




Uncie's Update

December 9, 2016

December Highlights

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- Dec. 13 Hot Lunch
Dec. 13 Last Day for Bus to swim Tuesday Group
Dec. 15 Last Day for Bus to swim Thursday Group
Dec. 20 Christmas Concert Details:
Morning 10:00 a.m.
Evening 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 Hot Lunch
Dec. 22 Christmas Concert
Back-up Day
Dec. 23 Wear Christmas Hat or
Wear an Ugly Christmas
Sweater
Dec. 24, 2016 to Jan. 8, 2017
Christmas Holidays
Jan. 9, 2017 1st day - Back to School
Jan. 10, 2017 Hot Lunch
Jan. 10, 2017 1st Bus to Swim Tuesday
Group
Jan. 11, 2017 Early Dismissal-1:31p.m.
Jan. 12, 2017 Gr. 4-6 Snow Valley skiing
Jan. 12, 2017 1st Bus to Swim Thursday
Group

Ms. Sydor will be our grade 3, 4 teacher when Mrs. Soltys has her maternity leave. Thank you for helping to welcome them to our community.

This year's Christmas Concert theme is "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and will be presented on Tuesday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. At night, doors will open at 6:00 p.m. so please keep an eye to the weather if you are coming early to stand in line. Our weather make-up date is December 22.

Due to the growing number of families at Uncas School (good news!) we are facing issues with Fire Regulations and Christmas Concert seating & standing availability (bad news!). If each family had 3 members attending the concert we would be just under the Fire Code maximum occupancy, which includes in its count the number of performing students and staff members in the gym as well.

In order to keep our kids and parents safe by adhering to the Fire Regulations, we request that families have no more than the 3 members attend the evening concert. All other family please attend the morning concert. The Parent Council will be providing coffee and cake for this year's morning concert attendees as a special 'thank you' for helping keep us safe within the Fire Code regulations. We appreciate your help in this very important safety matter!



Principal's Message

Ho Ho Ho, let's dress for the snow! We thank parents for ensuring that our students are properly dressed for the cold weather that is now fully upon us.

We are very pleased to welcome two new staff members to Uncas School. Mrs. Grismer is an Educational Assistant who will be working in grades 1 and 2, and



Thank you very much to our families who are so generous and supportive of the Strathcona Christmas Bureau and are *Celebrating the Season of Giving* with their donations. Our volunteer students have been collecting the donations every morning from our classrooms, and will continue until Friday, December 9. You can also support the Christmas Bureau by purchasing a \$2 ticket for our Preferred Seating Draw for front row seats at the Christmas Concert!

Our Christmas Break is from Saturday, December 24th to Sunday, January 8th, 2017, inclusive. Classes resume on Monday, January 9th.

On behalf of the Uncas School staff, I would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a safe and wonderful holiday season!



Allergy Alerts!

We are a "Nut & Scent Aware School!" Let's be diligent to ensure we are refraining from sending known peanut/nut products to school or wearing perfume products if you are working as a volunteer!

Lost and Found

Lost articles are piling up in our bin. Please remind your children to look through the Lost & Found. We have many items that will be required once the colder weather arrives. Please look through the items when you come for the Christmas concert.

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

Uncas Christmas Concert

The Christmas season is upon us and your children are working feverishly to get ready for the Christmas concert. Here is some information that you may be wondering about:

Date: **Tuesday, December 20, 2016**
Times: **10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**
Location: **Uncas Elementary School**

How is my child to dress?

Everyone is to wear their Sunday best for both concerts. Please avoid wearing sweaters as it can get very hot underneath the stage lights.

Everyone will be wearing green arm bands that must be returned to the homeroom teachers at the end of the night. They will be provided on the day of the concert.

If you already know that your child cannot attend, please write a note in your child's agenda so that we can plan accordingly.

Thanks so much and have a Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Hill
Music Teacher

Reminder

Parents picking up children from After School Care, please re-enter the building and line up at the front doors.



Uncas Library News

Happy December everyone!

It looks like it's going to be a long winter this year! What's better than curling up with a good book and reading while it's cold outside?

Students, please remember to bring your books back so you can get new ones. If you are not done with your books please bring them to the Library so I can renew them.

Here is our current Library Schedule:

Tuesday – Ms. Wiley's Grade 3's and Yellow Team of Kindergarten

Wednesday -- Mrs. Soltys' 3/4 class, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Hurl, Mrs. Stokes, Ms. Macintosh and Mrs. Wyllie's

Friday – Mr. Epp's Grade 6's.

Please try to remember your books every week. Have a happy holiday!

Thank you,

Ms. O'Gorman

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's almost time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed Student Registration Form to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship. If you're planning to register for Kindergarten at SouthPointe School, the new school in Fort Saskatchewan opening in the 2017–2018

school year, you can submit a registration form to any elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan. The school will make sure your registration package is delivered to the principal at SouthPointe School.

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. Find it by visiting

www.eips.ca/programs/services/kindergarten.

NOTE: To be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must

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be five years old on, or before, Dec. 31, 2017.



Winter Break

Uncas Elementary will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 23, 2016 and will reopen on Jan. 9, 2017.

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Office will be open January 3-6. If you have any school-related questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Central Office during the below office hours.

EIPS Central Office

Winter Break Hours

Closed: December 26 to January 2

Open: January 3-6

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

Boundary Exemption Request Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

The Boundary Exemption Request Form—available as of Jan. 9, 2017—and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries.

NOTE: Students already accepted into a non-designated school don't need to reapply.

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

Share your Thoughts: Report card survey

Elk Island Public Schools is asking all of our families to complete a brief survey regarding the new CSL elementary report cards currently being piloted at our school.

The Division wants to fully understand:

- how well the achievement-level categories are defined in the report card
- if users find the digital report card easy to access and navigate
- what aspects of the report card users like
- what aspects of the report card can be improved

Please take a moment to complete the five-minute survey. Your feedback will help the Division as it moves forward with the implementation of the new CLS elementary report card. **The survey closes Jan. 8, 2017.**

Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

With 2016 now winding down and the winter break just around the corner, I want to take this time to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families. On behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees, we hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful holiday season with happiness that follows you throughout the New Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 9, 2016.

