

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.



June 2024 Edition

School's Out for the **SUMMER!**

THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL THIS YEAR IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024.

REPORT CARDS & REMINDERS

Report cards will be available online, through your Parent Portal account, on Wednesday, June 26 at 3:15 pm. Please note, the report cards are published at 3:15 pm but you may not have access until 4:30 pm.

We ask that your student(s) take all their belongings with them if they are leaving early. Any additional items will be kept in the school office for pick up in September.

LOST & FOUND

There are many items in our lost and found. Items will be on display the last week of school and teachers will be walking students by the tables during this time. Any items not claimed by June 26 will be donated to a local community charity. Please come and check the lost and found for any items you are missing. If the item is small (necklace, jibbitz, pin etc.) please check with the office. Thank you!

Reminders

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:15 PM
FRIDAY, JUNE 7 - ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD DAY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 - CHIP DAY
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 - HOT LUNCH
TUESDAY, JUNE 25 - YEAR END CHAPEL @ 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 - YEAR END ASSEMBLY @ 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 - REPORT CARDS ISSUED



TRACK & FIELD DAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

We are praying for good weather for our Div I and Div II Track & Field Day on Friday, June 7!

Div I (grades 1-3) will be using our own school fields to spend the day participating in 15 events. Each of the 15 groups will be led around the course by a grade 3 group leader and assistant leader. It is always an enjoyable day by all. At the end of the day the students will gather together for a freezie and ribbon awards for first through third place. Mr. Alstad heads up this meet.

The Div II (grades 4-6) Track and Field Day will take place at the Strathcona Athletic Park (behind Bev Facey School). The students will be in groups of 16 and travel through 16 events. The activities range from regular Track and Field events such as high jump and 100m dash to irregular events such as sack races and dry land canoeing. At the end of the day every student will be awarded with a first to fourth place ribbon. Mr. Fung heads up this meet.

There will be a concession available at lunchtime for the Div II students:

Hot Dogs, Chocolate Bars, Chips and Pop: \$2.00 each

Some reminders:

Students should dress for the weather. Mosquito repellent may also be a good idea as would **layered clothing** as the weather may be variable throughout the day. Your child should have **sunscreen on** all exposed skin. Please apply sunscreen at home.

Students are encouraged to bring snacks, a **bottle of water** with their name on the bottle and **they can bring a lunch**.

Please note: 'Parent Permission' forms are for Div II only. This form was sent out via a Permission Click email at the end of May. The form must be completed for each grade 4-6 student to be able to participate and ride the bus.

This day is only successful because of you, our parents, who volunteer to help us out. Volunteer forms were sent home mid-May. The forms should be returned by now but if you forgot, please phone the school and let them know.

We would like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to all our volunteers. You are awesome!

Submitted by: Mr. Fung & Mr. Alstad



Healthy Hunger



Hot Lunch

June 12- KA/KC (Deadline June 7)

June 13 - KB/KD (Deadline June 8)

June 14 - 1 - 6 (Deadline June 9)

Please visit the Healthy Hunger website to place your order.

Chip Day

June 10 - KA/KC

June 11 - KB/KD

June 12 - 1-6

If you did not pre-order chips for the year and your child would like to purchase a bag, please send a Loonie with your child on chip day.



Dates for P.A.T's



Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and school-created year-end assessments will be written in May and June by our Grade 6 students.

All assessments will take place in the morning, and we appreciate your efforts in having your child attend school on these dates.

Wednesday, May 15 - Grade 6 LA (Written) - School Created

Monday, June 17 - Grade 6 LA (Reading) - School Created

Wednesday, June 19 - Grade 6 Social PAT

Thursday, June 20 - Grade 6 Science PAT

Friday, June 21 - Grade 6 Math - School Created

Year End Celebrations

Our year end chapel will take place on **Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30 am** in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend!

Our grade 1 to 6 students will also enjoy a year end assembly on **Wednesday, June 26 at 10:30 am** in the gym.

Year End Awards



Students will receive their year end awards in their individual classrooms at times specified by the teacher. Most class awards are presented on the last day of school.

GRADE 4-6 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR 2024-25

On June 26 we will be sending school supply lists home with all of our grade 3-5 students for next year. We will be offering two options for 2024-25:

- 1) purchase school supplies as usual at your local store OR
- 2) purchase school supplies online.



