



## September 7, 2018

*Striving for Excellence / Nous visions l'excellence*

### Message from Administration

There is a history of strong cooperative collaboration between home and school at École Campbelltown. Learning requires teamwork - student, teacher and family. Our staff will be "*Striving for Excellence / Nous visions l'excellence*" in all that we do. We look forward to celebrating your child's successes throughout the school year!

Staff have been busy preparing a warm welcome for you at École Campbelltown School. Come to **Meet the Staff Night Thursday, Sept. 18 6:00 - 7:00** where we are happy to renew friendships and create new ones. We wish a special "Welcome" to the new families that have joined our community. Meet the Staff will be followed by our first School Council Meeting. Please join us in the library! We know that you will enjoy being a part of the great family at École Campbelltown.

You will now find a calendar at the end of the newsletter that you can print and keep handy to see things that are happening at École Campbelltown. Please be sure to check the school website often for updates at [www.campbelltown.ca](http://www.campbelltown.ca).

We wish everyone a fulfilling school year and invite you to contact us if you have questions or concerns. We are pleased to help.

Lisa Sauder                      Principal  
Annie Garneau                Assistant Principal

### School Safety

In order to ensure the safety of all the children and staff in the building we will be enforcing the rules about visitors entering the school only through the front doors. Please make sure that you are stopping into the office to **pick up a visitors pass** and not walking around the hallways. For morning drop off and after school pick up we ask that you drop your child(ren) off at their door where the teachers will be picking them up. At the end of the day students will be exiting through the same doors and we ask that parents remain outside or in the main foyer.

Kindergarten parents will be picking up at the front foyer of the school. Students will be independently making their way to the foyer for pick up.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we are getting to be a very large school.

### Meet the Teacher Night

*We hope to see everyone on the evening of **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**.* Teachers will visit with parents informally in their classrooms.

A special welcome is extended to all of the new staff members including the following individuals:

- Mme Sweeney - ECS
- Mme Barnes - Grade 1
- Mme Smith - Grade 1
- Mme Piper - Grade 3
- Mme Rovensky - Grade 4 & 6
- Mme Pretzlaff - music
- Mme Sauder - Principal

### Teacher Contact

To assist teachers in providing your child's education, we ask that contact your child's teacher directly via email/phone/agenda to set up an appropriate time to meet. Teachers are available to discuss your child's progress outside of class/instructional time. Protecting instructional time is very important to our students' academic success.

### Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, and Monday, October 22, from 4:30-7:30. We look forward to seeing everyone that evening.

### Kindergarten News

Parents are reminded that the first full day for kindergarten students in Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Picture Day!



Picture Day will be **Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Grades K-6.**  
& **Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
- for the Tuesday/Friday

### Kindergarten Classes

This service allows you the opportunity to have quality studio-style portraits of your children. The purchase of pictures is optional; however all students will have their picture taken.

### Staples- School Supply Orders

If you purchased an order from Staples and found you were missing items please let Mme Viney in the office know and we will sort it out asap.

### First Nations Metis and Inuit

École Campbelltown will continue our work in the area of First Nations, Métis and Inuit. We are excited to have Elder Wilson joining us throughout the year.

### Literacy time

We are pleased to announce that Mme Bourgoin will be returning later this fall to support our school's literacy program. We will also continue with the Precision Reading program. Grade 6 students will be offering this program to younger students.



### Leadership Opportunities for Students

We will again continue to offer the students at École Campbelltown numerous opportunities to demonstrate their leadership skills. More information regarding leadership opportunities for students will follow in October.

### Grade 5 and 6 Options

Grade 5 and 6 students will also have the choice of 3 additional options throughout the school year. These classes will begin in October and take place on Wednesday afternoon for the last hour of the day (with the exception of early dismissal days). Students will be able to choose 3 of the 8 options offered. More information will come home mid-September.

### Student Agendas

This year, the school purchased student agendas for all students as well as a pouch that will follow students from grade to grade. Teachers will use these items for communication with home and homework/home reading.

