



The Firewire Parents' Weekly

February 3-9, 2020

This Week's Activities

Curling starts this week at SOC for grades 5-9 classes. Specific times are below.

Monday – Day 2

- **Curling:**
 - 6J – Periods 2 & 3
 - 72 – Period 4
- Jr. Boys basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm ***No Sr. Boys practice this Monday**
- Jr. Girls basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm

Tuesday – Day 3

- Skating for Grades 1-3. Party to follow in the gathering space.
- **Curling:**
 - 6J – Periods 2 & 3
 - 71 – Period 4
- Sr. Girls basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm

Wednesday – Day 4

- Skating for grades 4-6. Party to follow in the gathering space.
- Sr. Girls basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Early Dismissal & Staff Meeting
- Fun at Work Day – Beach theme. This is a staff only thing 😊.
- Junior Boys & Girls play an exhibition game @ F.R. Haythorne School. 4:00 start time.

Thursday – No School

- Teachers' Convention

Friday – No School

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On Stage for the week of Feb. 10-16:

➤ *Monday*

- We welcome 2 student teachers starting their AFX Practicum. Mr. Bjornsson with Mr. Brzezicki & Ms. Turriff with Mr. Hill. Both student teachers are here until April 24th.
- **Curling:**
 - 81 – Period 2
 - 92 – Period 3
- Sr. Boys basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Jr. Boys basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm

➤ *Tuesday*

- Mark is at an AP workshop for the morning.
- **Curling: ROAR at lunchtime**
 - 72 – Period 1
 - 5B – Periods 2 & 3
 - 71 – Period 4
 - 81 – Period 7
- Immunizations
- Gr. 2 field agriculture field trip (all day)
- Jr. ATB Banking Day at lunch
- Jr. Girls basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Sr. Girls basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm
- **Fultonvale School Council invites you to show our staff how much we appreciate them and all they do! How? By feeding them, of course! Please click on the link below and participate in making Tuesday, February 11 a special day for our staff. There are MANY options to choose from. If we all do a little bit, it will make a big impact! <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/MOIV9434>**

➤ *Wednesday*

- I am at a Feeder Framework meeting for the morning.
- **Curling:**
 - 5B – Periods 1 & 2
 - 91 – Period 3
- Pizza Day
- Gr. 1 agricultural field trip (all day)
- Sr. Girls basketball practice, 3:00-4:30 pm
- Sr. Boys basketball practice, 4:30-6:00 pm

➤ *Thursday*

- I am at a junior high principals' meeting for the morning
 - **Curling: ROAR at lunchtime**
 - 92 – Period 2
 - 72 – Period 4
 - 91 – Period 6
- Gr. 4-6 Ski Trip to Rabbit Hill (all day)



- Basketball Games:
 - Jr. teams travel to Vegreville. Boys play first at 4:00 pm.
 - Sr. teams host Vegreville. Boys play first at 4:00 pm.

- *Friday – Valentine’s Day*
 - No School

School News & Upcoming Events

Accountability Pillar Surveys

The Pillar surveys are ready for all teachers, grades 4 & 7 students & parents. Codes will be handed out at staff meeting for teachers and students.

Worry Warriors Workshop

A 6-week, ‘Worry Warriors program is now available to parents - Helping children learn skills for managing worry, anxiety, stress, and friendships’ being offered to children (ages 9-12) through Thrive Teen Counselling in Sherwood Park. Further program information and registration can be found on their website at <https://www.thriveteens.ca/worry-warriors-program> or by phone at 780-289-5437.

Kindergarten Registration Starts February 1st

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

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 – FEBRUARY 1 -29

Dear Elk Island Public Schools families:

The [returning student registration process](#) for the 2020-21 school year opens **Feb. 1, 2020 at 9 a.m.** All returning students are required to complete the process. The process allows families to indicate the school their child plans to attend in the upcoming year, apply to attend a non-designated school and request student transportation. To complete the returning student registration form for your child, you must have a [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account set up.

- If you *DO* have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account set up, you’re good to go. On February 1, you’ll receive an email from the Division notifying you the returning student registration process is open with step-by-step instructions.
- If you *DO NOT* have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to create one **before February 1**. It’s easy to set up an account. Simply follow the instructions in the link below or talk to your school for help.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

EIPS High School Information Evening

All students in grades 8 and 9 and their families are invited to attend to learn more about EIPS and its senior high program.

Make sure to attend to:

- learn about the senior high course offerings, instruction, programming and extracurricular opportunities;
- find out about diploma requirements and various career paths; and
- discuss programming with senior high administrators.

High School Information Evening details:

Date: Feb. 3, 2020 @ 7 p.m.

Location: Sherwood Park Alliance Church; 1011 Clover Bar Rd.; Sherwood Park

In addition to the Division's High School Information Evening, each EIPS senior high school hosts an open house. The open houses allow students and families to meet staff, tour the school, learn about the curriculum, gain insight about alternative programming available, and so much more. Dates and times for each senior high open house are available at eips.ca/registration/senior-high.

Kudos

To the Colchester Agriculture Society for providing funds for our grades 1-3 classes to go on their respective agriculture field trips. Much appreciated!

To our parent casino workers who put in 1-2 very late evenings this week!

A Final Thought...

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

~ George Bernard Shaw

I need to keep reminding myself of this when I play ball with the senior boys.

Enjoy your weekend. ~ Brad