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**April 2017**

### **Principal's Message**

Welcome back. I trust that all of our students and families had an enjoyable and restful spring break.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, I am excited to see our grade one to six students perform at our spring musical at The Park Church. The students have put in enormous efforts practicing their parts and helping to create themed videos. A special thank you to Ms. Li and Mrs. Rice for all of the extra time and energy they have put into the spring musical. I look forward to seeing close to 900 members of our school community in attendance.

We continue to be planning and preparing for the 2017-18 school year. Since the provincial budget was released, EIPS has been reviewing the information and implications for our division. The exact impact the budget will have on schools will not be known to principals until later this month. Right now we are projecting enrolment for next year to be approximately 750 students, which is similar to our current population.

On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a grade 7 information night. If your child is currently in grade six, this is an opportunity for you and your child to come and hear information specific to junior high, meet the current teachers, and tour through junior high classrooms.

Grade 9 students will be completing their high school registration with Mrs. Cruikshank and counselors from Salisbury and Bev Facey on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Course selection forms went home on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and are due back on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions regarding high school registration please contact Mrs. Cruikshank, Mr. Tuckwood or myself.

EIPS has announced the next steps in the boundary review process. On April 19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-8:00 pm, Lakeland Ridge will be hosting the next round of consultations. This is another opportunity to have your voice heard. All three options that were presented during the initial consultation process drastically affect Lakeland Ridge school. It is exceptionally important for your voices to be present throughout this process. Both evenings are drop in events and I would encourage all of our parents to stop by.

I hope that you have a great month of April and enjoy the warmer weather we are receiving!

Sincerely,  
Ryan Marshall  
Principal



## Spring Concert

Lakeland Ridge School's Concert will be held on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Park Church located at the corner of Baseline Road and Brower Drive. All students in grades one through 6 will be performing. The concert is free for parents and guests however we will be doing a silver collection at the concert to help pay for the cost of the event. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis with auditorium doors opening at 6:00 pm.

Tickets were sent home on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. We will be live streaming the concert as well. For more information on the live stream please see our website closer to the concert date.

### Drop –off and Pick up

We are asking students to arrive by 6:15 pm to meet their teachers in the Fellowship Hall. The students will learn where this drop –off and pick-up location is when they attend the rehearsal field trip that day. On April 12<sup>th</sup>, students will be bussed to the church to practice stage entrances, exits and to become familiar with the facility.

Students are encouraged to wear their Spring Best. Some grades require additional items including:

**Grade 2** Hat & Sunglasses (like a rapper)

**Grade 5** Bright colors (80's inspired)



### Are You Moving?

Please inform the Lakeland Ridge School office if you are moving in the coming months and if your child(ren) will not be attending LLR in the fall. Planning for the 2017-2018 school year has already begun and having the most accurate information will enable us to provide a more accurate schedule for our students.

### Lakeland Ridge Kindergarten Information Night

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on May 11, 2017 at 6:30:

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers; and
- gain insight about a typical day in kindergarten and the importance of play-based learning.

Elk Island Public Schools has also put together an online toolkit to make the transition to school 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 Lakeland Ridge's kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca)

*NOTE:* To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years of age on, or before, December 31, 2017



### **Guitar + Band 7**

You are invited to our Grade 7 Music Recital on Tuesday May 9, at 11:30 am (period 4) in the Band Studio, presented by the Guitar and Band 7 students. Hope to see you there!

### **Habit 5: Seek First to Understand then to be Understood**

When you think about this habit you:

Want to be a good listener. You want people to pay attention to what you have to say. You try to see things from their point of view. When everybody listens you are more likely to be you. You are more confident to voice your ideas.

A few tips:

1. Listen with your eyes, ears and heart.
2. Mirror back what the person is saying.
3. Listen to their ideas and feelings.
4. You don't interrupt.

Cash for Care Update: \$383.15

### **Library Learning Commons News**

This week our grades four through nine classes are voting for their favourite books for the **Young Readers Choice Awards**. This reading promotion activity is initiated by the Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA.) You can read more about the award at <http://www.pnla.org/YRCA>.

There are eight books nominated for each of the elementary and junior high divisions. The Strathcona County Public Library came to the school to introduce the books to all of our grades 4-9 classes in November 2016. The public library has more information for grades 7 to 9 students at <http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca/teenzone/reads/yrca.htm#nom>

We will count our votes and announce Lakeland's favourite books in each division on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We will also forward our voting numbers to the PNLA and the winners of the award will be announced at the end of April.

### **Walk the Talk Series**

Walk the talk series is now completed. We would like to thank all of the Speakers that have come out to share their personal stories with students from grades 4-9. Many of our students were very inspired! A special thanks to Mrs. Lindstrom for planning and organizing the series and for the extra effort to make it happen.

