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Administrators' Message

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“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” Anonymous

Happy New Year! We hope 2016 will be a great year for everyone! December flew by with so many fun activities in the classrooms and throughout the school! January is starting off on a busy note as well with a ski trip for the Div. II students. In addition, our new library furniture purchased by Parent Council will arrive on Jan. 7. This is very exciting news as we work toward transitioning our library in to a Learning Common! **Christine & Paul**

Bouquets



Thanks to the staff who participated in the Winter Festival games against the students!



Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped out in December, without you, we could not do so many fun things!



Thanks to Parent Council for supporting our library project.

Staff News

We have two new faces on our staff this year! Miss Mikala Smith has replaced Mrs. Erin Tompkins during her maternity leave. Miss Scarlett Larsen is replacing Mrs. Nicole Rossman during her maternity leave.

Wellness Activity

The Div. II students will be going skiing on Friday, January 8. In addition there will be a wellness activity on January 28 for all students.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28 at 6:15 p.m.

Logos Parent Council

The next Logo's Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. The Logos meeting will be held at Brentwood this month so everyone is welcome to attend!

Counsellor's Corner



I hope you and your family had a fantastic winter break!

The 2016 Family and Community Winter Program Guide is now available on line. Please see the email link below for information on the various youth groups offered through the county.

<http://www.strathcona.ca/departments/family-and-community-services/programs-and-services/groups/>

Corey Kropp
School Counsellor

Notes from the Office



Safe Arrival

A reminder to please phone in your child's absence/late to 780-467-5591. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day. Messages are picked up regularly from 8am – 4:00pm. Thank you in advance for your assistance! Kim & Tracy ☺

New 2016-17 Division Calendar is now available.

Please refer to www.eips.ca for all calendars/documents/registrations/forms etc.

Upcoming Dates

Jan.	8	-	Ski Trip for Gr. 4-6;
Jan	29	-	School Closure Day
Feb	4&5	-	Teacher's Convention

EIPS News



Register for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration: Now open!

Kindergarten registration for the 2016–2017 school year is now open (for students attending their designated school). To help families prepare, EIPS has put together an [online guide](#) complete with details on registration, eligibility, dates to remember, how to find your designated school, programming options, what to expect, Kindergarten Information Nights, transportation, and more.

Over the next few months, families will also be searching individual school websites for more specific Kindergarten details. To ensure they have the most up-to-date information **please make sure the Kindergarten information published on your school website is current and reflects the 2016–2017 school year.** (While Web Guide is currently unavailable until Thursday morning, your Kindergarten information may be good to review as part of the Web Guide training sessions on January 7.)

Kindergarten Boundary Exemption Update

Unlike previous years, parents no longer need to register their child at their designated school if they are applying for a boundary exemption request. Instead, parents will wait for the boundary exemption request process to open—which **takes place from February 1 to April 14**—and take a completed Boundary Exemption Request Form, available in late January, and Student Registration Form directly to the non-designated school they are requesting to attend. This is the only time of year students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. As with all boundary exemption requests, registration is not guaranteed and will depend on available space, but parents are no longer required to go through the extra step of taking a registration form to the designated school. If parents wish, they may still tentatively register at their designated school even if they are pursuing a boundary exemption for Kindergarten (e.g., if they are concerned the boundary exemption may not be approved and want to secure a specific morning or afternoon Kindergarten spot at the designated school), so you may still have some forms dropped off; however, this is not required.



Inclement Weather

With winter weather upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

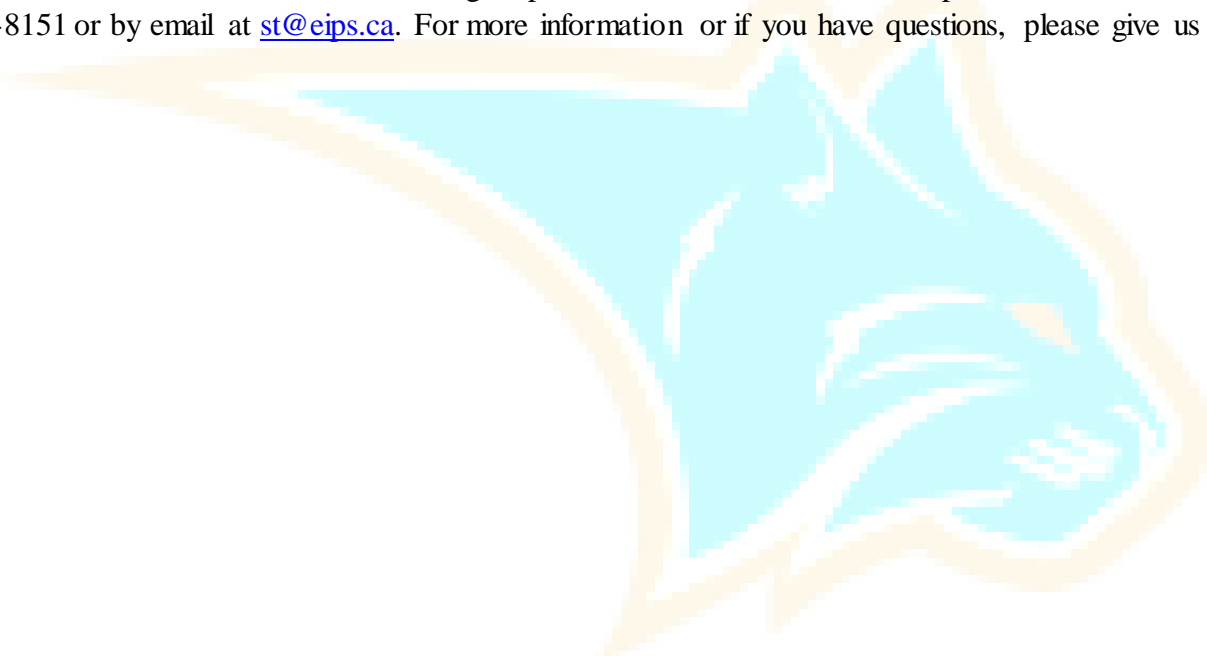
Should inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of bus cancellations using various communications tools, including automated telephone messages, details posted on the division home page (www.eips.ca), in the *Bus Status* section of our division and school websites, on our main switchboard (780-464-3477), on Twitter, and through local radio stations.

If the decision to suspend buses is made the night before, automated messages will not be sent out to parents later than 9:00 p.m. If the decision to suspend buses is made in the early morning hours, the automated message will be sent out at 5:30 a.m.

EIPS administrative procedures state **bus service may be suspended** when the temperature reaches -40°C *including* wind chill factor as measured by Environment Canada at 5:00 a.m. and/or due to adverse weather or road conditions. **Bus service may be suspended** on a region-by-region or route-by-route basis. When school bus services are suspended, schools shall remain open to students.

EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather. Parents must use discretion when sending children to school during inclement weather, even when buses are running and schools are open.

If you do not wish to receive these messages, please contact our Student Transportation office at 780-417-8151 or by email at st@eips.ca. For more information or if you have questions, please give us a call.



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