



Woodbridge Farms School Newsletter #5 February 3, 2017

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From the Principal's Desk...

January was a full and busy month! At our January assembly, Grade 6 students introduced us to SMART goals. Smart goals are **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**ealistic and **T**imely. These kind of goals give us a particular target to work towards and we can determine our own success by if/how well we achieved our goal. An example of a non-smart goal is "I want to do better on spelling tests." A SMART goal might be "by the end of March, I will get 11/14 (80%) on weekly spelling tests." It is specific because there is a specific goal, namely 80%. It is measurable because one can keep track of progress. It is attainable, because it would be meeting classroom/grade level spelling expectations. It is realistic because that is something a student could realistically be expected to do. And it is timely (some people call this time-bound) because there is a time line for this.

There are two very important things for you to be aware of. First is a change happening in the way you will receive district communication. To ensure we are in compliance with Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL), all parents of EIPS students need to specifically consent to receive email from EIPS. This includes all schools within EIPS. On Monday you will receive a hard copy of information/details on how to subscribe to EIPS emails (attached in e-format to this newsletter).

- ✓ On February 15, you will receive an email from EIPS. Part of that email will be the opportunity to subscribe.
- ✓ By March 1st, **only** parents who have provided **confirmed consent** will receive routine correspondence. This includes school newsletters, information about upcoming school and/or Division events, and parent/community engagement opportunities
- ✓ Teachers will have to have confirmed consent for their emails to parents as well.
- ✓ If parents don't do anything they will no longer get correspondence. However, there is always the opportunity to provide confirmed consent afterwards
- ✓ Note: even if parents/guardians do not give confirmed consent, they will still receive emergency messages and attendance notifications where applicable

The second is the NE Sherwood Park quadrant boundaries discussion. As EIPS enters Phase 3 of public engagement, there will be two sessions at Lakeland Ridge School about updating the NE Quadrant attendance boundaries. Public sessions are on February 8 or 16.

Another highlight has to be the Evergreen Theater Artist in Residence program held at the end of January and into the first few days of February. EIPS also highlighted Woodbridge Farms in a news release <http://www.eips.ca/about-us/whats-new/post/eips-students-mix-science-and-art-to-explore-renewable-energy> This fabulous event was spearheaded by Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Newton.

In March we're looking forward to hosting a Blanket Exercise. This is a parent only event. Please see later in the newsletter for more information. To sign up please use the link provided: <https://goo.gl/forms/qPxjcciPxOLM0Gqt1>

For more information please visit the school website at: <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/>

Happy Learning!
Sven Danzinger
Principal



FEBRUARY 2017

- Feb 1 Staff Meeting – early out 213 PM
Boundary Exemption process starts
- Feb 3 Newsletter
KMW Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
- Feb 7 Jump Rope for Heart Assembly 1 PM
- Feb 9 & 10 Teachers' Convention – no school
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day; Concrete Theatre 9 AM
- Feb 15 100th Day of School
National Flag Day
Email to EIPS Parents re CASL
- Feb 16 Assembly 2 PM
- Feb 17 Professional Learning Day – no school
- Feb 20 Family Day - no school
- Feb 22 **Pink Shirt Day**
Ryan Laird: Bigger Than That anti-bullying tour (AM)
- Feb 23 Div 2 Ski Trip
KTTh Full Day Kindergarten extra Friday
WBF School Council/Parent Association 630
- Feb 24 Hot Lunch: Nitza's **note: Cycle 2 order required**
- Feb 25 Young Author's Conference



SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARENTS

Blanket Exercise:
Tuesday March 7
630 PM in the Library

MARCH 2017

- TBD Interview bookings open
<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/>
- Mar 1 Staff Meeting – early out 213 PM
- Mar 2 Dr Seuss' Birthday; Newsletter;
Dufflebag Theatre *Peter Pan* 1:45
- Mar 3 Professional Learning Day
- Mar 7 Blanket Exercise for Parents (630 PM Library)
- Mar 15 Assembly 9 AM
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day; Report Cards Issued
Hot Lunch: Press'd **note: Cycle 2 order required**
- Mar 21 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 430-730
- Mar 22 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 430-730
WBF Div 2 Speech Competition
- Mar 24 Day in Lieu – No School
- Mar 27-Apr 3 Spring Break & Easter – No School**

