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ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AT

Mills Haven Elementary

Read all about it in the January 12, 2018 edition!

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. Russell! He has been appointed as Acting Principal when Mrs. Schindeler leaves to be the principal of Davidson Creek Elementary. Mr. Russell will assume the principal duties on February 12, 2018.

EIPS 2018-19 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2018-19 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2018-19 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2018-19 EIPS calendar include:

September 4	First day of classes (after long weekend)
November 12-16	November break
December 24 to January 4	Christmas break
January 31	Second semester begins
February 7-8	Teachers' Convention
March 25-29	Spring break
June 27	Last day of classes
June 28	Schools close for the Summer break

To view the 2018-19 calendar, visit www.eips.ca. Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2019-20 calendar.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit www.eips.ca/calendar and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration opens for the 2018-19 school year on Jan. 15, 2018. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice is sent to the given email address.

NOTE: The online registration form is available as of Jan. 15, 2018—the paper version no longer exists.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit 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. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding Kindergarten can be found on our school website at <http://millshaven.ca/programs/kindergarten>

Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended when...Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.



When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Boundary Exemptions – Request to Attend a Non-designated School

Effective for the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing the way in which students apply to attend a non-designated school. From March 1 to 15, 2018, parents of all EIPS students are being asked to pre-enrol their children online and indicate whether their child will be attending their designated school or if they wish to register at a different school. Acceptance at a non-designated school is based on available space—families will be advised of the outcome by April 13, 2018. Because of high enrolment numbers, some schools won't be accepting any non-designated students. Schools with closed boundaries will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process.

Please note that should you request a non-designated school for your child and need busing, there are fees associated with this choice. Visit [Transportation Services](#) for more information.

As part of the pre-enrolment process, parents are also asked to check and update phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and other important data – doing so will both make sure that the Division has the most current information available and eliminate the need to fill in the paper Correction Form that has traditionally been sent home every fall. Better yet, families will be able to go online and update their child's data throughout the year as circumstances change.

To determine your child's designated school, please check [EIPS school boundary maps](#).

Another way to stay connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter and Facebook

With 42 school and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcase the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.



Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag #EIPS.

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

NOTE: The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.

Community News

Together, Saffron Centre and KEYS are combining efforts to create a supported, safe and connected community by co-hosting a presentation on January 22, 2018 called **Cyberworld: A Caregiver's Guide to Raising Healthy Digital Citizens**. This free community presentation will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. followed by an additional 30 minute Q&A for those interested.

The community presentation is an opportunity for caregivers/parents and other adult leaders to build their capacity to support their youth by:

- increasing their knowledge about digital media
- learning how they can help youth safely navigate and integrate technology into their daily lives
- understanding how digital media can be used as a beneficial tool to interact with others
- empowering caregivers/parents to engage in conversations about appropriate and inappropriate technology use, and
- fostering respectful connections between caregivers/parents and youth regarding technology.

Thank you in advance for considering supporting this initiative. If you have any questions I can be contacted at angie.undheim@strathcona.ca or 587-338-1147.