



Mundare School Newsletter – June 2022

Be brave! Be strong!

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Principal's Message

Dear families of Mundare School,

We have reached the end of a school year like no other. Despite the many challenges and changes, our students and staff have persevered together and grown stronger as a result. Teachers have been challenged to adapt lessons to keep students engaged. Support staff have all taken on additional roles and responsibilities to assist students with various parts of their day. Students have also supported one another both socially and emotionally. And parents, guardians and caregivers have been there to assist their children and school staff. It has been a team approach that has allowed the school community to maintain focus during this unprecedented pandemic. Our hope is that we can all get back to the level of normalcy that we've grown accustomed to in years past that will allow us to thrive together in 2022-2023.

To my staff. What an outstanding group of individuals you are. It is visible in the dedication found in continually striving to do your very best to ensure children learn. It is seen in the long hours staff put into our school. It is seen in the professional way in which they meet many challenges and care unconditionally for every learner in our school without exception or any expectation of reward or thanks. I feel very fortunate to have worked alongside you all.

As we wind down the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our grade 8 students a fond farewell and success as they move on to academic and extra-curricular opportunities in high school. We know you are ready for new challenges. With that, I would like to wish students, parents, and school staff a safe, restful, and rewarding summer. Hopefully we will all get the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends and come back to school with a sense of rejuvenation in the fall.

With gratitude,

William Korec, MEd
Principal

Staffing update

Mrs. Kristyn McGregor will be moving on to a new school next year. Mrs. McGregor will be teaching grade 5 at Win Ferguson School in Ft. Saskatchewan. She will be truly missed by staff and students, and we wish her well in her new professional adventure. Congratulations! As we continue to staff for the upcoming school year, I will keep you posted.

Report cards

Report cards will be available online on the last day of school at 3:30 PM. We will also be providing a printed copy to all our students, as well. Any report cards not picked up at this time will **not** be mailed out to parents. Report cards are not issued before this date.

New Registrations

Mundare School will continue to accept new student registrations in kindergarten and any new students who move into our attendance area this summer. To register, please go to www.eips.ca. If you need any assistance, please contact the school after August 22, 2022. We are here to help you!

Mundare School Staffing 2022-2023

Grade	Teachers
K-1	Mrs. Maritta White
2-3	Mr. Eric Boyd
4-5	Mr. Matt McGregor
5-6	TBD
7-8	Ms. Alissa Roy
Counsellor	Miss Kristy Giebelhaus
Principal	Ms. Melissa Kerr
Support Staff	
Office	Mrs. Marie Bartsch
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Doris Bradley
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Bernadine Horne
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Tammy Seney
Custodian	Mr. Rouslan Fedoruk

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review their information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important in case there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year. All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **June 13 at noon**. After this time, EIPS will turn the form off for the remainder of the school year—available again at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you've moved. If you have questions about the form or the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), contact the school.

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REMINDER: 2021-22 School Fees

School fees for the 2021-22 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged, or lost textbooks. To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child's account on an ongoing basis. For more information about school fees, waivers, and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2021-22 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022.

2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,450 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS. EIPS, and schools will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better. The full results are available online. Please see the school blog for the Mundare School Results. [2021-22 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students: Kooper (PALS), Alex C (Grade 3), Casey (Grade 4) and Arjun (Grade 5). They had their names drawn for the final Positive Referral Draw this year. Way to go! Pizza for lunch!

Community Pancake Breakfast

Our school has been invited to attend the Servus Pancake Breakfast on Main Street in Mundare on Friday June 10. A field trip form will be sent out shortly. Please consider joining us on Main Street if your schedule permits.

Pitch-In Day

Students will be participating in a school campus cleanup on June 2-3. We have quite a bit of debris that has blown in over the winter and spring months. We all need to do our part to keep our town and area clean.

Elk Island School Trip

Our school is going on a field trip to celebrate numeracy and literacy learning at Elk Island National Park on Wednesday June 8 (rainout is next day). Please look for the field trip form shortly. We will be asking for volunteers!

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Sports Day

Mundare School is having a Sports Day on Friday June 17, 2022. It is also a hot lunch day. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's teacher. It is also a hot lunch fundraiser for the new school playground that day. Get your preorders in! Do not forget to pack sunscreen and water bottles!