SCHOOL COUNCIL & PARENT ASSOCIATION 2016 2017 MEETING DATES

All meetings are at 630 PM in the
Library

Thursday February 23
March No Meeting
Tuesday April 25
Wednesday May 31

APRIL 2017

- Apr 3 Classes Resume
- Apr 5 Staff Meeting – early out 213 PM
- Apr 7 Newsletter
- Apr 13 Assembly 2 PM
- Apr 14 Good Friday - No school
- Apr 17 Easter Monday - No school
- Apr 20 EIPS Speech Finals
- Apr 21 Student Hot Lunch: Booster Juice/Cobbs
- Apr 23 Fire Drill #4 this week (*weather permitting*)
- Apr 27 WBF Staff Event (PM)
- Apr 28 Professional Learning Day

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday, March 21 and
Wednesday, March 22
Happy Camper Book Fair
12:00pm – 1:00pm and
4:30pm – 7:30pm

Parents and grand-parents are *always* welcome at our assemblies!

An Attitude of Gratitude!



Woodbridge Farms Elementary is a great place to be, thanks to the efforts of many dedicated people. In this section of the newsletter we try to recognize the work done on behalf of the students. *Thank-you* to:

- ✓ The **Hot Lunch** group for organizing and distributing Culinary Delights hot lunch on January 27th
- ✓ **WBF Parent Association** for sponsoring our Math Evening and paying for the math manipulatives parents were able to take home
- ✓ The many parents and staff who attended the Math Evening
- ✓ Mrs. Wells-Taylor for planning the Math Evening
- ✓ Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Newton for writing the grant for our Evergreen Theatre Artist in Residence

In and around the School

WBF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Thank-you to all the volunteers and helpers who help in so many ways in and around the school.

Upcoming Meetings

All parents are invited to attend our next Parent Association and School Council meetings. This is a fantastic way to find out what is going on in the school or share any concerns you may have. The next meeting is in the school library on **Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM**. Childcare is available at no cost. We are going to start looking at some planning for next year. This includes seeking parent input on topics such as classes and configurations.

Hot Lunch

Volunteers are always appreciated and needed to help distribute food to students. The next hot lunch is February 24th.

School Council & Parent Association Website

A great way to stay up-to-date with School Council and Parent Association happenings is <http://wbfp.weebly.com/>.

MATH PARENT EVENING

Thanks to sponsorship from your WBF Parent Association, we were able to present an informative and interactive math evening for parents. It was a fun and interactive session presented by Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks, and many parents learned and experienced a fun way to review and strengthen basic math skills with students.



TERM 2 REPORT CARDS – ONLINE

As planned at the beginning of the year, the term 2 report cards will be online. The online functionality is one of the key components available with the new report cards. If you would also like a hardcopy / printed report card, please let your child(ren)'s teacher know.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year started on January 16th. As of the publishing of this newsletter we already have 51 students registered. There are 3 classes planned: Monday/Wednesday (with some Fridays), Tuesday/Thursday (with some Fridays) and Mornings.



BLANKET EXERCISE MARCH 7 @ 630 PM

Please use the following link to register for the evening. We will need at least 20 parents in order to go ahead with the evening.

<https://goo.gl/forms/qPxjcciPxOLM0Gqt1>

Retrieved from <http://kairosblanketexercise.org/about> on January 13:

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we're rarely taught. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the [Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples](#)—which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation, the Blanket Exercise

covers over 500 years of history in a one and a half hour participatory workshop.

Blanket Exercise participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. They are directed by facilitators representing a narrator (or narrators) and the European colonizers. Participants are drawn into the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. Ideally, the exercise is followed by a debriefing session in which participants have the opportunity to discuss the experience as a group. This often takes the form of a talking circle.

WBF staff participated in a Blanket Exercise during our first Professional Learning day in October. This is an important step in which we work towards supporting the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. <http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=905>

This evening is for parents only. Our hope is to have parents learn about this first, so that when students participate in the Blanket Exercise parents will have a similar experience. Our plan is to have grade 5 and 6 students participate in the Blanket Exercise in April.

Please use the following link to register for the evening. We will need at least 20 parents in order to go ahead with the evening. <https://goo.gl/forms/qPxjcciPxOLM0Gqt1>

REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE – SEND IN OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR GRADE 4

Do you have any left-over Christmas cards? Each year, the grade 4s do a Christmas card art project that uses 20 Christmas cards per student. This year, it is nearly 1200 cards for all our classes. Therefore, Ms. Nadema is always happy to receive donations of old Christmas cards. Cards accepted all year long – please consider sending cards to school instead of recycling them after Christmas.

