

March 3, 2017

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Calendar of Events

March 7	School Council Meeting 6:30
March 17	Irish Dance Presentation 11:15
March 17	Jubiloso Handbell Presentation 1:15
March 17	School Dance
March 20	International Francophone Day
March 24	No School
March 27 - 31	Spring Break
April 3	Welcome Back!
April 5	Early Disimissal

We had a busy day of learning on March 3rd here at École Campbelltown with many other French Immersion Teachers from Elk Island Public and Catholic Schools. Sessions included topics on literacy, numeracy, technology, physical education, fine arts and First Nations, Métis and Inuit studies. We are excited to share what with learned with all the students at CBN



Art Display at the County Library

Our Grade 4 and 1 students have some art work displayed at the County Library. Take a look if you are nearby.

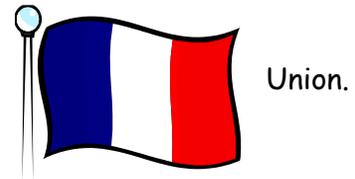
National French Week--March 2-20, 2017

In March we celebrate *Francophonie National French Week*, an annual celebration of French language and francophone cultures. The purpose of *National French Week* is to increase our community's understanding and appreciation of the Francophone world by finding interesting and entertaining ways of looking at how French touches our lives as well as learning about the dozens of countries and millions of people who speak this beautiful language.



Did You Know?

- There are 220 million French people in the world.
- French is the second language spoken in the European
- French is the official language in 32 countries.



Speech Contest

On March 23rd at 1pm, students from grade 4, 5 and 6 that participated in the speech club and advanced to the school finale will present their topics. Please join us. The winner from each grade will advance to compete in the district final contest which is scheduled for April 20th at county hall. Participants must check in by 4:45. Good luck to students as they prepare speeches and research topics of interest.

Hair Massacure

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *Hair Massacure* campaign. It was a very successful fund raiser. We raised over 10 thousand dollars and had many students participate. Students, families and staff gathered at West Edmonton Mall for the event after school. Here are the before and after pictures of our brave students!



Spring Ice is Rotten Ice!

How can you tell if ice is safe in spring? You can't! Spring is a particularly dangerous time to go out on ice. At this time of year it is difficult to tell if the ice will support your weight.

Ice that looks solid can suddenly become unstable!

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*. The only way to protect yourself and your family is to **stay off the ice**.

Remind your family to be safe--**stay OFF the ice**.

For more information on ice safety, go to Lifesaving Society website: www.lifesaving.ca

Safety in the Parking Lot

Parents and students are reminded to cross at the ends of the front parking lot rather than emerging from parked cars. Moreover, please watch for slippery patches of ice.

Traffic Safety in School Zones

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) reminds all parents, students, and staff to please keep safety in mind as you travel through school and playground zones, whether you are a driver or a pedestrian. Please help keep our students safe as they make their way to and from school by watching out for other drivers and pedestrians on the road, and obeying all posted speed limits and other traffic-related signage.



EIPS continues to work with local law enforcement and Alberta Transportation to address traffic and parking issues near our schools when they arise. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation as we work to provide a safe and inviting learning environment for all students.

Below are some school zone traffic safety tips from the Government of Alberta.

Tips to keep children safe

- Examine the road ahead and obey posted speed limits.
- Always be prepared to slow down or stop.
- Do not drive while distracted - always be alert of your surroundings.
- Use caution when approaching intersections or mid-block crosswalks.
- Parked or stopped vehicles may hide a pedestrian crossing the road. The fine for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk or passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk is \$575 and four demerit points.
- Do not park in crosswalks.
- Watch for school safety patrollers, identified by their orange vests, and stop as directed.

New Safety Lights Put a Spotlight on Rural School Bus Safety

Students who live in rural areas throughout Strathcona County recently received a pedestrian safety light, thanks to the Strathcona County School Traffic Safety Partnership and Shell Canada. The lights are easy to attach to a backpack and are meant to help rural bus operator see children during dusk and dawn hours. Make sure to encourage your child to light up and be visible when getting on and off the school bus and crossing street intersections.

We all have a part to play in road safety. Here are a few simple rules to help keep everyone safe:

- **Look out for one another.** Slow down and watch for pedestrians when driving or cycling, particularly in areas where there are no sidewalks or streetlights.
- **Help Drivers see you.** When walking on the road, always walk against the traffic. Wear brightly coloured or reflective clothing when walking in low light or poor weather conditions.



Kindergarten Busing FAQ

When do I need to register my child for bus service for the fall?

You can contact Student Transportation following the Spring Break to register.

Is noon time busing available?

In **urban Sherwood Park** noon service is available although ride times can range from 30-90 minutes in length depending on enrollment and the pick-up or drop-off location. In **Fort Saskatchewan** noon bus service is only available to and from daycares. Day home service is not available at noon. A fee for all noon busing is applicable.

Is there a transfer for the noon busing? What happens at the transfer and where is it?

There is a small transfer for urban Sherwood Park noon busing behind the Sherwood Park Mall.

Students board a bus at their pick-up location and may be required to board another bus that will transport them to their designated drop off location. There is a Safety Monitor at this site assisting students in locating their assigned bus.

Boundary Exemption Request Process: Now open

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017-2018 school year is now open.

EIPS students—in kindergarten to Grade 12—wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can now apply to do so. All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The application deadline is April 7, 2017. Boundary exemption requests received after April 7, 2017 will be declined. There is no late or secondary process.

The [Boundary Exemption Request Form](#) and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process.

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.