## Let's Talk About: School Boundaries and Name

Planning is almost complete on establishing 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.

Based on feedback from parents, students, staff and the community, EIPS has revised its proposed school boundaries for the area. Now, it wants to share those recommendations with you. EIPS is holding two information sessions where community members will have the opportunity to view the attendance areas being purposed, ask questions, share comments and speak with the representatives from Elk Island Public Schools.

Also, the naming process for the new school starts on April 10! And, EIPS wants your help. Submissions can be made by visiting [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) from April 10-30.

### Public Information Sessions:

**Date:** April 19 & April 25

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Lakeland Ridge

\*free child care provided.

Unable to attend the information sessions? No problem. The purposed boundaries and a comment form are also posted online, as of April 19, at [www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark](http://www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark).

### School Council Report

Next School Council Meeting: **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in the school library.**

*Key topics:*

- The latest round of proposed boundary changes for northeast Sherwood Park that will be presented to the public in April (on the EIPS website and at two open houses being hosted at LLR).
- Bill 1 – An Act to Reduce School Fees. The EIPS board and administration has asked school councils to discuss: What fees do you think are reasonable to pay for? (This refers to type/category of fee, not amounts, e.g., field trips, agendas, learning resource fee, lunch hour supervision, athletics, clubs, etc.)
- Sample LLR timetable to be presented.

### HELP WANTED: Year-end Staff Appreciation Lunch Coordinator

Every June, parents treat LLR staff to lunch as a way of showing our appreciation for all they've done for our kids throughout the year. Heather Butt has coordinated this event the past few years and, although she can help, she's unable to take the lead this year. We need one person to fill this role. What's involved?

- Sourcing and purchasing the "main dish" (LLR Parent Action Society has approved a budget for this).
- Setting up the potluck website for parents to sign up to bring salads, desserts, etc. (Heather can help with this.)
- Requesting and coordinating 2-4 volunteers to set up and clean up on lunch day. Let's be honest, one of them will likely be you 😊.

If you can take this on, please email [lrschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lrschoolcouncil@gmail.com).



### **Nutrition—Administrative Procedure**

Tracy Muth, the lead on this project from EIPS central office, sent a summary of February's parent/school nutrition meeting and a draft revised administrative procedure (AP) to all participants, requesting feedback. The biggest change I noticed was a recommendation to shift a lot of the AP's language from "must" to "encourage." Ms. Muth will soon submit her final report to the Superintendent', with whom the final decision rests. We anticipate his decision before the end of May.

### **Temperature in Portables**

Recap: After much LLR SC communication and advocacy efforts to EIPS the past couple years, EIPS administration began a division-wide review of temperatures in portables. The report by the EIPS Facilities department was originally due in November. This report was deferred to December and then again to April. EIPS board chair Trina Boymook confirmed to me that the report is complete and the topic is on the agenda of the board's April 6<sup>th</sup> Education Committee meeting. We will keep you posted! With spring temperatures on the rise, this will soon be a "hot topic" amongst many students, staff and parents.

### **Parent Feedback on 2017-18 Planning**

We completed our parent feedback exercise at the March meeting with a discussion about parent-teacher conferences. Our goal is to compile all the feedback we gathered and post a report on the SC page of the LLR website by the end of April.

Happy Spring!  
Annette Hubick  
Chair, Lakeland Ridge School Council

### **Alberta Education: Students invited to sit on the Minister's Youth Council**

The province's education system exists to prepare Alberta students for success and the decisions that affect them need to include their voice. That's why Alberta Education is inviting Alberta-based students to be part of its Minister's Youth Council.

The council, which consists of approximately 32 junior high and senior high students with diverse interests, identities, backgrounds and perspectives from all regions of Alberta, meets three times a year to discuss issues relating to education. Those selected will serve a 10-month term beginning in the 2017–2018 school year. Throughout the year, their input will help guide the province's education initiatives and decisions. In addition to sharing ideas with the Education Minister and Alberta Education, students selected will also have the opportunity to interact with each other outside of these meetings to discuss ideas and upcoming activities.

To learn more, or to apply, visit <https://education.alberta.ca/student-engagement/minister-s-youth-council>.

The deadline for applications is **May 5, 2017**.

