



FIREWIRE

NEWSLETTER

February 3, 2012

Principal's Message,

It was wonderful to see all of our students learning through the month of January. Now that we have junior high midterm exams behind us and have begun semester 2, we are looking forward to a number of special events. We have our Junior High Valentine's Day Dance, our "100th Day of School" celebration for our primary students, our ski trip to Rabbit Hill for grades 4 to 6 and students in grade 4 to 9 also have an opportunity to curl at the Strathcona Curling Club during this month. Our Elementary skating has been gliding along in the month of January and our Grade 1 to 3 students will experience the musical Annie at Festival Place. Grade 4 to 6 students are preparing for the School Speech Competition on March 1st. Many of our students will be attending conferences this month such as the University of Alberta WISEST, Women in IT, the Elk Island Young Authors' Conference and the Elk Island Public Schools' Student Conference.

We are in for a great month of learning with many special events! Please check our www.fultonvale.ca site for updates to our calendar.

I have had great conversations with junior high students, parents and staff on student achievement through the use of the Parent Portal. Thank you for communicating with us about your child's learning at Fultonvale. There are many exciting changes happening to the Parent Portal and stay tuned for further information and a new look after Teachers' Convention.

I attended Value Management meetings in the month of January and EIPS has planned for the future growth of our community. Information has been shared at School Council and we will be keeping all families updated with any decisions made by the government in partnership with EIPS as soon as we are aware. Fultonvale looks forward to continuing to provide excellent learning opportunities!

Spread the friendship and love during the month of February with our Chocolate Candygrams!

Miss MJ Nam

Welcome

Fultonvale would like to welcome **Mrs. Cindy Nash** to our family. She is supporting our students as an Educational Assistant in grade 4/5. Please help me in welcoming her to our great learning environment.

Register for Kindergarten

Do you have a child who will start Kindergarten in fall 2012? Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is underway. Your child is eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the upcoming school year if he/she will be five years old on or before March 1, 2013.

Check out Elk Island Public Schools' division website at www.eips.ca/Kindergarten for information about Kindergarten programs, registration details, and system information. The 2012 Kindergarten Guide will be available online starting February 21 and in free magazine racks starting March 5. Our school website, www.fultonvale.ca also provides specific details about our Kindergarten program.

Register today and join us on April 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for our Kindergarten Information Night to meet the staff and take a school tour. Contact us today.

The Boundary Exemption 2012/2013

It is common practice within Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) for families to register their children at their **Designated School**, as all schools in the division provide quality educational programming. You can find your Designated School by using the [Versatrans e-Link tool](#).

Boundary exemption requests are not required to register in the following programs: French Immersion, German Bilingual, Alternative Christian, Logos, International Baccalaureate, and Next Step

In the event of extenuating circumstances, parents/guardians/independent students may wish to apply to a school other than the designated school (**School of Choice**). Please note the following processes and timelines if you are requesting a School of Choice:

January 9 to February 15, 2012 - The [Boundary Exemption Request form](#) must be completed in full and submitted to the principal of the designated school.

March 9, 2012 - Principals will contact families regarding the decision about their requests.

March 16, 2012 - Last day to submit written appeals to Bev Fleming, Associate Superintendent.

March 23, 2012 - Appeal decisions made and communicated to families.

Boundary Exemption requests made after February 15, 2012 must be submitted directly to Bev Fleming, Associate Superintendent at Central Services (683 Wye Road). Families are dissuaded from this practice unless they move into the division after this date.

Standard EIPS' practices allow students who have been granted a boundary exemption to continue attending their School of Choice until they move to a grade not offered at that school. At that point, should they choose to explore another School of Choice option, they must again submit a Boundary Exemption Request form for the new School of Choice.

Parents/guardians/independent students who are interested in School of Choice busing are responsible for contacting Student Transportation. School of Choice busing is not guaranteed, and families are responsible for the associated transportation fees, if applicable, which are due **June 30, 2012**. For further information or to make transportation arrangements, please contact EIPS' Student Transportation department at 780-417-8151 or by e-mail using our [online contact form](#).