HAIR MASSACURE - PINK HAIR



It's that time of year again. Mr. Danzinger now has pink hair again. From time to time students participate and/or express an interest in participating. While we don't have an "official" school hair massacre team, if there are students interested we can show off our pink hair for the assembly. And we'll be ready for **pink shirt day!**

Please note – students do not have to dye their hair, nor shave it off. Another option is for long hair to be donated to make wigs for people who lose their hair following chemotherapy.

In order for students to participate, parents must register their child(ren) through the Hair Massacure website.
<http://northernab.hairmassacure.com/>



In and around the District

LET'S TALK ABOUT: SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

Planning is now underway to establish the attendance boundaries for the new K-6 school in the Davidson Creek area. The new boundaries will affect both elementary schools and junior high schools in the northeast quadrant of Sherwood Park.

To ensure the new attendance boundaries meet the needs of the community, EIPS is holding two public information sessions. At the sessions, community members will have the opportunity to view the purposed attendance areas, ask questions and share comments.

Public Information Sessions:

Date: February 8 & February 16

Time: 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Lakeland Ridge School

*free child care provided.

Unable to attend the public information sessions? The purposed boundaries and a comment form are also available, as of February 8,

at www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's now time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16**,



2017. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship. If you're registering for Kindergarten at SouthPointe School, the new school in Fort Saskatchewan opening in the 2017–2018 school year, you can submit a registration form to any elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan—the school will make sure your registration package is delivered to the principal at SouthPointe School.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit 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. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding Woodbridge Farms Elementary Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/programs/kindergarten>

NOTE: To be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years old on, or before, Dec. 31, 2017.

BOUNDARY EXEMPTION REQUEST PROCESS: NOW OPEN

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year is now open.

EIPS students—in kindergarten to Grade 12—wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can now apply to do so. All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The application deadline is April 7, 2017. Boundary exemption requests received after April 7, 2017 will be declined. There is no late or secondary process.

The [Boundary Exemption Request Form](#) and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process.

Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

CHANGES TO SHARING INFORMATION VIA EMAIL

CANADA'S ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION (CASL)

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) appreciates the opportunity to stay connected with parents and one of the ways it does so is through email. However, federal law—Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)—requires that the Division must be given direct consent to continue to email its families, because occasionally, emails may contain what could be “commercial content.”

On **February 15**, you will receive a message from the Division that will give you the option to either subscribe or unsubscribe from school and Division-generated emails. The same message is being sent to every email address you have provided to the Division. To remain on EIPS' distribution list,

you will have to make a choice as to whether or not you wish to continue receiving email for each of those addresses.

If you unsubscribe, or do not respond, you will no longer receive school- and Division-generated emails such as school newsletters, information about upcoming school and Division events, parent and community engagement opportunities and others. That's because these messages may contain advertising or promotional content from time to time—for example, school fundraisers; lunch programs; field trips; the sale of yearbooks; purchasing of student photos, books, graduation, school productions or dance tickets; athletic events with an entry fee; options for purchasing third-party supplies or products or similar events and offers—and will therefore no longer be sent out.

NOTE: Even if you unsubscribe, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also still receive those messages.

We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring the Division's distribution lists are compliant with the CASL requirements and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: MINISTIK SCHOOL

As you may be aware, in December, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees approved the motion to consider the possible closure of Ministik School.

To ensure a fair and transparent process and that a decision be made in the best interests of both students and the Division, a public-meeting process is being undertaken as outlined in the province's *School Act* "Alberta Regulation 238/1997: Closure of Schools Regulation."

A comprehensive information package is being provided to all Ministik School families. The package is also available online at www.eips.ca/schools/ministik-school.

Two public meetings are being held which will offer insight and information regarding the school's possible closure. Parents, guardians and community members will have the opportunity learn about what is being considered, ask questions and offer feedback.

Meeting details:

Date: February 7 and February 15

Time: 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Location: Ministik School gymnasium

Address: 21246 Highway 14, Sherwood Park, AB.

*child care provided

More information about the meeting and related updates are available at www.eips.ca.

