

October, 2015

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Calendar of Events

October 3	Newsletter emailed
October 5 - 8	Read in Week
October 7	Early Dismissal
October 8	Picture forms due back to school
October 9	Division PD day No School
October 12	Thanksgiving No School
October 13	School Council 6:30pm
October 20	Picture Re take
October 21	Parent Teacher Interview 4:30- 7:30
October 22	Parent Teacher Interview 4:30- 7:30
October 31	Halloween
November 4	Early Dismissal
November 5	Remembrance Day Celebration 10:30
November 6	Newsletter emailed
November 9 -13	November Break

Message from Administration

What an amazing a wonderful kickoff to the year and our learning journey together! Did you know that the staff have advertised all sorts of key student leadership positions within the school and that a leadership application form was sent home with grade 2-6 students. Using very important skills linked to the "world of work", your children are applying for leadership positions such as library leaders, greeters into greatness safety patrollers, news crew, "service core- spirit team", green leaders, tutor care, gardening leaders, art leaders and tech team. Your child may be brainstorming possible answers to the question, "What makes you a great leader?" Wishing you and your family a restful Thanksgiving and as always, thank you for sharing your children with us.

Elissa Corsi
Annie Garneau

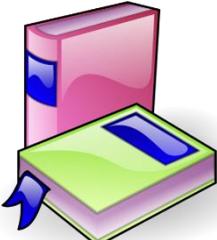
Principal
Assistant Principal



Read-In Week takes place October 5-9

Read-In Week 2015 is taking place **October 5-9**. The theme for this year is *The Power of a Story -Books that Inspire, Connect, & Ignite!*, highlighting the importance of reading, viewing, and listening to rich, engaging text. Read-In Week is a division-wide initiative that happens annually to promote a life-long love of reading in students and enhance literacy awareness involving students, staff, parents, and community members. Through various plan activities, students will learn how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives, and foster empathy. Some of the activities our school has planned for the week include:

<p>Daily</p>	<p>Each day there will be a time to DEAR (drop everything and read). This year in keeping with the theme students are asked to bring a flashlight from home for Read in Week. During DEAR times teachers can turn off the classroom lights and students can read their books using flashlights.</p>
<p>Monday October 5</p>	<p>Our MLA will be reading to the grade 2 classes at 9:30am in the library The Volleyball team from Salisbury High School will be visiting to share stories with</p>

	<p>our division 2 classes between 10:15-11:30.</p>
<p>Tuesday October 6</p>	<p>Bethany Ellis a Storyteller will be reading to the division 1 classes in the morning.</p>
<p>Wednesday October 7</p>	<p>Buddy reading. Each teacher will arrange to have their students read with another class. Sherwood Heights French Immersion students will be reading to our grade 3 and 4 classes between 10:30 and 11:00.</p>
<p>Thursday October 8</p>	<p>Family Reading. Parents are invited to come read with their children from 2-2:50pm.</p> 

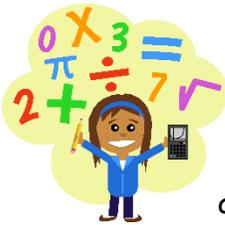
We invite all our families to participate in Read-In Week with us either by reading yourself, with your child, or with someone in the community. We hope you discover some great stories.

Book Fair

Parents...the École Campbelltown library needs your help! We would love parents to help out at the cashier desk during our

"Festival du Livre" (French book fair) running from Oct. 19th to October 23rd. We especially need help during busy lunchtimes and recess. If you have some time to lend a hand, we would very much appreciate it! Please fill out and return the forms (that were previously sent home) by October 7th!

Many thanks to you for making this fundraiser a success!



Math Club

We are excited to be offering students the options to participate in a Math club on Tuesday at Lunch. This club will offer assistance as well as enrichment for any student from grades 1 to 6 that wish to attend. Students will be able to drop in whenever they feel like they need a little extra practice with something or want to go a little further with a Math concept. Thank you to Madame Garneau and the Tutor Leaders for making this possible. We look forward to making math marvelous for all!

School Council Executive

**School Council Meeting - Tuesday,
October 13, at 6:30pm.**

We had a great turn out at the last parent council meeting; thank you to all who attended! Parental involvement is a significant indicator for student success. The time, energy and enthusiasm of these parent leaders help us be the best we can be! Thank you!