If you have questions regarding the boundary exemption process, please contact Miss Nam or Bev Fleming, Associate Superintendent at 780-417-8227.

PowerSchool Upgrade

Pearson, the makers of PowerSchool, have released the next generation of the program - PowerSchool 7. In order to minimize disruptions to the second semester, Elk Island Public Schools will be migrating to the new version during Teachers' Convention weekend, February 9 to 12, 2012.

PowerSchool, including the Parent Portal, will be unavailable from Wednesday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m. until Monday, February 13 at 6:00 a.m. Please remain logged off the system during this time.

If you have any questions about PowerSchool, please contact the school office at 780-922-3058.

Are You Planning an Extended Holiday?

We know there are families planning extended vacations during the winter months. While we encourage and expect all students to be in school every day, we recognize the value of family time as well. Parents often request homework for their children to take with them on vacation, but then they find it is very difficult to actually get the work completed when students are in "holiday mode". It is also often difficult for teachers to predict exactly how much the class will cover during a specific time period. If your child is going to be absent for a number of days the teachers will be happy to gather the work they miss and provide it to the student upon his/her return. During this time, please access the www.fultonvale.ca website and the e-teacher pages. Aloha!

Inclement Weather Reminder

Although the temperatures have warmed up in the past week, we do live in Alberta and the weather can change in a matter of minutes. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) reminds parents to please dress children appropriately for the weather when getting them ready for school or the bus.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, your best source of information regarding bus route cancellations is the division website. The *Bus Status* section (www.eips.ca/bus-status) is updated in real time whenever bus cancellations or delays occur. Please make note of your children's bus number(s) so you can quickly and easily check the bus status using this valuable tool. When all bus routes within a large geographic region of EIPS are cancelled, we also post this information in the home page article. It is interesting to note that EIPS' website traffic spiked more than 500 per cent when the cold weather hit on January 17, so it appears many of you are already using this tool.

For more information or to determine your children's bus number(s), contact EIPS' Student Transportation department at 780-417-8151.

Character Education - Loyalty

Our January elementary assembly featured the virtue loyalty. We sang Oh Canada and discussed how we are loyal to our country and community. The grade one class worked with the grade six class to develop a power point presentation on loyalty. In this project, students decided that dogs, military personal, teams, clubs and fans often demonstrate loyalty. Take time this month to determine who or what you are loyal to - your family? your friends? your school? the Oilers? Canada?

Jump Rope for Heart Campaign

This year the students of Fultonvale will be participating in **Jump Rope for Heart** in support of the **Heart and Stroke Foundation**. We have already had the amazing **Lynx Leapers** come to our school and show us some of their fantastic skipping skills. They really gave us a "jump" start into this campaign. Each student will be bringing home a fundraising sheet to collect funds. **Fundraising forms and contributions are due back to school on February 22**. Prizes will be awarded to all students who participate in the campaign. During Phys. Ed. and DPA classes on February 22 and 23, the students will jump rope for 20 minutes in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation!! Let's work together to support this wonderful cause!!

FNMI - Red Power Squad Presentation

On the afternoon of Thursday, January 19, Fultonvale was visited by **Conway K** and the **Red Power Squad**. The afternoon began with a dance workshop for the junior high students, who learned some new hip hop moves and eventually performed a hip hop routine. All of the students did an awesome job, even during the "pretzel-like" moves in the second part of the routine. After everyone had learned the moves, the students were divided into two groups for a dance battle. WOW! Too bad there were no talent scouts in the audience. We have some incredible talent here at Fultonvale, including two on our own staff: Mr. Jeffery and Mr. Hill. These two hipped and hopped their way across the stage in a dance battle of their own, much to the delight of the student body. After the dance workshop, the entire school took in a rap performance accompanied by hip hop routines by members of the Red Power Squad. The energy was infectious! A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our Fultonvale School Advisory committee through Hot Dog Days for providing the funding for this event.

