



# The Firewire Parents' Weekly

September 10-16, 2018

## This Week's Activities

### Monday – Day 5

- ECS –KM pictures
- Concession opens for junior high students
- Welcome Week activities are planned each day as a fun way to re-unite with friends and classmates.

### Tuesday – Day 6

- ECS – KT & gr. 1-9 pictures
- Junior High option change requests due

### Wednesday – Day 1

- I am at the Sal Feeder Framework meeting in the morning.
- Meet the Staff BBQ starts at 5:00. There will be an introduction of school staff somewhere between 5:15-5:30. It will be informal as we will be outside. We look forward to seeing everyone at the BBQ. Thank you to the parent group (FSAC) for organizing and putting on this event.

**Note: In the event of rain we will still hold the BBQ but will use the Gathering Space as our Eat & Meet area. The west doors by the gym will be used. This way volleyball can still occur in the gymnasium.**

### Thursday – Day 2

- Cross country race #1 at Wes Hosford School, 5:00-7:00 pm

### Friday –Day 3

- Turkey Trot: Assembly @ 10:00 followed by the elementary Trot then the junior high Trot
- Fultonvale 500!
- Elementary timetables due to the office
- Staff Social after school
- EIPS Senior Volleyball Tournament begins. Ends Saturday. GO FIREBIRDS!

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## **Note: Volleyball Tryouts & Practice Times – Junior High**

*All students MUST have a signed permission form in order to tryout.*

Monday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Junior Boys Tryouts 3-4:30 with Junior Girls tryouts 4:30-6 pm

Tuesday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Girls practice 3-4:30 with Junior Girls tryouts to follow.

Wednesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Girls practice 3-4:30

Parent meeting for both senior teams at 4:15-4:45 (MEETING IN THE MUSIC ROOM)

Senior Boys practice to follow 4:30-6 pm

Thursday Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Junior Boys Tryouts 3:00 then Senior Boys practice to follow @ 4:30 pm

## **On Stage for the week of September 17-23:**

### ➤ *Monday*

- Junior Boys 3:00 (parent meeting to follow practice)
- Senior Girls 4:30

### ➤ *Tuesday*

- Flex classes begin for junior high students
- Senior Girls practice @ 3:00 pm
- Senior Boys practice @ 4:30 pm

### ➤ *Wednesday*

- Flex period #2
- **Mark & I are attending Sandra Herbst for the day. Cindy will be Teacher in-Charge.**
- Senior Boys volleyball practice @ 3:00 pm
- Junior Girls 4:30 pm (parent meeting to follow)
- EIPS Junior High X-country run at Gold Bar Park
- School Council & FSAC meetings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

### ➤ *Thursday*

- Cross country race #2 at Wes Hosford School, 5:00-7:00 pm

### ➤ *Friday*

- Both ECS classes on field trip to Safety City
- EIPS Junior Volleyball Tournament commences. Good Luck Firebirds!

## **School News & Upcoming Events**

### **Enhancing Literacy and Numeracy**

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again planning to administer two assessment tools during the 2018-19 school year—STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI). The tools

focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 2 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. Grade 1 students will take the STAR Early Literacy test. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematical screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each of the assessments provide the teacher with a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. They simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematical ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

- **Entrances into the school**

There are 3 entry points into Fultonvale during morning drop off:

1. The west side entryway (by the gymnasium) will be open to students/parents until 8:00 a.m. for morning drop off. We encourage parents to use the west parking lot as a point of morning drop off to alleviate congestion in the main/south parking lot.
2. The SE entrance is available for students.
3. The main office doors are where the majority of students will enter the building.

Our entrances are automated and lock at 8:00 a.m. The Main office doors remain unlocked until 4:00 p.m. If you arrive to school after 8:00 a.m. please access the building via the main office entrance. This way we can ensure a student's attendance and hand the student a late slip for their teacher. Thank you in advance for helping keep all Fultonvale community members safe.

- **Milk Tickets & Concession**

We will once again be selling milk through our concession. This year the milk containers have changed to a larger capacity plastic container. A sheet of 20 tickets will be available for \$25. If you still have tickets from last year, they will be honoured. Milk can also be purchased daily at \$1.50.

Concession opens Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We offer a variety of healthy snacks along with some cup of soups & microwaveable lunches.

- Colchester Community League events



# SHOW & SHINE



**\$10 REGISTRATION FEE  
PRIZES!**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018  
11 AM - 3 PM

23219 Twp Rd. 520 Sherwood Park, AB

ENTERTAINMENT AND FOOD

# Kudos

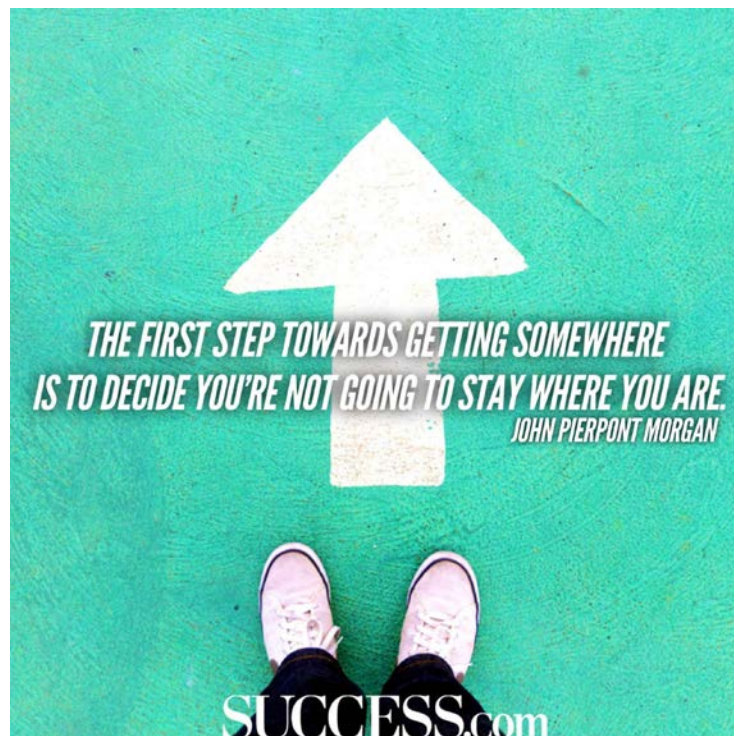
To Mrs. Kihn for coordinating volleyball Tryouts, meetings & practices.

To Mr. Bresden for spearheading the 3 Cross-Country races for grades 1-9 students.

To the Welcome Week committee for organizing the team building activities.

## A Final Thought...

“The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you’re not going to stay where you are.” ~ *John Pierpont “J.P.” Morgan*



Enjoy your week. ~ Brad