

SCA Elementary Newsletter



Our Mission: To challenge students, through Christ-centered education, to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in order to pursue a life of godly character, personal and academic excellence, and service to others.



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October 2018 Edition



SCA Elementary is proud to continue with our missions focus and present:

Wheels in Motion: Eddie the Eagle's Mega Bottle Drive

In partnership with Foundation for His Ministry, in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico, SCA Elementary has the privilege of being involved with an exciting missions project.

This ministry involves building specialized wheelchairs for children in the area, so they can move around easily and go to the special needs school at the mission, The Learning Centre. Our missions focus supports the Learning and Education Centre as well.

We at SCA Elementary raise money for the Wheels in Motion project. This year, we would like every student and staff member to bring 2 garbage bags of bottles and cans into the school. Teachers will check off students' names as they come in. Bottles will be collected until Friday, April 5th. Half of the monies raised will go to Missions; the other half will go to School Council to support student centered events.

Mexican Guests Coming!!

We are very excited to welcome...ESTHER TORRES, our sponsored Mexican missionary partner from the Learning Centre from October 14 - 26 and ALEXA GRANADOS, a teacher at the K-6 school at the mission. They will have opportunities to share with the staff and students some of their story and how God is changing the lives of Mexican people through the work of the mission. We are excited that each one of our students will have an opportunity to meet and ask questions to our friends from the mission.

Reminders:

Wednesday, October 3 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm

Friday, October 5 - NO SCHOOL - PL Day

Monday, October 8 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Day

Thursday & Friday, October 18 & 19 - NO SCHOOL - ACSI Teacher's Convention

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The School Theme for 2018-2019 is...

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing”.

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due by October 18, 2018. To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don’t forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child’s account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is December 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees. Alternatively, contact Cathy Dawe at the school at 780-449-2787.

Note about yearbooks...

Please make sure that if you would like to purchase a 2018-19 yearbook that you include it with your school fees. It is an additional fee that you choose and can be found on your Parent Portal account. The deadline for ordering yearbooks online for this school year is December 31, 2018 and they will be delivered to the students in June of 2019.

SCA Elementary T-Shirts

On many occasions it serves students well to have an SCA T-Shirt, for instance, wearing the school t-shirt on a field trip. During the year, we will often have a “Sea of Blue” day and staff and students will be asked to wear their school t-shirt. If you would like a t-shirt, one can be purchased for \$17.00 on your Parent Portal account until November 9th or at the school office anytime throughout the year. If cost is in any way prohibitive to your child having a shirt, please contact Mr. Poole at 780-449-2787.

School Supplies (Grade 1-3 Students)

In June, a letter was sent to all Grade 1-3 parents indicating that school supplies would be purchased by the school. This practice provides for continuity and ready access to supplies here at school. Parents are required to pay a fee to cover the cost of the supplies. This fee will be included in the school fees on Parent Portal.

SYNC THE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? Just visit:

<http://scaelementary.ca/about/calendar>

Click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal



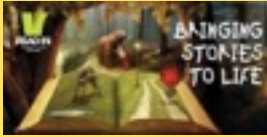
NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of SCA Elementary’s important dates including holidays, school closure days, planned activities, events and more.



A WORD OR TWO

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READ-IN WEEK OCTOBER 1-5

The purpose of READ IN is to create a greater awareness of the importance of reading. Next week the students will be engaged in some extra reading activities.

Winners of September's Welcome Back Contest (Book-in-A-Jar) will be announced next week and posted on the Library website - scelibrary.net

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

We truly appreciate the parent volunteers who faithfully help out in the library each month. Your time is invaluable in helping things run smooth for staff and students.

— Mrs. Wielinga



Photo Re-takes

The date for photo re-takes is **Wednesday, October 10**. If you think your child needs a re-take, please return the online order form with a parents' signature requesting re-takes with your child on re-take day. If your child was absent for picture day, they are welcome to come on re-take day for pictures. If you have any questions regarding your online order, please contact ICON directly at 780-449-3558. Thank-you.

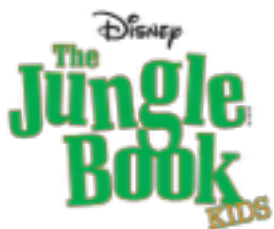
CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Are you a past, present, or future grandparent of a student who attends SCA Secondary or Elementary Schools? We need your prayer support! If you have time to meet once a month to pray for our students, please email Darlene Eisner at darlene.eisner@eips.ca or phone the school at 780-449-2787. Currently a group meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm at SCA Elementary. The first prayer meeting of this school year is Thursday, October 4th and you are welcome to join!