Celebration of Learning

Our celebration of learning will be occurring on Friday June 24, 2022, from 1-2PM in the school gym. Parents are welcome to attend this celebration. See you then!

Freezie Fridays

For the next three Fridays, the School Society will be hosting a Freezie sale, Students may purchase a jumbo freezie for a toonie at lunch time. All proceeds go to the playground revitalization fund. One per student.

Kindergarten Graduation

Our kindergarten graduation is planned for Monday June 27, 2022, from 1-2PM at Ukraina Park (weather permitting). This is open to parents and students in kindergarten. A brief program and celebration is planned with a little treat to end the year! Don't forget your camera!

Moving-on Ceremony/Junior High Awards

Staff and students have been planning this year's farewell ceremony and junior high awards for our grade seven and eight students. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Ms. Roy at the school. Save the date: Tuesday June 28, 2022, from 1-2PM in the Music Room.

School Supply lists

School supply lists for the upcoming school year are available on the school website. Have fun shopping and planning for the new school year!

Tools for School

Mundare School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2022-23 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you are a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. Alternatively, if you would like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you are out shopping for back-to-school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months including Staples and the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region. For more information about Tools for School, contact the school office or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477. [United Way Tools for School: 2022-23](#)

Mundare School Advisory Council AGM

Unfortunately, the Mundare School Advisory Council AGM was cancelled in May due to quorum not being reached. The AGM for both the School Council and the School Society will be held in September 2022. If you require information regarding the Council or any of the positions, please visit the Parent tab on the school website. Thank you, parents, for zooming in with us this year and supporting the work of the school and of Council. All parents are always welcome to attend.

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Student Transportation: 2022-23 Registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 school year? Make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school. All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices — fees are due June 30, 2022. For those students who did not indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca. For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

Counselling Corner

It has been a pleasure to be at Mundare school this year, and I look forward to continuing this rewarding work next year! I have enjoyed building relationships with students and staff in the school community. This year's focus was to build students' social emotional skills with the Zones of Regulation curriculum. Students have practiced acknowledging emotions and have found effective ways to self-regulate. At home and throughout the summer, I encourage you to continue to help your child identify their emotions and co-regulate with them. Take deep breaths, go outside, and continue to have meaningful conversations about their thoughts and feelings.

Jump Rope for Heart

Students at Mundare School raised **\$954.00** for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! Students also participated in a school-wide Jump Rope for Heart event. Students rotated through stations that got their heart pumping and had a lot of fun as a school community. Each student took home their own skipping rope to encourage them to stay active at home! Thank you to all who participated to make Mundare School community a healthier place to be!

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Traditional Games Kit

In May, the junior high students had the opportunity to learn from our First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Elk Island Division consultant Jeremy Albert. Students participated in traditional First Nations, Metis, and Inuit practices to harvest willow trees to create a traditional games kit with a knowledge keeper to be used by students at Mundare School. This kit features games that were traditionally used by Indigenous people to sharpen hunting and survival skills. This activity has built students' appreciation for Indigenous ways of knowing, and it was a valuable time to work creatively together. We look forward to using this kit in the years to come!

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Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Mundare School is closed. We reopen on August 22 at 9:00 AM. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services - the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on August 30.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 29 to August 19

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed July 1 Canada Day

Closed August 1 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders. Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they have learned by venturing out on a short ride. The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2022-23 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 16	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	10 a.m.
Southpointe School	August 18	5 p.m.
Southpointe School	August 18	6:30 p.m.

Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures. EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. Southpointe School is located at 11 Southpointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan, AB.

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:

eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Dismissal	2 Pitch-In Day	3 Freezie Friday Baseball Hat Day	4
5	6	7	8 School trip to Elk Island Park	9 Rainout day	10 Freezie Friday Servus Pancake Breakfast PALS Open House	11
12	13	14	15 Gr 6 PAT	16 Grade 7/8 Finals	17 Freezie Friday Track Meet Hot lunch day	18
19 Father's Day	20 Gr 6 PAT	21 National Indigenous Day	22 Gr 6 PAT	23 Gr 6 PAT Grade 7/8 Finals	24 Grade 6 PAT Grade 7/8 Finals Celebration of Learning 1-2	25
26	27 ECS Grad 1-2 Grade 7/8 Finals	28 Grade 7/8 Finals Grade 7/8 Awards & Moving On 1-2 PM Report Cards Issued Last day				

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