Quest Theatre Presentation

Elementary students will be treated to the show, *For Art's Sake*, by Quest Theatre on February 16th at 1:30. This is a story about a boy who taps into his own creativity which leads to our final virtue for the school year. The show uses shadows, puppets and song. A big thank you to our Fultonvale School Advisory committee through Hot Dog Days for providing the funds to bring this performance to our school.

100th Day Celebration

Our celebration of 100 days of learning will be on Wednesday February 15th with a morning in the gym for grades 1, 2 and 3. We will have several centers which feature activities involving the number 100. We could not run such a big event without parent support. If you are able to help on this morning please contact Mrs. Kihn.

Music Notes

As part of the music program, students go on field trips to experience musical performances in our community in a more formal setting. Last year Division 2 students went to the Winspear to hear the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra in concert. This year it is Division 1 students who will get their turn. **Wednesday February 8, 9:30- 11:30 a.m., grades 1, 2, and 3** are travelling by bus to Festival Place to see the musical *Annie Jr.* as performed by Cloverbar Junior High drama students. We are doing some in class preparation for the event and learning some important audience etiquette as well. Any parents who would like to join us can purchase tickets at the door.

Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 are starting on recorder and currently doing some basic fingering review and theory.

All students have been learning about our composer of the month *Edvard Grieg*. After listening to some of his music, they have created artwork which is on display in the case near the Music room. Please take a look next time you are in.

Mrs. Grau

A Midsummer Night's Dream adapted by Doug McClure

A cast has been chosen and rehearsals have started!!!

Over 30 Jr. high and elementary students have been cast in our spring play and rehearsals will be starting next week. Performances will run on May 3-5, 2012; Mark your calendars now! Tickets will go on sale in the future!

What is the play about you ask?

One of William Shakespeare's best known comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* weaves a tale that brings magic, playfulness and love together.

Set in Athens, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* tells the story of 2 couples who are attempting to sort out the confusing world of love and relationships. Meanwhile a group of actors are preparing to present a play for the Duke and Duchess on their wedding day. And, all the while, the fairy world is observing these silly mortals and choosing to have some fun with them poor.

This version of Shakespeare's play is a fast paced romantic comedy told in modern verse, but still captures the magic Shakespeare intended.

ACTORS and PARENTS please keep track of rehearsals!

If you are interested in helping with costume design or in becoming a sponsor of this production to **advertise** in our program and/or poster, please contact Mr. Zinken at the school for sponsorship details.

Library News

In the last couple of months, we have brought in over 600 new books!! Students have been suggesting titles or subjects that they would like to see, and many of them are now arriving. Interested in what is happening? Follow the library's Twitter feed (@FTVLibrary) where I update titles as often as I can! Some amazing new picture books for the junior readers, new fiction for the grade 4-6 students, as well as we have brought in all titles from the Young Readers Choice nominations for the junior and intermediate level. The nonfiction section is expanding, with many new, curriculum related books.

A big thank you the **Kropp family!** The Kropp's have donated an entire box of brand new books! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thanks also to **Mrs Kropp** and **Mrs. Chorney**, for volunteering their time to help in the library. Any parents, who have an hour, an afternoon, or any extra time, please consider volunteering in the library, there is always plenty to do!

The *Luau* themed Book Fair is coming up quickly! The fair will be open for preview on March 16, and the fair will run until March 21. If you would like to help with the set up, supervision during the fair, or the tear down, please let me know!

Please feel free to stop by, call or email if you have any questions regarding the library, borrowing policy or volunteering.

Mrs. Morrison

Email: amorrison@fultonvale.ca

@FTVLibrary

"I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living." □ [Dr. Seuss](#)

DARE Graduation

The Grade 6 class has enjoyed learning the many facts, skills, and strategies that the D.A.R.E. program offers with **Constable Payne** the last few months. On February 14th, at 11:00 am, they will be celebrating the completion of their program with the D.A.R.E. graduation. Congratulations Grade 6 students!

Young Authors' Conference

Congratulations to the following students who are attending the Young Authors' Conference on Saturday, February 25th at F. R. Haythorne Jr. High School.

