



Mundare School Newsletter

April 2024

BE BRAVE – BE BOLD

Principal's Message



As we embrace the beauty of April, it's a perfect time to reflect on the values that shape us as responsible citizens and stewards of our planet. This month, our school community is focusing on the importance of citizenship and coming together to celebrate Earth Day.

Citizenship goes beyond geography; it's about actively participating in and contributing positively to our school, local community, and the global community. Throughout April, our students will engage in discussions and activities centered around respect, empathy, and the responsibilities we each hold as citizens. By nurturing these qualities, we're preparing our students to be future leaders who make ethical and compassionate decisions that positively impact our world.

Earth Day, which falls on April 22nd, provides us with a special opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire sustainable actions. Our students will take part in various projects that highlight the importance of conserving our planet's resources and protecting the environment. From planting trees to reducing waste, these actions remind us that even small efforts can lead to significant positive change.

I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated teachers, parents, and students who are actively contributing to our school's vibrant community and fostering a sense of global responsibility. As we celebrate Earth Day and emphasize citizenship this month, let's remember that the values we instill in our students today will shape a brighter and more sustainable future for all.

April will bring about some exciting school events, starting with Easter Egg making the first week back for students. Thank you so much to the Rietveld Poultry Farm for supplying the perfect eggs to decorate for Easter. We will also be hosting our Kindergarten Information Session on April 18 at 1:00pm for our new registrations. Lamont County's FCSS will be here that afternoon to provide "A Kinder Welcome". All kindergarten families are welcome, even if you haven't registered yet. Our School Council will be looking at different ways to connect our families through the spring season, so stay tuned to our school messengers and website.

Are you looking for ways to support the school? Email melissa.kerr@eips.ca to help support our Hot Lunch Program or attend our School Council meetings.

We will be hosting our next School Council meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 5:30pm, with our Mundare Parent Society (fundraising group) at 6:30pm. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. This is an important opportunity to stay connected to the goals of Mundare School. To see previous meetings and agendas, be sure to check our school website.

Please regularly visit our school website www.mundareschool.ca to see all school related information.

Ms. Melissa Kerr

Upcoming events and important dates:

- **April 1:** No school for students or staff - Easter Monday
 - **April 2:** Classes resume
 - **April 3:** Early Dismissal
 - **April 18:** Kindergarten Information Session at 1pm
 - **April 18:** School Council Meeting at 5:30pm
 - **April 22:** Earth Day
 - **April 26:** Community Clean Up
 - **May 3:** Professional Learning Day no school for students
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Absence Check

Parents/guardians are asked to inform the school, whenever possible, if their child is going to be absent. Messages may be left on the school's main number 24 hours a day, or by a note. If a child is absent and no reason has been received in the office by **9:30 AM**, then the office staff will attempt to contact parents/guardians or emergency contacts.

Bell Schedule

- [Mundare School Bell Schedule 2023 -2024](#)

Division Calendar 2022-23

- [EIPS DIVISION CALENDAR 2023-24](#)
- [EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2023-24](#)

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit www.eips.ca/calendar and click "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

Complete your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is currently reviewing and updating all parent and guardian contact information within the Division's student information system. This one-time, full-scale review is to ensure the Division has complete and accurate data on file as Alberta Education moves to a new way of capturing information in the provincial database.

As part of the data review, EIPS requires all families to carefully review the parent and guardian information on file for each student in your family—even if you've recently completed a Student Correction and Verification Form. Families can quickly and easily indicate no updates are needed, if that's the case, or provide updated contact information as needed. The form also includes a handful of new questions to help the Division understand each parent and guardian's relationship to the student and their preferences for receiving communication from the school and Division.

To review your information, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and open the "Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form" from the left-hand menu or notification at the top of the page. Review all information carefully, provide updates where needed and submit your form by April 30. One form is required for each student currently registered at an EIPS school. Only one parent/guardian will complete the form for each student—all associated parent/guardian information for each student is available to review on the same form.

If you have any questions about your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form, reach out to the school at 780-764-3962.

