



Mundare School - December 2018

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Principal's Message

The first round of student progress reports have been issued and we hope that you have taken time to celebrate the success your child has achieved so far! Goal setting with your child is a very beneficial activity that ties home and school together. If you require any support with this, please contact your child's teacher for feedback. Thank you to our teachers who organized the students for our annual Remembrance Day commemoration. Our provincial bullying awareness campaign was also a big success. We are sad to see our RCMP-SRO Constable J leave our school for a posting in eastern Canada. He played an important role at our school and will be very much missed. Our new SRO is Constable Lappa. Welcome to Mundare School!

We are beginning to prepare for the Christmas season with special events at the school including the annual Christmas concert, Christmas STEM activities (science/ technology/ engineering), Christmas sing-along and other special events that make this time of the year so special for staff and students. Our dedicated teachers have been continuing with their own professional literacy and numeracy learning. We are always focusing as a team to increase academic results and to meet the many needs of our students.

On behalf of our school team, I would like to thank the parents and family members who have volunteered to make our school such a special place for all students this year. Your efforts are very much noticed and appreciated. Whatever your family traditions are during this season, I encourage you to take a few moments from your day to enjoy time with your family and friends and reflect on the positive things that you are blessed to be part of. All the best to you and your family during the upcoming break.

William Korec, MEd
Principal

Winter Break

Mundare School will close for the winter break at the end of the day on December 21, 2018 and will reopen on January 7, 2019. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Central Services at Elk Island Public Schools.



upcoming events

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- 5 Early dismissal at 2:35pm
- 11 Elder Wilson visits Mundare School
Hot lunch orders due
- 17 Taco in a Bag Hot Lunch
Ugly Sweater Day
- 18 Santa Hat Day
- 19 Christmas Concert at 1:00pm
- 20 Boston Pizza Lunch
Christmas Sock/ Slipper Day
Christmas Concert at 6:30pm
- 21 Pajama Day
Christmas sing-a-long at 11:00am
Last day of classes
- 07 Classes resume Monday January 7

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Trustees

As the holiday season approaches and we prepare for the winter break, I want to take the opportunity to extend warm 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 and safe Christmas season, and a new year filled with joy. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 7, 2019. Thank you and best wishes,
Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair

Christmas Concerts

Our 2018 Mundare School Christmas Concert is only weeks away and we are as busy as Santa's Elves practicing our music and our poems. Students from Grades 1-6 will be presenting *"'Twas the Night Before Christmas"* and you'll be excited to know that you'll hear singing, choral speaking, hand chimes, recorders and band performances! We have two wonderful performance dates and times for you to choose to attend this year:

Wednesday December 19th at 1pm and/or Thursday December 20th at 6:30pm.

Our delightful Kindergarten kiddos will be performing the traditional "Nativity Story" at both concerts this year and we know you won't want to miss that! Our evening concert will also see us welcome special guests Mundare Mayor Mike Saric and EIPS Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk.

In the spirit of kindness and giving this holiday season, we encourage you each to bring a non-perishable food item for the Lamont County Food Bank in support of those less fortunate. Our Grade 8 class will be moving on to High School in the Fall and, in support of their year-end celebration, we will be holding our second annual "Moving On" raffle. All the items for this fundraiser have been donated by local individuals and businesses to whom we are very grateful. Tickets will be available at the evening concert only (draw will take place at the pm concert; you must be in attendance to win) and can be purchased for \$2 each or

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3 for \$5. We thank you so much for your generous support of our Mundare School Family and hope to see you at the concert!



News from Grade Four

Grade 4 had an exciting end of October and November. We attended swimming lessons, and went to the Vegreville Museum. We have had many visitors in our classroom this month. Elder Wilson led our class in a sharing circle, where he shared with us the importance of Water as a Natural Resource. We had Elk Island Literacy Consultant, Tamara Martin-Spady in to help us continue to develop our Reading Life with reader's workshop lessons, and Numeracy consultant Barb Percy, has taught us about Number talks and helped us implement math journaling. We completed our first individual book projects, and acted out our first readers theater. In science we learned all about plant needs and their life cycles and even grew our own bean plants. In social studies, we focused on the geography of Alberta, its different regions and natural resources. We are in the middle of researching prehistoric creatures that have been found here in Alberta. Lots of learning on the go in grade four!

Dragon Athletics

Volleyball: Congratulations to our volleyball teams on finishing up the season and proudly representing Mundare School. The boy's team placed 5th overall, and the girls placed 1st overall, in Elk Island Public School's small school junior league. Great job to all the athletes for their effort and dedication to their teams and our school.

Basketball: Basketball season is now upon us and students in grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 were invited to try out for the teams. Good luck to our basketball athletes at tryouts and we look forward to another successful season ahead. Go Dragons!

Boys Tryout Dates: Dec. 3rd & 6th @ 3:35-5:00

Girls Tryout Dates: Dec. 4th & 6th @ 3:35-5:00

Please note that this is a junior team (grade 7 & 8) but due to smaller turnouts in previous years, we have opened tryouts selections to include students in grade 5 and 6 this year. Students in grade 7 and 8 will be given priority in making the team. Students in grade 5 and 6 will have the option to play part-time or as needed (fill-in spots at tournaments, or illness) to learn the skills needed to be a full time player.

Lost and Found

Thank you, to those parents, who have collected the many items that were in the lost and found during interviews. We ask students to check, once again, the school's lost and found and take applicable items home. All items not claimed by Thursday December 20, 2018 will be donated to a local charity.

EIPS Central Services Winter Break Hours

Closed December 22-January 1, 2019

Open January 2-4, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before December 31, 2019? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration opens for the 2019-20 school year on **February 1, 2019**.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at www.eips.ca/kindergarten—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. Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at mundareshool.ca

Elk Island Public Schools 2019-20 Registration Drive

All student registrations for the 2019-20 school year—including kindergarten registration, returning student registration and new student registration—will take place online commencing on **February 1, 2019**.

- Kindergarten: Your child is eligible to enroll in kindergarten if he/she will be five years old on or before December 31, 2019.
- Returning Students: If your child will be returning to an EIPS school next fall, this is when you will confirm that registration and select your requested school—whether your child will attend your designated school or will request a non-designated school, your family will complete this process.
- New Students: Students new to EIPS for the 2019-20 school year will also complete their registration at this time.

All registration forms will be online for families to complete. Additional information, including a list of schools with open and closed boundaries, will be posted on the Division website in early 2019.



School fees are now overdue!

If you haven't already done so, please make arrangements to have your school fees paid. Notices have recently been sent home to parents. Payments can be made by cheque or cash to the school, or online via the Parent Portal. If you require assistance creating an account or have any other fee inquiries please contact the school. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



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December 2018

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