Shayla H, Matthew H, Caleb K, Layne L, Raegan M, and Maya S

These students will have the opportunity to attend a variety of sessions offered by local authors and illustrators.

Students' Council

The annual Valentine's Day dance will be taking place starting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14th. Our Chocolate Candy Gram sales have started today and will take place throughout the month of February in Room 3 at 12:05. They are 50 cents for one and 2 dollars for 5. Share your kindness and love with others!

Three of our grade nine students will also be representing Fultonvale at the first Annual Elk Island Public School's Student Conference, My Voice. My Future. on Wednesday, February 29th. This conference will give the students an opportunity to take an active role in their learning and future.

Saffron

We are pleased to continue our partnership with Saffron and their Centre of Education. Our grade 5 and 7 students will have presentations on Boundaries, Cyberbullying and Internet usage during the months of February and March.

Women in IT Conference

On February 24, 2012, all participating grade 9 girls with Mrs. Baerg will be visiting the University of Alberta to attend the Women in IT Conference. This program is an annual, national program aimed at grade 9 girls to change their perceptions about a career in Information Technology (IT). This program is designed to provide career information to grade 9 girls across the country in hopes of attracting more females to the profession.

Fultonvale CanWest CanSpell Spelling Bee 2012 Results!

Fultonvale's annual school spelling bee was held on Thursday, January 12th and was a big success. Fultonvale was proud of all of the following competitors, who did an excellent job.

In the end, **Jackson H** spelled the championship word, with **Jordan M** placing second and **Alanna D** placing third. Great spelling!

Fultonvale Elementary Relay Team

Congratulations to the following students who have made the Fultonvale Relay team.

Girls Team: **Kyla B, Stephanie C, Jordan D, Shayla H, Alyssa L, Reagan M, Bhreagh S, Jazmyne W, and Jevlynn W**

Boys Team: **Ryan B, Carter C, Aaron D, Ian H, Layne L, Ashton L, Jeremy T, Darian T, and Damien W**
These teams will be competing at the Edmonton Journal Indoor Games on February 22, 2012. Good Luck to both teams. Go Firebirds!!

Division 2 Book Club (Grades 4-6)

The book club kicked off the New Year with a wonderful potluck lunch of hotdogs, cookies, fruit, crackers & cheese, and chips. We meet every day four in the library during eating time and will be listening to books on CD so don't miss a meeting/chapter! Please contact Mrs. Kihn if you have any questions.

Skating Thursdays

Fultonvale Elementary is enjoying skating every Thursday at the Strathcona Olympiette Arena. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who help tie skates, cheer from the stands, or join us skating. Please check the website for skating times for each class.

Police Visit

Thank you to **Mr. Cech** for arranging an awesome visit from the **Edmonton Police Training Academy** for grades 1, 2 & 3. We enjoyed six centers featuring fitness, police equipment (including handcuffs!), parade marching, finding clues, writing tickets and visiting a squad car. The students enjoyed it all and discovered that we are all lifelong learners and police work is for those dedicated to helping others. We appreciate our police officers - who are an important part of our community.

Grade 9 Farewell

As we are slowly starting up our planning for the end of the year, we are asking for parent volunteers to help our grade nine students with the planning and implementation of Grade Nine Farewell. If you are interested, please contact Miss Nam.

Hot Lunch/Hot Dog Day Bouquet

Happy New Year and thank you to all who have helped us on hot dog days, hot lunch days, and with hot lunch count! We can't imagine doing it without you! A special thanks to the responsible junior high helpers that pick up & deliver hot lunch to their classrooms and then return the bins: **Lucas, Max, Brandon, Christian, Michael, Maddy, Rebecca, Brooke, Trace, Noah, Anika, Alanna,** and **Kasydi** and special shout out to **Mr. Wlos** and the **grade 8 students** who came to our rescue and delivered the elementary bins on January 10th! Bev, Krista, Melissa & Simone

Newsletter Draw

Congratulations to **Daxton C - Gr 2** and **Kendrick M - 71** our \$5.00 Firewire prize winners for the month of January.