### Start/End Times

The first bell rings at 8:25, classes start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:12 p.m. Please ensure that students arrive on time so that they are in class and ready to learn at 8:30. We do not want them to miss valuable instruction time.

Outside supervision in the front and back of the school begins at 8:20 in the morning. Thank

you most respectfully. Our bell schedule is also available on our website to assist you in planning appointments for your children.

At the end of the day we also ask that all parents remain outside their child(ren)s respective outer door. For safety reasons we cannot account for everyone in the building. If you need to come into the school please do so through the front doors and get a visitor pass.

Thank you in advance for adhering to the safety guidelines of the district and school as we do our very best to ensure that all of our students are safe.

### Late Arrival / Early Pickup

Please ensure that students sign in at the office if they arrive after the bell, and parents please sign out a student if they need to leave early. Please send a note to your child's teacher to inform them of an early dismissal or any planned absences.

### End of Day

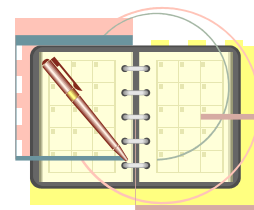
If you have a message you need to pass onto your child, please make sure you have contacted the school by 2:30 p.m. At the end of the day, classes are busy and sometimes outside so we don't always have enough time to pass on messages. Thank you for your understanding.

### Bus Lanes and Parent Parking

Parking and drop areas are at a premium. **Parents are asked to refrain from entering the parking lot during the marked times.** Campbelltown has many buses before and after school and they require full access to the parking lot in front of the school. Please note that the drop off area is ONE WAY. We also ask that our parents do not block the driveways of our school neighbours when dropping off and picking up students. Let's be great neighbours!

### Outside Doors Locked

We will continue to lock outside doors as a safety measure and only the main doors will be open. We request that **all visitors and parents** enter through the main doors, sign in at the office, pick up a lanyard and say "Bonjour". This lets us know who is in the building at all times. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.



### Administrative Procedure 170

1. Signage shall be posted in main entrances of all Division facilities clearly stating that all visitors are to report to the office/main reception.
2. All visitors shall register at the office/main reception and shall wear appropriate identification.

### Terry Fox Run

Our students will be participating in the Terry Fox School Run scheduled for **Friday, September 28th, at 2:15 p.m.** Students will have the choice of walking or running the course. We are also encouraging students to bring in a 'Toonie for Terry'. Donations will be accepted at the main office until **October 4th**, with all funds going to The Terry Fox Foundation.

Our goal is to raise student awareness for cancer research as well as to enjoy some

physical activity.



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### Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a day of **remembrance** and an act of **reconciliation**.

Orange Shirt Day is an annual Canada-wide event to commemorate the history and legacy

of residential schools. It grew out of a gathering of survivors held in Williams Lake, British Columbia in 2013, where Phyllis Webstad, who attended St. Joseph Mission residential school, shared her experience of having her new orange shirt taken on her first day. September 30 was picked as the date because it is the time children had to leave their homes and return to the schools.

As a school, we will celebrate Orange Shirt Day on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Elder Wilson will be joining us that day.

### School Cleanliness

In order to help our janitorial staff keep the school as clean as possible, we kindly request that all students change their shoes at the door. **Shoes are required at all times for safety reasons and white soles are preferred.** We also ask that guests in our school remove wet or dirty foot wear as well.



This shows care and respect for our school and our custodial staff.

### Student Medication

If your child is taking any kind of medication, we require the following information:

- name of medication and dosage; and
- purpose for the medication.

A pharmacist's print out would be handy for monitoring side effects. **Medications must be left with the office and will be administered**

**by the office staff**, according to the form that must be filled out by parents. In special instances, a student may need to carry their medication with them. We would be happy to help

arrange this with the parents' consent. We have forms available in the school office for these purposes that need to be filled out yearly.

Also, please be sure to check the expiry dates on all medications that you leave with the



school. We want to ensure the availability and efficacy of any medicine when it is needed.

### School Council News

The first meeting for school council is Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Please join us in the library. Starting in October, Parent Council meetings will be at 6:30 p.m.

