



## The Firewire Parents' Weekly

October 29-November 4, 2018

I wish to start off by thanking parents for your taking the time to attend conferences this week. Conferences are an important part of the school-family connection. With all the events that take up our time in the evenings, I thank you for making this time important in your child's school life.



### *Some classroom activities:*

Grade 1 students were learning about colours through the art of tie-dying. Messy, but our parent volunteers were up to the task and students created a uniquely coloured shirt without wearing the tie-dye on their street clothes.



The grade 8 Outdoor Education camp, volleyball games, bus evacuation drill, and the Firebird/Zombie runs rounded out this past week. Our junior boys are playing in the Lakeland Ridge volleyball tournament this weekend.



### This Week's Activities

#### Monday – Day 2

- Teaching & Learning

#### Tuesday – Day 3

- Volleyball games (FINAL LEAGUE GAMES):
  - Junior teams host Ft. Christian. Boys start @ 4:00 - Girls follow.
  - Senior teams travel to Ft. Christian. Boys start @ 4:00 - Girls follow.



### Wednesday – Day 4

- Halloween activities:
  - Elem parade starts about 12:25 p.m.
  - Junior High dance at 12:45 pm.

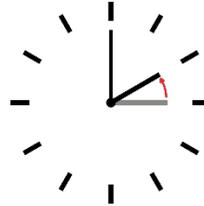


### Thursday – Day 5

- Hot Lunch

### Friday – Day 6

- Teaching & Learning



Sunday - Daylight Savings ends. Clocks fall back 1 hour.

## **On Stage for the week of November 5-11:**

- *Monday*
  - Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Pick up at the school.
- *Tuesday*
  - Locker clean out
  - Volleyball Quarter Finals:
    - Teams & places to be determined
- *Wednesday*
  - Take Your Kid To Work Day - grade 9 students only
  - Early Dismissal & staff meeting
- *Thursday*
  - Teaching & Learning
- *Friday*
  - Junior High Principal's Meeting (early morning)
  - Remembrance Day ceremony @ 10:15 am.



# School News & Upcoming Events

## Operation Christmas Child (boxes)



We would like to invite the Fultonvale families to join us in partnering with Operation Christmas Child, a charity which collects and distributes shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in need. We think this is an important charity because it helps kids ensure that other kids all over the world have a nice Christmas. An information letter went home this week. The collection date for collected boxes will be Thursday, Nov. 8.

## Halloween costumes

are just around the corner and we have many students with wonderful, creative ideas about what costumes to wear. What's important to remember, though, is costumes that portray stereotypes about a specific group, culture or race can be hurtful. While we're confident our students wouldn't intentionally try to offend their classmates or teachers, we need to be sensitive to the fact that having one's background or identity depicted as a costume can be viewed as disrespectful.

Elk Island Public Schools is committed to providing welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and working environments. It is important that celebrations being held at our schools can be enjoyed by everyone—please help us ensure Halloween is fun for all of our students! If you have any questions about whether or not a costume would be appropriate, please contact your teacher or me to discuss.

## SCHOOL FEES

### Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. **All fees are now due.** To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). Alternatively, contact **Michele Edmundson, Business Manager** at Fultonvale Elem/Jr High School at 780-922-3058 or email [michele.edmundson@eips.ca](mailto:michele.edmundson@eips.ca).

## **NO CHILD WITHOUT- FREE MEDICALERT FOR STUDENTS**

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Fultonvale Elementary Junior High School** is once again participating in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four and 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at **78-922-3058**. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca).

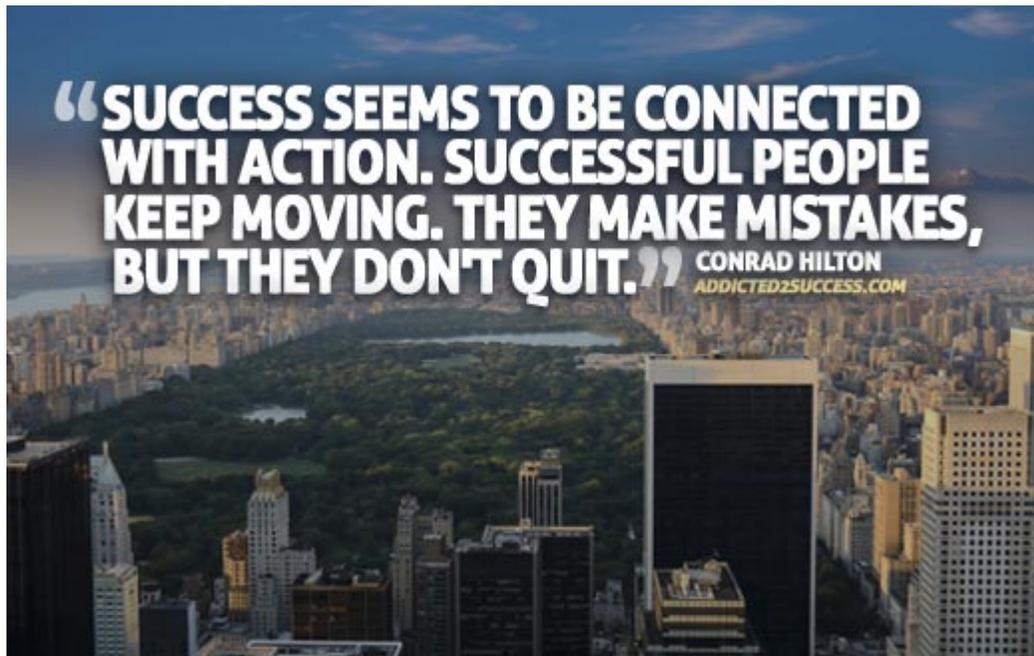
## Kudos

To Mr. Buchert for putting together this year's Firebird/Zombie Run. Mr. Brzezicki for the ambience.

To Mr. Wever for setting up the Jr. ATB interviews for our 40 students with the folks from ATB Financial.

## A Final Thought...

It has been a busy week for everyone. Thank you for always being positive and sharing of your talents for us at school.



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Enjoy your week. ~ Brad