WOODBIDGE FARMS STUDENT STRIVE TO:

*Be Safe, Show Respect, Work Hard,
Finish Strong, Be You!*



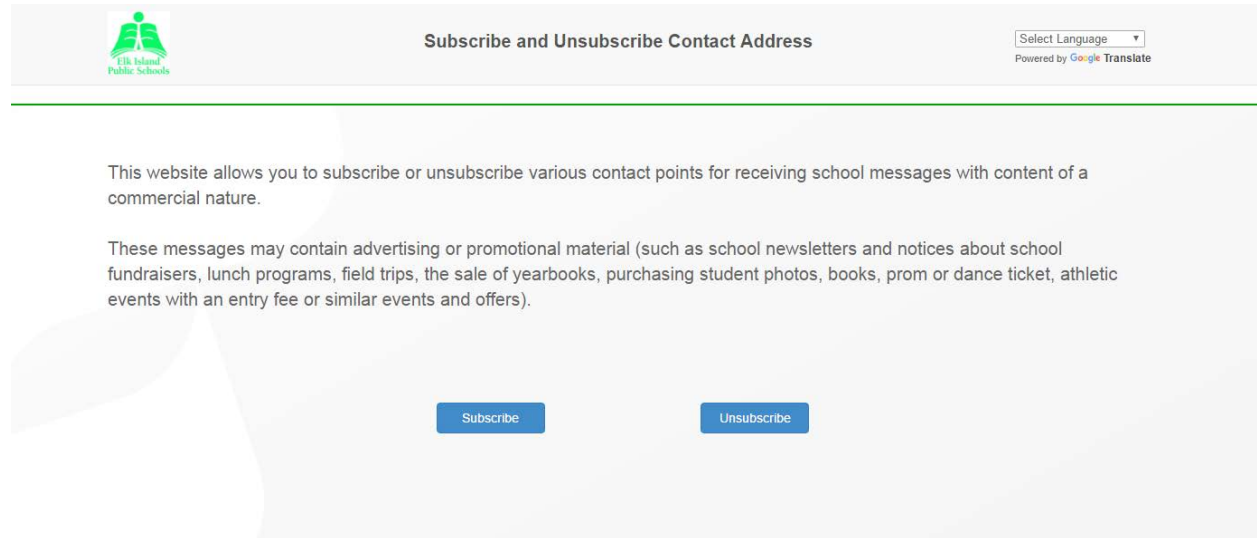
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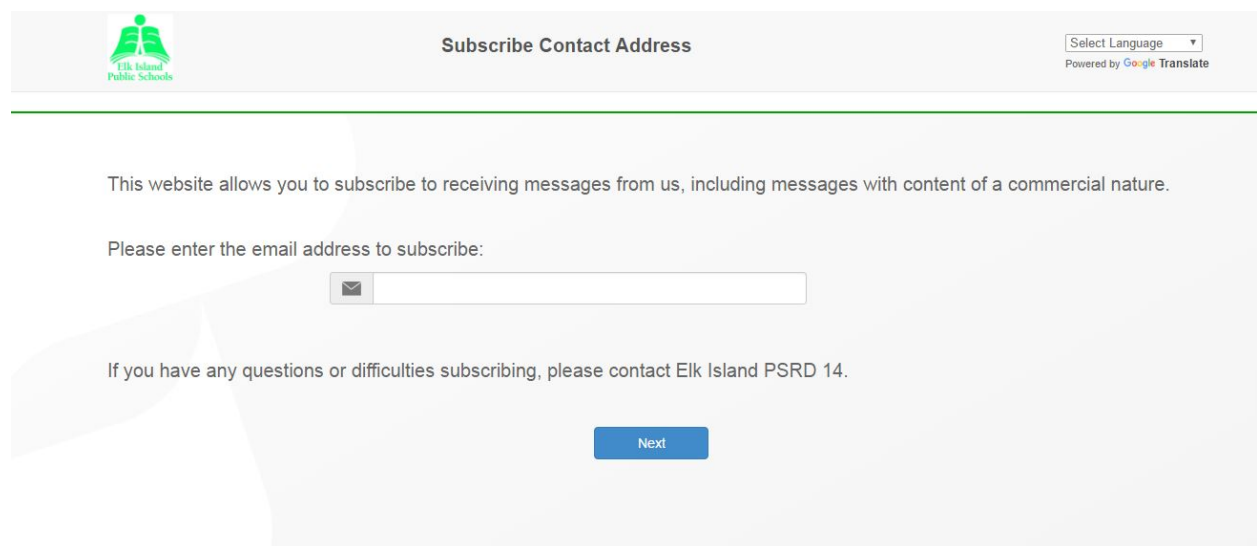
Procedure to subscribe to EIPS emails:

- On February 15, you will receive an email from EIPS that explains why we require parents to subscribe. There will be a link to follow in that email that will take you to this page:



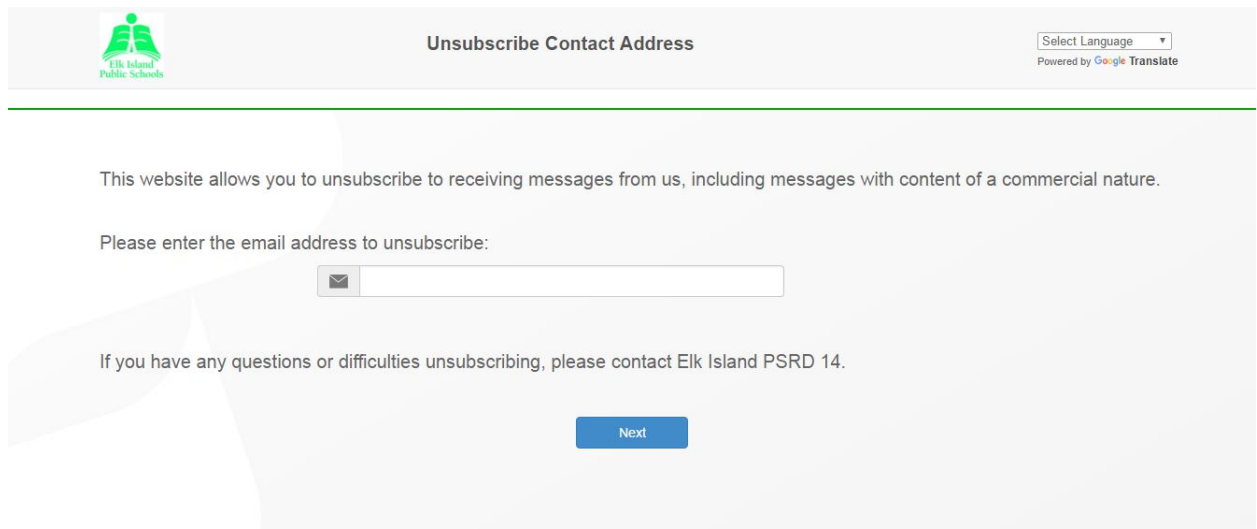
The screenshot shows a web page titled "Subscribe and Unsubscribe Contact Address". In the top left corner is the Elk Island Public Schools logo. In the top right corner, there is a "Select Language" dropdown menu and a note "Powered by Google Translate". The main content area contains two paragraphs of text: "This website allows you to subscribe or unsubscribe various contact points for receiving school messages with content of a commercial nature." and "These messages may contain advertising or promotional material (such as school newsletters and notices about school fundraisers, lunch programs, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, purchasing student photos, books, prom or dance ticket, athletic events with an entry fee or similar events and offers)." Below the text are two blue buttons: "Subscribe" and "Unsubscribe".

- In order to continue receiving routine emails from both your school and from EIPS, you **must** select subscribe. If you unsubscribe, the only emails you will receive will be emergency messages and an email that tells you when school fees have been posted.
- When you select **subscribe**, the following page appears:



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- When you select **unsubscribe**, the following page appears:



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Unsubscribe Contact Address" for Elk Island Public Schools. The page includes a logo on the left, a language selection dropdown on the right, and a central form area. The form contains the following text and elements:

This website allows you to unsubscribe to receiving messages from us, including messages with content of a commercial nature.

Please enter the email address to unsubscribe:

If you have any questions or difficulties unsubscribing, please contact Elk Island PSRD 14.

- You will receive an email at every email address you have provided the school, and will be asked to repeat this step for each of those addresses.
- Should you wish to subscribe using a new email address, you need to contact the school first so they can enter it into their system. Once it has been updated by the school (usually within 24 hours), you will be able to subscribe using the new email address.
- By visiting the EIPS website, you will be able to change your preference at any time after February 15, 2017 (<https://www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice>)