A "Sneak Peek"

March 2012

1	ECS Day Gr 4-6 School Speech Competition	14	Pizza Day
2	PD Day - School Closed	15	ECS Day EIPS Basketball Finals
6	ECS Day Hot Dog Day	16	ECS Day Gr 5 Telus Field Trip
7	Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m. Crazy Hair Day		Drama 8/9 "The Crucible" Field Trip Report Card Distribution
8	ECS Day Hot Lunch Day Gr 8 Scholastic Challenge 8:15-11:45 a.m.	19-22	Book Fair
9	Gr 4-6 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip "Firewire" Newsletter Distribution	20	ECS Day Hot Dog Day ECS-Gr 9 S/P/T Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
11	Daylight Savings - Clocks Ahead 1 Hour	21	Elementary Assembly 10:15 a.m. ECS-Gr 9 S/P/T Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
12	Gr 5 & 7 Saffron		
12-16	Wheelchair Basketball		
13	ECS Day School Council Meeting 8:30 a.m. EIPS Basketball Finals	22	ECS Day Last Day for Students
		23	Day in Lieu - School Closed
		26-30	Spring Break - School Closed

Apr 1 First Day Back for Students

Community News

Next Step Continuing Education

The following **Student and/or Parent Enrichment** opportunities are starting soon:

I. M. S. M. A. R. T.

For students in Grades 1-6 together with their parent(s)/guardian(s).

Does your elementary age child have trouble with spelling, math facts or sight words? Do you want to work with him or her more efficiently and effectively? Then this course is for you. Learn powerful brain-based techniques that are time efficient and effective with your child.

\$69 + \$20 materials +GST (per parent/child team) | 4 Hrs

Feb 21, 23 (T/Th) 4:30-6:30 pm

I. P. A. S. S.

For students in Grades 4-9 together with their parent(s)/guardian(s).

Evaluate present studying strategies, increase awareness of other methods of "studying", learn "new" strategies and immediately apply them to improve student learning in the different subject areas.

\$85 +GST (per parent/child team) | 6 Hrs

Feb 28, Mar 1, 6 (T/Th) 4:30-6:30 pm

Ultimate Kids (for Parents)

This workshop highlights types of relationships children need with adults, the impact of adult attitudes about children and tools to help children succeed.

\$35 +GST | 2.5 Hrs

Feb 22 (W) 6:30-9 pm

Tech Savvy for Parents

Wondering what your child is doing online? Learn the social networking technologies students are using (for example Facebook, Twitter, Google, etc.). A discussion about digital citizenship and internet safety will also be provided.

\$35 +GST | 2.5 Hrs

Mar 5 (M) 6:30-9 pm

View courses starting in April on our website:

- **Improve Your Success as a Student**
- **Coping with Student Stress**
- **Junior High Tutorials**

Registration is easy with our **Online Registration** system. Find details about how to register and other courses offered by **Next Step Continuing Education** at eipscontinuing.ca. Registrations are also accepted by phone (780-467-7292), by fax (780-449-3530) or in person at our office, located in Salisbury Composite High School.

Ardrossan Soccer Club - 2012 Outdoor Soccer Registration

~Offers youth soccer programs for U4-U18 age groups for House League in all Strathcona County!~

REGISTRATION ONLINE @ ardrossansoccer.com

*online registration discounts available. Online registration closes March 10th!

or register at:

ARDROSSAN RECREATION CENTER (upstairs)

Sat, Mar 10 & 17, 10:30 - 3:30

Please register early as teams do fill up fast!

See website for registrations deadline and information: [HYPERLINK](#)

"<http://www.ardrossansoccer.com>"www.ardrossansoccer.com__

Firewire Newsletter Receipt Slip

Please return to the office by Monday, February 13th, 2012 for your opportunity to win one of the two \$5.00 cash prizes.

Please note: Firewire Newsletters will always be distributed on the last instructional day of staff meeting week. Check your "courier service" to make sure you receive your copy. Newsletters may also be viewed on our website at www.fultonvale.ca



Student Name (Please Print)

Student Grade

Parent's Signature

Comments/Suggestions/Questions:



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