We want to cover the schools and the children with prayer. Your wisdom and experience is strongly desired to do this. Psalm 71:16 says, "I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD!" Read the rest of Psalm 71 to discover your mandate as a spiritual grandparent to all of our students.

Grade 1 Literacy Evening

On September 25th the grade 1 teachers welcomed over 60 grade 1 parents for the 9th annual Grade 1 Literacy Night at SCA Elementary. Grade 1 teachers presented the components of the SCA Elementary Literacy program with a great touch of humor and skits to demonstrate how the program works in the classroom. Many practical ideas were given to show how parents can support their children's reading at home. Thank you to all parents who participated. "Reading is FUN when you're in Grade 1!" A big thank you to our community sponsors and especially SCA Parent Council for their support.



SCA Elementary is proud to present...

Coming in March of 2019! Presented by the Grade 5 & 6 Musical Theatre troupe. Stay tuned for more information.

JUST A REMINDER...

It is very important to have children arrive to school on time. It is disruptive to classes that have already begun and requires energy to go through any start-up announcements or activities a second time. **Students need to be seated in their desks by the 8:40 am bell.** Students arriving late need to check in at the office to receive a late slip. School doors open at 8:20 am.

School Bus Safety Week: October 22-26

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 22-26. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

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 allow 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 the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.



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

Bus Evacuation

On Wednesday, September 26th, all students participated in a bus evacuation exercise to learn how to proceed off the bus in the event of an emergency.

Grade Six Campout

From September 12th-14th the grade 6 classes enjoyed three amazing days at Camp Nakamun. Despite the unseasonably cool temperatures and the snow (yes - I said snow!!) the Lord blessed us and we were able to participate in all of our outdoor activities. Upon arrival at the camp, the grade 6 students quickly settled into their cabins and ate a bag lunch. The afternoon was filled with activities such as archery, zipline, wall climbing, crafts, barge rides, and ping pong. That evening the students enjoyed the Amazing Race, swimming, gym time and lastly the girls' pillow fight. Thursday was another busy day of activities. Devon Marshall challenged the students during our chapel times with an in-depth look at Psalm 23. Also on Thursday, students were able to enjoy the always popular Thursday night games and the boys' pillow fight. A special thank you from Mrs. Peters, Ms. Collins, Mr. Foster, and Mrs. Maxwell to: Mr. Milne and Mr. Toews for teaching us how to shoot a bow and arrow, Mrs. Knysh for being our camp nurse, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Ostermayer, Mr. Buckmaster, and Mr. Fung for organizing many games in the gymnasium, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Iwabuchi for heading out on the barge in the chilly air, Mrs. Shimoda, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Shade, Mr. Botchey and Mr. Schellenberg for helping with the zipline, King Swing and wall climb, and Mrs. Alstad and Mrs. Gagne for helping the students craft amazing duct tape wallets. This year's camp was a wonderful time of building friendships, spiritual encouragement and creating memories for a lifetime.



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School Emergency Response Plan

As part of our School Emergency Response Plan (SERP) at SCA Elementary, we held an emergency evacuation drill during the month of September. To prepare staff and students in the event of an emergency, a variety of drills will be ongoing throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Janzen at the school.

Nut AWARE School

We are proud to be a nut aware school. Because nuts can cause severe, life-threatening reactions in some of our students, we ask that you **do not send** food items that contain peanut butter/peanuts/all tree nuts and sesame seeds. Thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for all the students in our school community.



We at SCE Elementary wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

May your extra long weekend be full of blessings!



Parents in Partnership

The Parents in Partnership team is a group of parents who meet for prayer, staff and teacher encouragement, and crisis meals. The prayer group meets on Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the conference room at the elementary school. We meet one hour each week to support the staff, teachers and families through prayer and we invite you to join us. All are welcome to join as often as your schedule allows.

We are planning our first crisis meal work bee for Monday, October 1st at 9:00 am at Sherwood Park Alliance Church. We are always looking for willing hearts to join us in making these meals to bless families in our schools during a time of need.

If you would like any information about the Parents in Partnership team or would like to join us, please contact us at parentsinpartnership@hotmail.com.

October Prayer Focus:
Daily expressing thanks to God.



October



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15pm	4 Thanksgiving Chapel 9:15 am	5 Professional Learning Day NO SCHOOL	6
	Read-In Week					
7	8 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	9	10 Picture Re-take Day (K-6)	11 ECS Mom's Coffee Party 7:00 pm	12 Hot Lunch	13
14	15	16 Chip Day	17	18 ACSI Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	19 ACSI Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Chip Day	31 November Newsletter Online			

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