



The Firewire Parents' Weekly

January 13-19, 2020

Happy New Year

to all Fultonvale families!

The New Year often brings resolutions, in some cases, a hope for new starts and an excitement of “newness” to our work and home lives. Wherever you are on this spectrum, I trust that 2020 will be filled with Blessings & happiness.

This Week's Activities

Monday – Day 5

- Sr. Boys basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm

Tuesday – Day 6

- Skating for grades 1-3
- Jr. ATB Banking Day
- Jr. Boys basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Sr. Girls basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm

Wednesday – Day 1

- Pizza Day, \$4/slice
- School Council Meeting @ 1:00 p.m. in the Learning Common – school fees discussion
- Jr. Girls basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Sr. Boys basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm

Thursday – Day 2

- Skating for grades 4-6
- Basketball Games:
 - Seniors travel to Lamont. Boys play first at 4:00 pm. Girls follow. First League game!
 - Juniors have a Bye.

Friday – Day 3

- DARE for grade 6 classes
- Sr. basketball tournament at Ft. Christian School starts

On Stage for the week of January 20-26:

- *Monday*
 - Sr. Boys basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
 - Jr. Boys basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm

- *Tuesday*
 - Skating for grades 1-3
 - Jr. Girls basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
 - Sr. Girls basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm

- *Wednesday*
 - I am attending a Leadership meeting for the afternoon
 - Gr. 1 field trip to Royal AB. Museum (all day)
 - Sr. Girls basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
 - Sr. Boys basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm
 - FSAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space

- *Thursday*
 - Skating for grades 4-6
 - Hot Lunch Day
 - Basketball Games:
 - Seniors travel to Ft. Christian. Both games are at 4:30 pm.
 - Juniors host Rudolph Hennig. Boys play first at 4:00 pm.

- *Friday*
 - Gr. 1-6 Money Mentors presentations
 - Jr. High MADD Assembly, 8:50-9:50
 - Gr. 6 DARE
 - Basketball skills camp for grades 5-9 students. From 3-5 p.m.

School News & Upcoming Events

School Fees Discussion

At our January School Council meeting I will be discussing our current fee structure for this year. We will continue the conversation at our March School Council meeting to plan for the 2020-2021 fee structure. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend there will be a mechanism for parent feedback in January. Some areas I will be sharing are:

- a. Course fees, noon supervision, activity fees, field trips, and extra-curricular
- b. Provide parents with the 2019-20 fee schedule
- c. A list of questions for consideration

Elementary Skating

Elementary classes will be skating in January at the SOC. Our grade 1-3 students will skate periods 2-4 (from 8:45-11:30) on the Tuesdays of January 7, 14, 21, 28, and February.

The grade 4-6 students will have from 8:45-11:30 on the Thursdays of January 9, 16, 23, 30 and Wednesday, February 5 (due to Convention).

Test Anxiety Strategies

Below are some resources for parents, teachers & students to access as exams are upcoming for students. Thank you Asma for these links.

Test-anxiety for parents by U of A- Great read for parents and beginning the conversation with their children

<https://www.ualberta.ca/media-library/ualberta/students/university-wellness-services/ccs/handouts/english/test-anxiety.pdf>

Video: breaking the cycle of anxiety

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wh2EgELKbDQ>

Parent series program from AHS some are in Sherwood park location. There is one on test anxiety

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z85m7EeOKyU0B6HWU4XdWxqP9Yt_2Oye/view

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2020? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2020-21 school year on Feb. 1, 2020.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at www.eips.ca/kindergarten—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.

Returning Student Registration for 2020-21

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2020-21 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2020-21 school year.

Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2020-21 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-29, 2020.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2020.

Kudos

To the unknown elves who cleaned up the Christmas decorations, lost & found tables, and gym decorations.

A Final Thought...

As this is the first Firewire for 2020 I thought this quote would be appropriate.

“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose”.

~ Lyndon B Johnson

Enjoy your weekend. ~ Brad