

# 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.**

February 2024 Edition

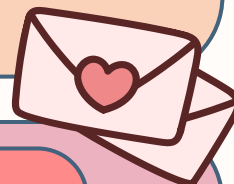
## Returning Student Registration for 2024-25

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2024-25 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2024-25 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space.

**The 2024-25 returning student registration takes place Feb. 8-21, 2024.**

One contact for each current PALS to Grade 11 student will receive the Returning Student Registration Form link through Permission Click on February 8. The recipient is based on which contact has been identified as the one to receive forms as listed on the most recent registration form, Correction and Verification Form or Student Information Update submitted to the Division. To review the contacts listed for each student, refer to the Student Information Update available through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Only one contact can be selected to receive forms.

For more information, contact the school office at 780-449-2787.



## Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

**Kindergarten registration opens for the 2024-25 school year at 9:00 am on Feb. 1, 2024.**

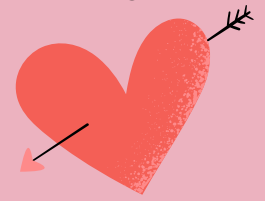
To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

## Not Returning for 2024-25?

If your child(ren) will not be returning to SCA for 2024-25, please email Mrs. Elford ([jeanine.elford@eips.ca](mailto:jeanine.elford@eips.ca)) or call the school directly ASAP.

## REMINDERS

- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:15 PM
- THURS./FRI., FEBRUARY 8 & 9 - NO SCHOOL - ATA TEACHERS CONVENTION
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 & 28 - CHIP DAY
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - RED/PINK DAY
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - BASICALLY BABIES COLLECTION DRIVE
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - HOT LUNCH
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - NO SCHOOL - FAMILY DAY
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 - KINDERGARTEN FATHER/CHILD NIGHT @ 6:15 PM



### HEALTHY HUNGER

#### HOT LUNCH

February 14 - KA/KC (Deadline Feb. 9)

February 15 - KB/KD (Deadline Feb. 10)

February 16 - Gr. 1-6 (Deadline Feb. 11)

#### CHIP DAY

February 14 & 28 - Gr. 1-6

February 28 - KA/KC

February 29 - KB/KD

### RED/PINK DRESS UP DAY - WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14, 2024

Each year as part of our fun Valentine's Day celebrations, we ask students and staff to go to their closet and pull out their favourite red or pink outfit. We encourage our students to start thinking now about what to wear in just a couple of weeks time.



### Basically Babies Care Drive

Basically Babies is a registered charity that is committed to supporting families in extreme need with newborns through the provision of a baby layette. On **Friday, February 16**, SCA Elementary is running a newborn baby care drive to support this cause.

Basically Babies 'Layettes' are each assembled with a Baby Bible and have enough clothing to supply a needy newborn baby throughout his or her first year. The need for more layettes has been increasing. New or gently used clothing up to 24 months as well as other items can be brought to school to help share God's love to these families in our community.

Items specifically needed at this time are babysleepers, girl's tights (for under dresses), receiving blankets, baby soap, baby lotion, baby shampoo, towels and SNOWSUITS! The following items CANNOT BE ACCEPTED: baby powder, diapers, bottles, baby formula/food.

For a complete list of new or gently used items that Basically Babies accepts, please check out their website: [www.basicallybabies.org](http://www.basicallybabies.org)

## We Care Ministry Drive a Success!

On behalf of the We Care Ministry, we would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our students and families who gave so generously to the drive in January. These donations will be used towards SPAC's ongoing outreach ministry in the inner city and will be a blessing to many people.



## SCA Elementary Reading Day

Our visiting Guest Author was Mr. Sigmund Brouwer. Author of 153 books, he read excerpts from some of his books and shared many author tips with our students. Each presentation was full of laughter, anecdotes, and writing challenges for our students. During morning classes, all grades 1-6 students enjoyed a delicious cup of hot chocolate. Wonderful!

A HUGE thank you to Mr. Brouwer for his terrific presentations and to our parent volunteers - Mrs. Heerema, Mrs. Rokosh, Mrs. Awakan, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Reirson, Mrs. Odland, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Hammond, and Mrs. Vleeming - for the hundreds of cups of hot chocolate they served to our students!



## A Note from Elk Island Central Office...



Absolutely no unauthorized parking or U turns allowed in the EIPS Central Office parking lot. There will be fines for violations.

The U turns can result in vehicle collisions and increases the chance of collisions and serious injury to students and pedestrians that use the crosswalk at the entrance to the EIPS Central Office parking lot.

Exciting Event for People with  
**Special Needs**

**10** NIGHT to Shine  
SPONSORED BY THE TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

**YOU ARE INVITED**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024  
6-9 P M

Join us for a prom night that you will never forget!  
Walk the red carpet, enjoy the royal treatment and dance the night away.

For people with special needs 18+

HOSTED BY  
**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
298 Bethel Drive, Sherwood Park, AB

Register online at: [bethelchurch.com](http://bethelchurch.com)  
For more information call Bethel Lutheran Church 780-417-7775

Night to Shine is an annual prom-night event held worldwide to celebrate people with special needs who may not get to experience a traditional prom. In 2014, Night to Shine was launched by the Tim Tebow Foundation to bring people together to create a magical night for this often marginalized group. Last year, in 2023, on one night, 721 churches from around the world came together to host Night to Shine for approximately 115,000 honoured guests through the support of 215,000 volunteers!

