



Woodbridge Farms School Newsletter #10 June 1, 2018

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## From the Principal's Desk...

If one expects students to do well on a particular task, for example a Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs), then it is important to give students the opportunity to practice that type of task. That is one reason why I encourage participation in field testing PATs, and this year being no exception, grade 6s will be field testing a number of PATs, some electronic and some traditional (paper and pencil) format. Students will be participating with field testing Language Arts – both parts A and B, Math – both parts A and B, Social Studies and Science.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the outgoing School Council and Parent Association Executive and congratulations to the newly elected/re-elected Executives. Please remember that your School Council and Parent Association work hard for the benefit of all students in the school. It is through the dedication of these people, and the entire community's generous support, that events like the Oil Kings night, Mundare Sausage Orders, Spring planter baskets or the upcoming Water Park fundraiser do so well. I'd also like to remind you that all parents are welcome at any School Council and Parent Association meetings. Please come and share your thoughts and ideas.

By the time you read this, our annual "Coffee Drive Through" will be over. But I do hope that you were able to stop by and get a coffee and donut. Over the last three years, I've been consistently impressed with the level of volunteerism that Woodbridge Farms parents, grandparents and family demonstrate. From filling the roster for hot lunch, or accompanying field trips, we couldn't do this without you, and please know that your contributions are gratefully appreciated. The Spring Family Dance was a tremendous success and students had a lot of fun! Judging by the line-up, the photo-booth was a tremendous hit.

At last week's School Council meeting I shared information about fees, budget forecast, school configuration and Accountability Pillar results. Noon supervision fees will see a small decrease next year. Agendas will be available. This is an optional item and is not part of the regular school fees. Due to a bulk order by the district, we are able to have agendas at a very significantly reduced cost. The price for agendas should be \$3 each. Our accountability pillar results show some excellent progress and gains. While this year's PAT results (naturally) won't be available until October, the Accountability Pillar surveys completed by grade 4 parents and students and teachers are now released. Parental involvement, which was rated as "concern" last year has improved by 13% and is now rated as "excellent". Again, I have to thank parents for their contributions and for completing the surveys. The topic with the most discussion was the configuration. The plan for next year does have combined classes, however we believe it will give us the most flexibility by maintaining as small class sizes as possible.

We are well into our spring staffing process, and there are many changes to inform you about. Please see the section later in the newsletter with up-to date staffing changes. As of right now, there are still some decisions to be made. For example, there will be a new Assistant Principal for next year.

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

Happy Learning!  
Sven Danzinger  
Principal



## JUNE 2018

- June 1 Newsletter  
Volunteer Appreciation/Coffee Drive-Through
- June 3 Parent Association Waterpark Event
- June 4 Severe Weather drill [Shelter in Place] this week  
Grade 6 Birch Bay
- June 6 Early out 2:13 PM
- June 7 Assembly 9AM
- June 8 Sports Day
- June 13-26 Alien In-Line Skating
- June 15 Gr 6 Science Bennett Centre Review  
Gr 4 to Fort Edmonton; **Twin Day**
- June 18 Grade 6 ELA Part B
- June 19 Grade 6 Math PAT Part B
- June 20 Grade 6 Social Studies PAT
- June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day  
Gr 2 & 3 to Ukrainian Village
- June 22 Grade 6 Science PAT  
RCMP Horse Visit (AM)  
Round Dance 1 PM
- June 25 Grade 4s & 5s Swimming, Gr 1 Zoo
- June 26 Grade 5s to Bennett Centre
- June 27 Gr 6 Farewell 1:15 PM  
Year End Talent Show 1030 AM
- June 28 Last Instructional Day  
Wear **red** and **white**  
Year End Assembly 9 AM  
Report Cards issued
- June 29 Last Operational Day



### **A Note About June Field Trips**

Although care is taken to list all the many activities taking place in June, the Calendar listing of field trips may not be as accurate as information from your child's teacher.

Please look for details on field trip forms from your teachers.

## AUGUST 2018

- Aug 27 School Office Opens
- Aug 30/31 Operational &  
Professional Learning Days

## SEPTEMBER 2018

- Sept 3 Labour Day – no school
- Sept 4 First Day of School Grades 1-6  
Note: Kindergarten Orientation – please check schedule/letter sent to parents
- Sept 5 Early Out/Staff Meeting 213 PM
- Sept 10 Kindergarten regular schedule begins  
Kindergarten bussing begins
- Sept 13 Meet the Staff BBQ

## OCTOBER 2018

- Oct 3 Early Out/Staff Meeting 213 PM  
Box Cars & One Eyed Jacks  
➔ Family Math Evening



**Year-end report cards will be available electronically through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please log on to access your child(ren)'s report card. On June 28, students will receive a hard copy as well.**

If you know you will be away on the last day of school, please be sure to leave a stamped & self-addressed envelope at the office so we can mail them to you.



