachers' Convention

March 25-29: Spring break

June 27: Last day of classes

June 28: Schools close for the Summer break

To view the 2018-19 calendar, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2019-20 calendar.

**Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar?** You can. Simply, visit [www.eips.ca/calendar](http://www.eips.ca/calendar) and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.





**Another way to stay connected:  
Follow EIPS on Twitter and  
Facebook**

With 42 school and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcase the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag [#EIPS](#).

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

**NOTE:** *The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.*