Sherwood Park 2024: Bethel Lutheran Church  
A Night to Shine will be hosted for the first time in Sherwood Park at Bethel Lutheran Church on Friday, February 9, 2024 from 6-9 pm.

If you know someone with diverse abilities aged 18+, please invite them to sign up at [bethelchurch.com](http://bethelchurch.com). Capacity is limited, so please don't wait to reserve spot(s) for the individual(s) you know.

# Jump Rope for Heart



The students of SCA Elementary will be literally jumping with heart on **Friday, February, 2nd**. They will be raising funds for our Annual Heart and Stroke Foundation 'Jump Rope for Heart'. Each student will participate and is being asked to bring a Loonie or Toonie or more to contribute to this local charity.

If you would like to receive a tax receipt, you can also donate online at <https://jumpropeforheart.ca> (type in our school name - Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary. Minimum donation of \$5 required to receive a tax receipt) instead of writing a check.

It will be a hopping place around here! The jump schedule is as follows:

Period 1 (8:42-9:14) 4A & 5A	Period 6 (12:20-12:52) 1B & 1C
Period 2 (9:14-9:46) 6A & 6C	Period 7 (12:52-1:24) 2A & 3C
Period 3 (9:46-10:18) 5C & 6B	Period 8 (1:24-1:56) 4C & 5B
Period 4 (10:18-11:05) - KA	Period 9 (2:11-2:43) 2C & 3B
Period 5 (11:05-11:37) 1A & 2B	Period 10 (2:43-3:15) 3A & 4B

The students are asked to wear their **Eddie the Eagle SCA t-shirts** on this day. Comfortable clothes would be in order as well.

The ECS 'KA' class will do their jumping on Friday, Feb. 2 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

The ECS 'KB' class will do their jumping on Thursday, Feb. 1 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

The ECS 'KC' class will do their jumping on Monday, Jan. 29 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

The ECS 'KD' class will do their jumping on Tuesday, Jan. 30 (period 4 -10:18-11:05)

The event will unfold in the gym. Each grade will come in at their regular phys.ed. period to jump for 25-30 minutes.

Parents are more than welcome to come, participate, and help this year with the event!

The students will have a choice of how they will accomplish their jumping. They may choose to jump individually, in pairs, small groups, jump back and forth over a skipping rope on the floor, or work through stations. Ideas are endless!

What will we raise this year? Can we hit \$1000? \$1200?

# 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 Pastor Cook at [timothy.cook@eips.ca](mailto:timothy.cook@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 next prayer meeting is Thursday, February 1 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.

## Yearbooks - Don't forget! - Order deadline is coming on March 31!



The deadline for ordering a yearbook is **March 31, 2024**.

If you would like to order a yearbook:

1. Log into your ParentPortal and select 'Student Fees'.
2. Select your student's individual tab from the top.
3. Select '2023-24 Yearbook under 'School Items' and 'Add to Cart'.
4. Go to your cart and checkout.

Yearbooks will be delivered to the students at the end of June 2024.

## School Theme 2023-24

*Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*

*Psalm 34:8*

## Monthly Newsletters

On the last day of every month we post the newsletter for the upcoming month on our website. Please visit [www.scaelementary.ca](http://www.scaelementary.ca) to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary



## School Facebook Group

Did you know we have a school Facebook Group?  
Find us on Facebook under:  
**SCA Elementary Parents**

## February Prayer Focus

Please pray for our SCA Elementary Custodial Staff.

## Retirement Farewell Party for Mr. Poole

A number of individuals have asked if there is going to be a farewell event for Mr. Poole.

The answer is...of course!!

We are working on a farewell event for early in May that will involve students and parents. Watch our upcoming newsletters for details.



# February

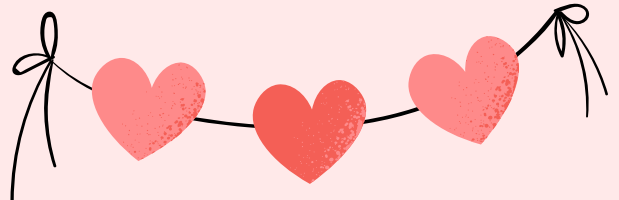


SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7 Early Dismissal 2:15 pm	8 Returning Student Registration Opens at 9:00 am No School ATA Teacher's Convention	9 KA/KC Hot Lunch Order Deadline No School ATA Teacher's Convention	10 KB/KD Hot Lunch Order Deadline
11 Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch Order Deadline	12	13	14 Red/Pink Day KA/KC Hot Lunch Gr. 1-6 Chip Day	15 KB/KD Hot Lunch	16 Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch Basically Babies Collection Drive	17
18	19 No School Family Day	20	21 Returning Student Registration Closes	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 KA/KC, Gr. 1-6 Chip Day	29 KB/KD Chip Day March Newsletter Online Kindergarten Father/Child Night 6:15 pm		

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 14:4-7



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