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:

- ✓ All the volunteers and helpers who help in so many ways in and around the school.
- ✓ Penny Draganoff for sorting and organizing the new guided reading books into bags
- ✓ To our outgoing School Council & Parent Association Executives for their dedicated service to the school and to our incoming School Council & Parent Association Executives for their help
- ✓ To the WBF Parent Association for a fun and well attended “Beach” Family Dance

## In and around the School

### WBF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 WBF School Council & Parent Association Executive! Elections were held at the AGM on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank-you to everyone who came to the AGM, and congratulations to:

#### School Council

Chair	Tara Lamabe
Vice-Chair	Julie Ballhorn
Secretary	Lori Lehman

#### Parent Association

President	Tara Lamabe
Vice-President	Jodi Craik
Secretary	Lori Lehman
Treasurer	Julie Ballhorn

Regular meetings will continue in September 2018.

#### School Council & Parent Association Website

A great way to stay up-to-date with School Council and Parent Association happenings is

<http://wbfpa.weebly.com/>

For Sports Day, School Council/Parent Association will be providing two slices of pizza. Students are asked to provide their own drinks and a snack.



## GRADE 6 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

There are many ways that grade 6s are preparing for their achievement tests. One of these is by participating in field testing of new questions. Our Grade 6s will get to "test the tests" in various subject in the upcoming weeks, including reading, writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. This is good practice because students will be able to work on questions just like the ones they'll be answering in June.

### **Grade 6 PAT Field Tests**

Monday, April 30 – Language Arts Part A – 9:00-11:30  
Wednesday, May 30 – Language Arts Part B – 9:00-10:30  
Friday, June 1 – Math – Part A & B – 9:00 – 11:00  
Wednesday, June 6 – Social Studies – 9:00-10:30  
Wednesday, June 13 – Science – 9:00-10:30

## ELK ISLAND HONOUR CHOIR

On Monday, June 18, the director of the Elk Island Junior Honour Choir is coming to audition grade 3 to 6 students (18/19 school year) from 3:15 PM - 4:30pm. Auditions should only take 5-10 minutes. This letter is to inform you that your child has shown interest in joining this group. Before students bring back the signed form, please be aware that there is a commitment and cost when singing with this organization. For more information please visit the Elk Island Honour Choirs website at:

<http://www.elkislandchoirs.ca/>

There is a new choir for Kindergarten - Gr 2 starting in the fall. Please call the choir manager at (780) 237-2167 to register.

Permission forms for your son/daughter to take part in the auditions at Woodbridge Farms Elementary School on Monday, June 18 are available from Mrs. Newton.

### **Elk Island Regional Honour Choir Association**

Season: Sept 2018 – May 2019

- **Tiny Trebles Honour Choir** (Kindergarten-Gr 2): Mondays 5:35pm-6:20pm
- **Junior Honour Choir** (Gr 3-6): Mondays 4:30pm-5:30pm
- **Secondary Honour Choir** (Gr 7-12): Mondays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Please contact choir manager Larry Frank at 780-237-2167 for registration details and to book an audition

Please visit [www.elkislandchoirs.ca](http://www.elkislandchoirs.ca)

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to sing and perform!



## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

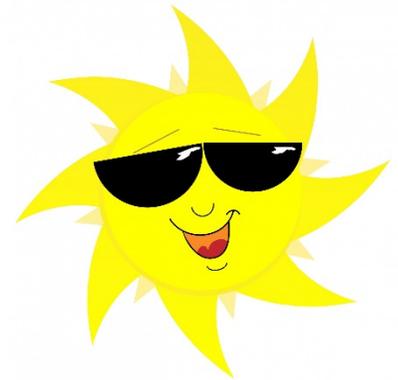
School supply lists for 2018-2019 are now posted on the school website.

<http://woodbridgefarms.ca/parents/supply-lists> While items such as Kleenex are no longer on the school supply list, if you would like to donate some facial tissue to the school/your child's class, that would be welcome.