### Tools for Schools

We have backpacks of school supplies for families who may be in need. We want all of our students to be prepared for school. If we can help, feel free to contact Mme Sauder directly.

### Dress for Success

School is a place of work and students should dress accordingly. We would ask that hats are not worn inside the building. If students are wearing clothing with graphic slogans, we expect that they are school appropriate. This expectation applies to boys and girls as well as staff. Students wearing unacceptable clothing may be asked to find something else to put on. Adequate footwear is required at all times in case of an emergency evacuation of the school. We do prefer white soled shoes as they do not mark the floors. Please remember to label all personal items and to check our Lost and Found regularly.

### Safety Reminders

At École Campbelltown, we do whatever we can to ensure that our students are safe. You can help by:

- ensuring that the office has current emergency phone numbers.
- ensuring that you have advised the office about any medical conditions (including allergies). If your child requires special medication at school, please submit a 'Medication/Personal Care Request and Authorization Form' to the office.

- calling or emailing the school office if your child is going to be absent or late. Teachers are sometimes not able to check emails during the day therefore, please email absences and lates to the office. We do a child check, but it is very time-consuming to call the homes that have not telephoned in advance.
- discussing the importance of following school safety procedures and student conduct expectations with your children. (These may be found in the student handbook.)

### Volunteers in Schools

With a responsibility of protecting all of the students in its care, Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Board of Trustees has implemented the following administrative procedure to be followed for screening and approving volunteers throughout the system. The administrative procedure requires that all volunteers, regardless of scope, will annually sign a form, including a declaration that they do not have a criminal record or a child welfare record, as well as agreeing to a confidentiality undertaking. EIPS values and appreciates the efforts of all volunteers, and has implemented these measures to ensure that student safety is maintained at all times. We look forward to your continued support and efforts on behalf of the children in our jurisdiction. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mme Sauder.

### Class parties and Birthdays

As per the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines for Children and Youth and Elk Island Public Schools Administrative Policy 164, **elementary schools are now required to provide 100% of foods available from the "Choose Most Often" category.** As a school, we are no longer able to accept any items that do not fall under the "Choose Most Often" category. If you would like to send a special treat for your child's birthday, please make sure to consult

the Alberta Nutrition Guidelines and send only items from Category #1 - "Choose Most Often". Items that do not fall into this category (ie. cake, cupcakes, ice cream, etc...) will be returned home with your child. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to raise healthy children.

<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/5906406>



### Severe Allergies to Peanuts/Nuts

Food allergies are a growing concern in schools. Millions of children - children who are perfectly healthy in every other way - must watch every single bite they eat, or risk suffering a severe or even life-threatening reaction. A major health issue such as this one needs to be taken very seriously and it has always been the policy of this school to make the safety and well-being of our students our top priority.

A child with a serious peanut allergy can suffer a reaction merely by touching a peanut-containing food or being exposed to peanut residue on surfaces. This reaction may be life-threatening and may require anaphylaxis medication to control. In view of the consequences, we are seeking the cooperation of parents in ensuring that they do not send any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts, peanut products or nuts, particularly if your children are in the same classes. (If a child with such an allergy is part of your child's class, a letter will be sent home to help inform you.) If your child has allergies to other foods, such as seafood or eggs, and you have included this information in the registration form, we will let the homeroom teacher know as soon as possible. In addition to avoiding peanut and nut products in the school we also highly discourage all students from trading lunches.

## Forks and spoons

Please be aware that the office will not be providing students with forks and/or spoons. Please ensure you send appropriate utensils with your child for their lunch and snacks.

## Counsellor's Corner

### The 3 "R's" of School Success

#### Readiness

- Make sure your child comes ready to school every day.
- Speak positively to your child about the school and teachers.
- Make sure your child gets at least 8 hours of sleep each night.

#### Routine

- Help your child pick out clothes and pack his/her lunch the night before school.
- Together, create a regular morning routine and stick to it.

#### Responsibility

- Make sure your child uses their agenda for writing down assignments and due dates. This will help both keep track of assignments.

