



Uncie's Update

April 9, 2018

Important Dates:

April 10	Hot Lunch
April 17	Hot Lunch
April 24	Hot Lunch
April 26	Matching Day
April 26	EIPS Speech Competition
April 27	No School /PD Day
Apr 30-May 4	Education Week
Apr 30	ECS RED Team Class Picture Day
May 1	Hot Lunch
May 1	Classroom Picture Day
May 1	1 st Bus to Swim
May 2	Early Dismissal – 1:31pm
May 4	Gr. 1 Arbor Day Field Trip to Sherwood Park

representatives are Alannah R (grade 4), Jonas A (grade 5), and Keira K (grade 6). Congratulations to them and all the best when you represent us at the District Competition!

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 will be coming home with their child.

Education Week is celebrated annually in the first week of May. This year's theme is "Learning is a Journey". Celebratory activities planned at Uncas School include a kickoff assembly "Journey across Canada", Community School Grounds Cleanup, Volunteer Recognition and Library Learning Buddies, which will make this week a highlight for us all!

Our Bus to Swim program will be starting its final session in early May. It is run by our Parents Advisory Council and led by volunteer organizers, and this year we will have had five groups of students 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!

Principal's Message

Spring is here, and now all we need are the warm temperatures that we should be enjoying at this time of year. We hope that you had a refreshing Spring Break, and now we return in April to begin our third and final term of the school year. We have some exciting times ahead of us at Uncas School!

The annual District Speech Competition will be held April 26th at the Agora Centre in Sherwood Park. Our student



Finally, thank you to parents for completing the online registration process to help us in our planning for the next school year. That information greatly helps inform our planning, and we anticipate a healthy enrollment at Uncas School in 2018-19!

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 24, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.:

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.

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 about 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 the Uncas Elementary kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.uncas

NOTE: To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year, children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2018.

Matching Day

April 26



A big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), thank you to all of our volunteers within the Division who help make our schools and programs successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic competition, coordinating a fundraising initiative or helping at a school event, the impact you make within our school community is profound. Together, we've built a positive relationships that has allowed us to rally behind one clear vision: Provide exceptional education for all students.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 15-21, EIPS extends a heartfelt 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



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

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.