Keep an eye out for this note coming home in your child's backpack.

GRADE 1-3 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents of children entering grades 1-3 are reminded that you will pay a fee in late September for school supplies that will be purchased and provided by the school.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Each fall, students find out which homeroom and teacher they have. Great care and planning occurs in placing each child in the proper class. Staff spend a great deal of time considering variables such as: individual needs, learning styles, peer groupings, social interactions, boy-girl ratios, special program grouping, educational assistant times, etc. before setting the lists.

Parents are asked to refrain from requesting specific teachers or homerooms, except for reasons of special education (i.e., learning or physical disabilities).

On Thursday, August 29, our staff will be in the rotunda with grade signs to help students find their new class!



A WORD OR TWO scelibrary.net



It has been wonderful to work with all of the students in the library this year. We are privileged to be a part of the reading experiences of your children. We are very thankful for all of the amazing parent volunteer support we received regularly throughout the year.

As we approach the end of June, the library schedule will be as follows:

- ★ June 3 - 7: the last week that students will be able to sign out books
- ★ June 10 - 14: all books returning to the library on library day
- ★ **Friday, June 14: all books due back into the library!**
- ★ June 17 - 21: all missing books must be returned or paid for

Again, a big thank you to parents for your help and support of our library this year.
Have a great summer break!

—Mrs. Wielinga



Student Transportation: 2024-25 Registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2024-25 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2024.

For those students who did not indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, contact EIPS' Student Transportation office at 780-417-8151.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

Shuttle Bus Service for 2024-2025

In an attempt to relieve some of the school parking pressures at our elementary school, we are once again providing a free shuttle bus service, before and after school, to and from our secondary school.



Parents will both drop off their children in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon at the secondary school.

We are encouraging any elementary families who have children in our secondary school and are currently picking them up by car, or any families who find the elementary parking lot congested and would like a larger parking area to retrieve their child(ren) to consider using this service. Families using the shuttle service must agree to be committed to using the service daily, both in the morning and in the afternoon.

To sign-up for the shuttle, please complete the online registration located [here](#).

NOTE: Students who are signed up for regular EIPS busing should NOT sign up for the shuttle bus. Students on regular EIPS buses can get off their bus at secondary with a parental note (sent to the bus driver).



A Huge Thank-you from Mr. Poole

I just want to thank everyone who attended my farewell event on May 29. The outpouring of love and kindness was truly over the top! It has been my absolute joy and privilege to serve as Principal of SCA Elementary for so many years.

A special thank you to Mrs. Peters and Mr. Alstad for organizing everything on May 29. I will still be deeply invested in the school as I watch my grandkids grow and flourish in the SCA community.

-Blessings,
Mr. Poole

"Taste and see, that the Lord is Good!"



2022-23 EIPS ANNUAL FEEDBACK SURVEY: FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

2023-24 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers – Results now available
The results of the 2023-24 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received close to 1,900 responses from parents and caregivers across EIPS. The Division, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:
[2023-24 Parent and Caregiver Survey results: EIPS](#)
[2023-24 Parent and Caregiver Survey results: SCA Elementary](#)



Updating your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Student Information Update available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review their information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates through the Student Information Update after you've moved at the start of next school year. The form is open—for current-year updates—until June 14 at noon. It will reopen for families at the start of next school year.

Happy
Father's
Day

Sunday, June 16

*The righteous man walks in his
integrity; His children are blessed
after him.*

Proverbs 20:7 KJV



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 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, June 6 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.

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 to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary

SCHOOL THEME 2023-24

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

Psalm 34:8



JUNE



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2	3	4	5 Early Dismissal @ 2:15 pm	6 Praying Grandparents @ 1:00 pm	7 Track & Field Day KA/KC Hot Lunch Deadline	8 KB/KD Hot Lunch Deadline
9 Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch Deadline	10 KA/KC Chip Day	11 KB/KD Chip Day	12 Chip Day Gr. 1-6 KA/KC Hot Lunch	13 KB/KD Hot Lunch	14 Hot Lunch Gr. 1-6	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Year End Chapel @10:30 am	26 Last Day of School! Year End Assembly @10:30 am Report Cards Issued	27	28	29
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JUNE PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for our staff and students over the summer

SCHOOL FACEBOOK GROUP

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

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