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It is normal for children to feel anxious when transitioning to a new grade. New routines, expectations, friends and teachers can bring a level of unpredictability.

To help students experience more predictability as they move to a new grade and to help your child positively cope with the stress of a new school year, here are a few strategies to consider.

- **Be mindful of physical health.** A good night's sleep, a belly full of healthy food and a heart pumping from physical activity can help make stress easier to manage.

- **Pay attention to your own reactions.** As parents, it is understandable that you may also feel anxious as you drop your child off at school. Children will often mirror your reactions. Remaining calm and cheerful during drop-off and pick-up is helpful in supporting your child.
- **Create a drop-off and pick-up routine.** Think about where you will drop-off and pick-up your child and how you will say good-bye. A hug, kiss or high-five can help signal to the child that it is time for you to leave and for them to go to class. Keep consistent with this routine.
- **Create a home schedule together.** Add extracurricular activities, homework time, meal times, chores and bedtimes to the schedule. Putting this schedule within view of your child can help your child predict the events of the day which helps to ease stress.
- **Make the first few weeks of school special.** This can include writing special notes, including a special treat in the lunch box or planning a fun activity for after school.

If you are feeling that your child is experiencing more than the normal first day jitters, or if these anxious feelings are lasting more than the first few weeks of school, please feel free to email me at [shelley.boswell@eips.ca](mailto:shelley.boswell@eips.ca) or phone me at 780-467-5143.

### Upcoming Community events

#### AHS Caregiver Series

- **Transitions Big and Small: Supporting Kids through Change** (September 19th or 26th)
- **Technology and the Teenage Brain** (September 11th or 20th)
- **Cannabis 101** (October 9th)

To register for any of the free AHS Caregiver programs and for more information please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/caregiversessions>

### Strathcona County Family Community Services

- Kids Have Stress Too (September 19)
- Connect Parent (September 20)
- Triple P Parenting Group (September 29, Oct 13, Oct. 27)
- Triple P Seminars- The Power of Positive Parenting (Oct. 10)

To register or for more information please visit [strathcona.ca](http://strathcona.ca) or call 780-464-4044

### Digital Citizenship

As part of our character education program we will be working with students on digital citizenship. Part of this will include on-line safety and respect towards others

### Connect to Respect

We encourage parents and students to watch for posters and desk signage in the office and around the school as ongoing visual reminders that everyone in EIPS has a responsibility to treat others with respect.

### Pay school fees easily using PowerSchool

The 2018-2019 school fee information will be available through PowerSchool before the end of September. To access your fee information, simply login to your Parent Portal account (<https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html>) and click the green dollar sign symbol. Once logged in you will be able to view fees and have the ability to pay online using Visa, MasterCard, or INTERAC Online (if available from your financial institution).

School fees may also be added to your child's account throughout the year for various school activities including field trips, class

projects, athletic team fees, and more—so be sure to login to your account regularly in case new fees are added.

For more information about school fees and payment deadlines visit [www.eips.ca/fees](http://www.eips.ca/fees).

If you have additional questions regarding your child's fees, or if you are new to the school and need assistance, please contact **Mme. Showleh** at 780 467 5143.

### Transportation

Elk Island Public Schools Student Transportation would like to inform our parents and students using bus services that all EIPS buses are equipped with video surveillance equipment, which is in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The equipment records and stores several days of data and is reviewed regularly by Student Transportation staff who monitor both student and driver conduct. All video and audio recordings of individuals on school buses are for the safety and security of passengers, drivers, and property, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter. In addition, students using Elk Island Transportation, must ride the bus from their pick up location to the school and then back home. Students are not permitted to walk to or from school and the transfer point. If you have further questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, please contact the FOIP coordinator at EIPS by calling 780-417-8204.

### Noon Hour Supervisors Needed

**Are you interested in helping out at noon time?**

**We need parents like you to help with lunch supervision!** If you are interested in being a regular or substitute for our noon hour supervision please contact Mme Viney in the main office. There is a daily honorarium of \$19.91 per day.

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