The next meeting will be on October 13th with a **new start time of 6:30pm.**

Babysitting is available upon request; please email ecolecsc@hotmail.com to let us know how many kids will be attending.

This is a great opportunity to become informed and share your wonderful ideas. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome. It would be most helpful if we could have a parent from each grade and/or classroom.

We hope to see you there!

For full details of the meeting you can view the minutes on the school website.

Campbelltown in our Community

We look forward to all the exciting things planned for this year which includes more involvement of our kids and their families in our community. More detailed information will be released throughout the year as events arise.

Focus on Music: Fundraising Goal - \$15,000

Our group also voted on the budget for this upcoming school year, which includes a focused fundraising initiative. Mme. Pickering spoke with us outlining the need for new risers and musical instruments. We viewed some amazing risers online that would allow much more flexibility, and use throughout the school, as compared to our current, 20+ year-old risers. Every child in our school will use these risers and instruments - our goal is to raise \$15,000 to purchase the risers, and other necessary upgrades, for our music program.

We are looking for a group of volunteers to form a committee to raise these much needed funds. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact ecolecsc@hotmail.com.

School Education Plan

Our SEP will be posted on our website in the next few weeks. We took time at the

School Council and Staff Meetings to review and reflect on our new goals. An attachment was also sent out with the weekly update last week. As always we appreciate any feedback that you send our way. We are in the educational journey together working always for what's best for our students.

FNMI Projects

We are excited to be starting our FNMI project this fall. Mme Fayed will be visiting all classrooms and working on talking sticks with them. The importance of listening to understand and not listening with the intent to reply will be highlighted for all of our students. We will also be creating a bulletin board in the foyer, which will highlight the FNMI work in our school.

Dressing for the Weather

Brrrrr! Fall is upon us. Thank you for making sure that your child has the necessary winter gear. Our students participate in outdoor recesses except in the most extreme cold weather. Hat, mitts and a warm coat are necessary during outdoor play. We have indoor recess generally until the temperatures reach -21 degrees Celsius or lower.

Visitor Sign In and Visitor Identification

We ask that all parents and visitors sign in at the office when they enter the school (as per Administrative Procedure 170). A sign in sheet is available as well as visitor lanyards. These lanyards should be worn at all times while in the school. Upon leaving, please sign out and return the lanyard.

Thank you for your part in insuring the safety of our students.

Terry Fox Donation



It was a beautiful Terry Fox run, and students definitely enjoyed the opportunity to walk and run around the school yard. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the run. Thank you to all those who donated a "Toonie" for Terry. We raised \$1000.00 to donate to cancer research. Well done École Campbelltown!



Teacher Contact

To assist teachers in providing your child's education, we ask that you keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. Protecting instructional time is very important to our students' academic success. Teachers are available to discuss your child's progress outside of class time. Please contact your child's teacher directly to set up a meeting time.



Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place on Wednesday October 21st and Thursday October 22nd. The booking site for Interviews will be open on October 13th. More information will follow in the next week. We will also be running an art fair during these two evenings. Be sure to stop by the

gym and take a look at the student projects on display from the first Fine Arts Rotation as well as view and listen to our choir sings. We will have taped all of our grade group choirs and will be playing their lovely songs on the big screen.

No Child Without

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) participates in the *No Child Without* program and all schools in the division serving students up to Grade 8 are enrolled. *No Child Without* is a joint program of the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation and the Lions Club of Canada. Through this program, registered children receive 24-hour MedicAlert coverage free of charge between their 4th and 14th birthdays. *No Child Without* waives all initial registration fees and ongoing membership costs during these years. Their vision is to help the estimated 300,000 children with medical conditions across Canada by offering *No Child Without* to all 12,000 elementary schools across Canada over the next five years.

If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and would benefit from MedicAlert services, please contact the school to obtain a program information pamphlet. You can then enroll in *No Child Without* by calling 1-877-282-5378 or online at www.nochildwithout.ca. If your child is already registered with MedicAlert and you would like to enroll specifically in the *No Child Without* program, you must sign up by telephone at the number above.

More information about *No Child Without* is available at www.nochildwithout.ca, by contacting the school office at 780 467-5143 or from EIPS' Communication Services department at 780-417-8266.