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

The arrival of warm weather is a good opportunity to review the student dress code. In general, acceptable dress is in keeping with the students' "work day". Students are expected to dress in a neat and appropriate manner for school and weather conditions. After all, this is a place for teaching and learning. Students should refrain from:

- Bare midriffs
- Offensive/inappropriate sayings or pictures on T-shirts
- Wearing hats in the school
- Students wearing sundresses may wish to wear shorts under sundresses



## STAFFING UPDATES

Every year there are a number of staffing changes. This year Woodbridge Farms has more changes than typical as the boundaries for next year have changed. As of the publication of this newsletter, here are the known changes for 2018-2019:

### Staff leaving:

Mrs. Belesky will be at St. Andrew School (High Prairie) next year  
Mrs. Black will be at Davidson Creek next year  
Mrs. Burns will be at Brentwood next year  
Ms. Carruthers will be at Wye next year  
Mrs. Clark will be at Davidson Creek next year  
Mrs. Massel will be at Ardrossan Elementary following her maternity leave  
Mr. Danzinger will be at Alberta Education next year

### Staff who were on temporary contracts this year:

*Educational Assistants:* Mrs. Little (Gr 5), Ms. Day (Gr 2), Mrs. Plant (KAM), Mrs. Cundliffe (KAM), Mrs. Tiessen (1A/B)

*Teachers:* Mrs. Kowalski (Gr 3), Mrs. Spalj (Gr 2), Mrs. Hoekman (Gr 2/3)

### Staff whose assignment is changing for 2018/2019:

Mr. Cunningham - Principal

### Incoming Staff:

Mrs. Bailey de Wynter – Grade 3

### Still to be determined:

Assistant Principal

1 classified staff who has been declared surplus (originally there were 3)



*With much gratitude for the service they have given the students of Woodbridge Farms School, we wish staff who are leaving all the best!*

## **VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL**

All parents and visitors entering the school during school time are asked to go to the office to get a visitor name tag prior to walking down the hallway to their child(ren)'s class(es). Visitor sign-in is a common and expected practice in schools and many businesses. Thank-you for your support and attention to this important matter. Visitor tags are not needed for parents and grandparents attending assemblies. For parents who happen to be in the school during O Canada, we invite you to stand and sing along with us.

# **In and around the District**

## **PROVINCIAL CURRICULUM PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

The provincial government and its partners are requesting parent and guardian feedback on the draft K-4 provincial curriculum. Twenty face-to-face meetings will be held in school communities across Alberta from **May 31 to June 14, 2018**. Each session is limited to 100 participants.

Visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) for more information about session dates and registration details.

## **2017-18 EIPS PARENT SURVEY RESULTS REPORT**

The results are now available for the 2017-18 EIPS Parent Survey conducted in March. Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. The survey included 20 questions related to the three priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015-18 Three-Year Education Plan:

- Priority 1: Promote growth and success for all students
- Priority 2: Enhance high-quality learning and working environments
- Priority 3: Enhance public education through effective engagement, partnerships and communication

The overall Division results represent 2,918 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS, which is an increase from 2,678 responses the previous year.

The feedback gathered will help EIPS schools and the Division measure its progress toward meeting the priorities and goals outlined in the EIPS 2015-18 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve students and the wider community moving forward.

Complete Parent Survey results for the Division are available by visiting [www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey](http://www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey).

Woodbridge Farms' Parent Survey results are available by visiting <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/about/school-news/post/parent-survey2>

## LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURE: REGISTRATION

Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for **first-time school bus riders**.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for **first-time school bus riders** entering the 2018-19 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	10 a.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 27	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 29	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 28	6 p.m.



*EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park*

*SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan*

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.** To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/b0svKmWAoqHRSvZs2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: [www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR 2018-19

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2018-19 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—all fees are due June 30, 2018.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation).

*NOTE:* Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as Central Administration.

## **SUMMER HOURS AT ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Throughout the summer break, Woodbridge Farms will be closed and will reopen on August 27 at 8 AM. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2018-19 school year.

### **EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)**

Open	Monday to Friday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone	780-464-3477	
Address	683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park	

### **Statutory Holidays**

Closed	Monday, July 2	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 6	Heritage Day

*NOTE:* Student Transportation will also remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

New next year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is adopting a Divisionwide school-supply list to lift some of the financial burden from families. Each grade will now have a standardized list of required supplies to complete the year to ensure families aren't purchasing materials in excess of what is being used in the classroom. The grade-specific lists are posted to the school website and will remain throughout the summer months.

## **TOOLS FOR SCHOOL**

Woodbridge Farms has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2018-19 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We'll discretely provide the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into in our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Mrs. Davies or Mrs. Wells at 780-464-3330 or call the Central Office at 780-464-3477.

## **SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS: PROVINCEWIDE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SURVEY NOW OPEN**

Currently, Alberta Education is conducting a survey regarding student transportation. Parents, school authorities and stakeholders are asked to take the survey. The feedback received will help determine if changes need to be made to the distance criteria, mandated service levels and the safety considerations. When completing the survey keep in mind the government has said there is no more money for Student Transportation, which means if something new is funded something else may be lost. **The survey closes June 15, 2018.**

To take the survey and learn more visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).



**WOODBIDGE FARMS STUDENT STRIVE TO:**

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