



Uncie's Update

February 2, 2018



Important Dates

- Feb. 5 Grade 5 – Hep B shots
- Feb. 6 Hot Lunch
- Feb. 6 **No Bus to Swim**
- Feb. 7 Pizza Day
- Feb. 7 Early Dismissal 1:31 p.m.
- Feb. 8 **No Bus to Swim**
- Feb. 8 & 9 **No School – Teachers' Convention**
- Feb. 13 **No Hot Lunch**
- Feb. 13 Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Feb. 13 & 14 P/T/S/ Interviews & Book Fair
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day Celebration - wear Red, Pink or White
- Feb. 14 Parent Sponsored Lunch
- Feb. 14 Cash Raffle Draw
- Feb. 15 Thursday Bus to Swim
- Feb. 16 **No School – School Closure**
- Feb. 19 **No School - Family Day**
- Feb. 20 Hot Lunch
- Feb. 20 Running Room Races at the Butterdome for the Running Club
- Feb. 20 Tuesday Bus to Swim
- Feb. 22 Gr. 4, 5, 6 Ski Trip to Snow Valley
- Feb. 26 X-Country Skiing
Gr. 1W 9 – 11:00 am
Gr. 1H 11:30 – 1:30 pm
- Feb. 27 X-Country Skiing
Gr. 2S 9 – 11:00 am
Gr. 3W 11:30 – 1:30 pm
- Feb. 27 Tuesday Bus to Swim

- Feb. 28 Wear Pink Shirt Day
- Mar. 1 Thursday Bus to Swim
- Mar. 2 **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!

This month we look forward to our second round of Parent/Teacher/Student interviews and Book Fair to be held on Tuesday the 13th and Wednesday the 14th from 3:30 – 7:00. We hold the interviews prior to the 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.



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Dreamstime.com

Once again we are utilizing the online scheduler to facilitate parents choosing their own times for interviews. You can all of the information needed to book an interview on the front page of our school website.

Cross country skiing for the grades 1, 2, and 3 students is planned for February 26 and 27. Parent permission forms will be sent out in the near future.

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

Staffing Announcement

Please welcome Mrs. Shauna Ley to the staff at Uncas Elementary. Mrs. Ley will be teaching grade 5 for the rest of the school year in Mrs. Hurl's class. Mrs. Ley hails from Nova Scotia and has over 15 years of classroom experience.

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 28th, 2018 is Pink Shirt Day!



This year's focus is on Cyberbullying. In today's digital world, it can be impossible to escape online bullying, whether it takes the shape of harassment, spreading rumours, sharing embarrassing information or threats.

What Is Bullying?

Bullying is a form of aggression where there is a power imbalance; the person doing the bullying has power over the person being victimized. In addition to any physical trauma incurred, bullying can result in serious emotional problems, including anxiety, low self-esteem, or depression.

Visit pinkshirtday.ca for more info.

Cut this paragraph out, print your name on the back, and return it to the office by February 14 for a chance to win a family swim pass to Millennium Place.



No School – Monday,
February 19, 2018



News from the Library



On **February 13 & 14** from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., come see our “paw-some” **Scholastic Book Fair!** Show your support for our library by getting your paws on the latest books from Scholastic. As always, we will be having our door prize contest, where one lucky student will win \$25 dollars’ worth of books for themselves and their classroom! The winner will be announced early on February 15, so please get those entries in early to the library.

If anyone would like to help out in with the fair, please contact Ms. Gamache in the library. We would love some extra hands with handling the cash during the fair, setting up the fair on the 13th and taking down the fair on the 15th.

Happy Reading!
Ms. L. Gamache

No School
February 16, 2018
School Closure
Day



Kindergarten Registration Is Open!

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

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2018-19 school year. To register, simply complete the online registration form at

www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten.

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 paper copy is no longer available. For step-by-step instructions on how-to use the online form visit the [EIPS Registration](#) web page.

Families will be advised in April about the results of the application process.

Additionally, to help families prepare for kindergarten, 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 www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at www.uncas.ca

EIPS Launches New Pre-Enrolment Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information, and manages requests to attend a non-designated school. The pre-enrolment process allows the Division to verify all student information for every child prior to the start of the new school year.

Each spring, EIPS families will receive an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year using a secure online pre-enrolment form. By logging in to PowerSchool, families can indicate which school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts. If circumstances change, families also have the ability to update their child's data throughout the year.

The pre-enrolment process for the 2018-19 school year takes place from March 1-15 of this year.

Applying to attend a non-designated school?

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have closed boundaries because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. These schools will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

NOTE: Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit www.eips.ca.



Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grades 4-6 students and teachers at Uncas Elementary are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7, and 10 are also being surveyed—the province mailed the surveys in January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The completed survey must be returned to Alberta Education by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its three-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous

improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division's *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar.

Stay Connected: Subscribe 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. Once subscribed 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.



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

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

February 26 & 27