Allergy Awareness

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is committed to creating an allergy-aware environment. Management of students at risk of life-threatening allergies is a shared responsibility amongst students, parents, the school system, and health-care providers.

School staff are experienced in dealing with medical sensitivities including food allergies. Parents are invited to speak to the principal regarding their child's medical needs. While the school cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, we will take all reasonable steps to ensure a safe environment for staff and students with life-threatening allergies.



To assist in keeping your child safe, parents should make every effort to teach their allergic children to self-protect. Good safety habits should be established from an early age. Alberta Education provides Allergy and Anaphylaxis Informational Response (AAIR) resources to assist parents and schools with establishing site-specific allergy management strategies. Please see the following websites for further information:

[Allergy/Asthma Information Association](http://www.allergyasthma.ca)

[Anaphylaxis Canada](#)
[Alberta Asthma Centre](#)
[Anaphylaxis: A Handbook for School Boards](#)

School Bus Safety Week

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 18-24. The theme: Transportation is cool, when you take the bus to school. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety learning plans, and bus-evacuations drills.

School Bus Safety

As part of School Bus Safety week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus pass scanner and GPS technology, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to *MyStop*, an online tool to determine, in real-time, the location of a bus, arrival times, when a child scanned onto a bus, and if a bus is delayed—especially useful during the winter months.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/student-tran or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.



Elk Island Public Schools Celebrates World Teachers' Day

Celebrating World Teachers' Day:
October 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Since its launch in 1994, by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural



2015-2016 Grade 3 Student Learning Assessments Pilot

As many of you are aware, this fall Alberta Education is continuing its Grade 3 Student Learning Assessment (SLAs) pilot. The pilot is for our Grade 3 students and is taking place until November 1. The assessments are focused on numeracy, literacy, and critical thinking; are digitally based; and designed in a way that allows students to show their learning in ways not possible with paper-based tests. The goal is to provide timely information to parents and teachers, help enhance classroom instruction, and ensure any student learning needs are identified.

Based on feedback from last year's Grade 3 SLAs pilot, Alberta Education has made some revisions to this year's pilot, which include:

- The Grade 3 SLA pilot administration period for the digitally interactive questions is from September 14 to October 9. The pilot administration for the performance task questions is

from September 14 to November 1. The earlier assessment offer parents and teachers the opportunity to know a student's results sooner and allow teachers the flexibility to administer the assessments over a three-week period.

- Alberta Education will provide student results for the digitally interactive questions to schools, teachers, and parents by Nov. 16, 2015.
- The digital-numeracy component will focus more on basic math facts; performance tasks will be more streamlined; and accompanying materials, such as scoring rubrics, will be simplified.
- Student results for performance tasks will be reported only at the local school-authority level, and not to Alberta Education as was required in the first year of the pilot.

For more information on the 2015–2016 Grade 3 SLA pilot, visit www.education.alberta.ca/sla.

Mental Health Review: Questionnaire

Alberta's mental health policy is currently being reviewed by the province. Its goal: to find better ways to help individuals who are struggling with addictions or mental health challenges. As part of that review, a questionnaire has been developed by Alberta Health's Mental Health Review Committee. Albertans are being asked to give their feedback on the current system in place and ways to

improve its services. Some of the questionnaire topics include: addiction and mental health services, support services for in-patients, addiction services, geographic challenges, and inclusive services. Feedback from the questionnaire will be analyzed and used to help guide an improved mental health strategy.

To complete the online questionnaire, visit www.health.alberta.ca/initiatives/Mental-Health-Review.html. The questionnaire is open until Oct. 23, 2015. The report and recommendations will be presented to the government by the end of the year.

Notice of Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

On behalf of Alberta Health Services, we would like to inform our families there is a pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak in our region. The rate of pertussis in the area is not high but it's circulating and is contagious when an infected person coughs or sneezes near another individual.

The pertussis vaccine, which protects against the illness, is part of the regular childhood immunization series in Alberta. However, while unusual, it's still possible for an individual who has been vaccinated to develop pertussis.

If your child exhibits any of the below symptoms, please have them assessed by your family doctor as soon as possible:

- Persistent cough
- Spasms of coughing followed by a characteristic "whoop" sound
- Coughing followed by gagging or vomiting.

More information regarding pertussis can be found at www.myhealth.alberta.ca or by phoning Health Link at 811.