Counseling Corner

As we enter a new season of spring, our mind and bodies are ready to get out and get moving. In last month's newsletter, I mentioned the importance of moving to destress our bodies and to improve our physical health. Movement outside can also increase our mindfulness to our surroundings. When you go for a walk in the warm spring air, notice the birds chirping, the mud beneath your feet, and the sun on your skin. Recognizing our surroundings centers our thoughts and bodies to a calm and ready to learn state.

Junior High Information Nights: Running April and May

Junior high schools across EIPS are hosting information nights for all Grade 6 students and their families—taking place in April and May. Make sure to attend to learn everything you need to know about the junior high programs at your child's school. Those who attend will also have a chance to:

- meet the teachers;

- tour the school and classrooms;
- learn about the upcoming curriculum; and
- ask questions.

For specific dates and times, see: [EIPS Junior High Information Sessions 2024](#)

Get ready for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend Mundare School's upcoming Kindergarten Information Afternoon on April 18th, 2024. You'll get to:

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

Kindergarten Information Afternoon 2024:

- *Date:* April 18th, 2024
- *Time:* 1:00pm
- *Location:* Mundare School, Kindergarten Room

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more. Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten](#).

Additional information about Mundare's kindergarten program is available on the school website. [Kindergarten | Mundare School](#)

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A big *THANK YOU* to EIPS Volunteers

National Volunteer Week takes place April 14-20. On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend my most heartfelt thanks to all EIPS volunteers. Every time you've contributed, whether it was helping on a class field trip or planning a school event for families to enjoy, you were there at a moment when we needed you. Students needed you, staff needed you, the community needed you—and you answered the call. These are moments that matter and are ones that make a difference in a student's experience at their school.

So, thank you again for being there. Without you, EIPS would not be what it is today, and schools wouldn't be able to do all the wonderful things they do. This National Volunteer Week, I encourage everyone to celebrate the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours put into supporting student growth and achievement at schools across the Division.

Cathy Allen
Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees

Did you know?

Alberta Reserves are accumulated surplus funds that may be designated to a school, department or priority. The Board of Trustees approves the transfer of funds to and from reserves and has a yearly plan on how those reserves are used—to the benefit of students. EIPS identifies high-demand areas and uses its operating reserves for initiatives like student learning, new curriculum work, consultant support, mental health initiatives, technology upgrades, public-health best practices and other one-time projects. Operating reserves are also used to furnish and equip new schools and classrooms. With its capital reserves, EIPS replaces aging equipment, purchases technology, modernizes and expands student learning spaces, and funds emergent capital needs.

Learn more:

- Board Policy 2: Role of Board
 - Administrative Procedure 501: Financial Management
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Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your

child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?

The color of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, gray ice is unsafe—grayness indicates the presence of water.

Do more this summer!

EIPS Summer School: Register now

July 2-26

Registration for EIPS Summer School is now open. The program, organized through Next Step, offers more than 40 senior high courses. Students can earn credits, upgrade marks, lighten workloads or finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

Open to EIPS students entering grades 10 to 12 next fall, and students in their Grade 12 year.

- English Language Arts 10-1, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Social Studies 10-1, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Mathematics 10-3, 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 20-3, 30-1 and 30-2
- Science 10, 14, 24 and 30
- Biology 20 and 30
- Chemistry 20 and 30
- Physics 20 and 30
- Physical Education 10
- Traditional Land-based Learning 25
- Aboriginal Studies 10, 20, and 30
- Career and Life Management (CALM 20)
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety
- Work Experience and RAP

Plus, choose from a variety of complementary courses—offered online.

Learn more about [EIPS Summer School 2024](#)—including 2024 course offerings, registration, important dates and more.

See April's Calendar Below

APRIL 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Easter Monday- No School	2 Classes Resume	3 ECS Hat Day Early Dismissal: One hour earlier	4	5 ECS	6
7	8 ECS	9	10 ECS	11	12	13
14	15 ECS	16	17 ECS	18 Kindergarten Information Afternoon Parent Council 5:30 pm	19 ECS	20
21	22 ECS Earth Day-waste less lunch School Clean up	23	24 ECS	25	26 Community Clean up	27
28	29	30				