

Uncie's Update



March 12, 2018



March Highlights

Mar. 2	No School - PD Day for staff
Mar. 6	Hot Lunch
Mar. 6	Tuesday Bus to Swim
Mar. 7	Early Dismissal
Mar. 8	Thursday Bus to Swim
Mar. 11	Daylight Savings Spring Ahead
Mar. 13	Hot Lunch
Mar. 13	Last Tuesday Bus to Swim
Mar. 14	ECS Field Trip 8:35am
Mar. 15	Last Thursday Bus to Swim
Mar. 15	PAC Meeting 6:15pm
Mar. 16	Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 16	Uncas Speech Competition 8:30-10:30am
Mar. 16	Movie Night: Coco Doors 6:30 Movie 7:00pm
Mar. 20	Hot Lunch
Mar. 20	Boxcars & One Eyed Jacks 6:30-8:00 pm
Mar. 21	Report Cards Sent Home
Mar. 22	PJ Day
Mar. 23	No School - Day-in Lieu
Mar. 24 - April 2	Spring Break
April 3	School Resumes

Principal's Message

As usual, February was an action packed month for Uncas School! While I was only here for the last week, I do have information to share about February's events.

Six of our students (Sarah H & Maddie S grade 4; Jenna M & Natalie V grade 5, Josh N & Ethan P grade 6) enhanced their writing skills at the Young Authors' Conference held for EIPS students at F.R. Haythorne Junior High School in Sherwood Park. Thanks to Ms. Hayes for organizing our participation at this Saturday event.

Our Running Club competed at the Running Room Games at the University of Alberta Butterdome in February. The students practise hard under the direction of coaches Ms. Wiley and Mrs. Stokes, and have a great experience representing our school at the relay races. Congratulations to our team (Ethan P, William C, Quinn N, Josh N, Jevan P, Jenna M, Summer P and Brooklyn M) for a job well done!

Our participation in the International Pink Shirt / Anti-Bullying day continued this year. Many thanks to all Uncas staff and students who work to develop and support positive relationships at our school each and every day.

Our grades 1 to 3 students went cross country skiing at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre in February, and the grades 4 to 6



students went to Snow Valley for their downhill ski trip.

Our annual Uncas Speech Competition for grades 4 to 6 students is underway this month. It culminates with the presentation of class winning speeches to the entire school population prior to the District Competition on April 12.

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 21, and were preceded by Pinterviews held in February. Our staff appreciated the collaborative sessions with parents and students together as we continued our focus on successful student learning! Our Spring Break begins on Friday, March 23rd and we return to school on Tuesday, April 3rd.

And finally, although it is not yet spring, planning for next year has begun. All students should be registered by parents via the Parent Portal by 12:00 midnight, Thursday March 15. After that time, parents will no longer have access to the portal and Mrs. Miller will have to contact all parents who have not registered their child(ren). If you have any questions about this process, please call us!

Library News

Greetings from the library! Starting March 6th, the library will be running an Easter Reading Contest!

The two classes from divisions 1 and 2 that read the most books this month will win a class prize.

How can your child's class win? All they have to do is keep reading! For every book or 100 pages they read, they will be able to fill out an egg with the book's

title and author, which will count as one point to their class' total score! Good luck to all our students!

Happy Reading!
Ms. L. Gamache

Complete the Pre-Enrolment Process: March 1-15

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.

On March 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the 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.

All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form prior to March 15, 2018.



Happy Spring Break

March 23 – Day-In-Lieu
March 24 – April 2
First day back is April 3

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. 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.

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 5

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2018 Parent Survey—open from March 5-23.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Three-

Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY
Survey closes March 23, 2018

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Open House Range Road 213 Widening

Strathcona County will be hosting an open house for residents interested in learning more about the planned improvements and widening of Range Road 213 between Township Road 524 and Highway 16.

Thursday, March 22
6 – 9 p.m.

Uncas Elementary School Foyer

Residents will have an opportunity to review engineering design plans, and County staff and project managers will be on hand to answer questions and gather input.



Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, want to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit www.lifesaving.org.



Pyjama Day



Thursday,
March 22

Did you know?

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water actually become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*.