## **2016-2017 High School Registration Update**

April will be a busy month for grade nine students registering for High School. On April 5, students received "Gr. 10 Course Selection Forms" for the High School they are planning to attend. Students will identify their choices for their core subjects and option courses on the forms in consultation with their parents/caregivers. Signed "Gr. 10 Course Selection Forms" are due back to school by Wednesday, April 12, 2017. If you have any questions about registration information including description or sequence of high school courses, please use the resources on the Salisbury High School and Bev Facey High School websites:

<http://salcomp.ca/students/student-registration>

<http://bevfacey.ca/parents/registration-info>

Counsellors from the High Schools will be coming out to assist our grade nine students with registration on Friday, April 21.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Cruikshank at [kenda.cruikshank@eips.ca](mailto:kenda.cruikshank@eips.ca) or by calling the school at 780-416-9018.



## **A Big *THANK YOU* To All Of Our Volunteers**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), please accept our heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers within the Division who help make our schools and programs successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic competition, co-ordinating a fundraising event or delicately cutting out poppies for a Remembrance Day celebration, the impact our volunteers have within our school community is profound. It also offers an incredible learning opportunity for our students as it encourages them to mirror that behaviour in their own lives.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 23-29, EIPS extends our thanks and celebrates the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who dedicate countless hours of their time in our schools.

Trina Boymook  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## **2016–2017 Parent Survey: Results**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is committed to ensuring all parents and guardians of students within the Division have a chance to share their thoughts on the overall performance of their school and the Division. One of the ways EIPS ensures its parent's voices are heard is by conducting an annual parent survey.

In January, the Division invited EIPS families to participate in the 2016–2017 Parent Survey. The survey included 15 questions regarding topics such as the quality of teaching, school leadership, parent engagement and more. The overall response rate was 16 per cent, which included close to 2,700 responses from parents and guardians across the Division.

The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015–2018 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve its students and the wider community.

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).

You can also review Lakeland Ridge's Parent Survey results by visiting [www.lakelandridge.ca](http://www.lakelandridge.ca)



## **Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety: A Step by Step Approach (Focus is on Anxiety in Kids/Teens in Kindergarten – Grade 12)**

The Salisbury School Council is hosting a student/parent session:  
Tuesday April 11 6:00pm- 7:30 pm  
The presenters are from Mental Health Alberta Health Services

Anxiety is one of the most common mental health complaints in children and teens today. This session will distinguish between normal anxiety and anxiety that is no longer helpful or productive. It will help caregivers to identify signs that a child or adolescent is experiencing problems with anxiety. Caregivers will gain step by step strategies to assist their child/teen to manage their anxiety and improve their mental health. Resources for parents will be provided as well as tools designed to reduce anxiety.

### **Stay Connected: Subscribed to EIPS email news**

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit [www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice](http://www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice) . As soon as you sign up, you'll begin receiving Division- and school-related news—newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

*NOTE:* Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.



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# April 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Spring Break
2	3 Day 4 Hot Lunch (Opa)	4 Day 5 Linking Generations Visit Klondike Relays	5 Day 6 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	6 Day 1	7 Day 2 Boundry Exception Process Closes Newsletter goes online	8
9	10 Day 3	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 Spring Concert 6:30 pm Park Church	13 Day 6	14 Good Friday No school	15
16 Easter Sunday	17 Easter Monday No school	18 Day 1 Linking Generations Visit Hot Lunch (Panago Pizza) Junior High Open house 6:30	19 Day 2 Hot Lunch Website Opens	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22
23	24 Day 5	25 Day 6	26 Day 1 Hot Lunch Website Closes Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library) Dress like a superhero day	27 Day 2	28 Day 3 System PD Day - No School	29
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# May 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Day 3 Gr.6 Birch Bay	2 Day 4 Hot Lunch (Pasta Pantry) Linking Generations Visit	3 Day 5 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	4 Day 6	5 Day 1 Gr.1 Arbor Day Newsletter Volunteer Tea	6
7	8 Day 2	9 Day 3 Gr.9 PAT - ELA Part A Class Pictures	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part A Kindie Info Evening 6:30pm	12 Day 6	13
14	15 Day 1 LLR Jr. High Track Meet	16 Day 2 Linking Generations Visit Hot Lunch (Pressed)	17 Day 3 Fine Arts Assembly Cash4Care	18 School Closure Day	19 School Closure Day	20
21	22 Victoria Day - No School	23 Day 4	24 Day 5 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal EIPS Jr. High Track Meet @ SAP	25 Day 6 Habit 6 Assembly	26 Day 1 EIPS Jr. High Track Rainout Date	27
28	29 Day 2 Hot Lunch (Panago)	30 Day 3 Linking Generations Celebration Lunch	31 Day 4 School Council Meeting 6:30pm (Library)	1	2	3



# June 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Day 5 Junior High Zone Track Meet	2 Day 6 Newsletter	3
				Outdoor Ed 7 Camping Trip		
4	5 Day 1 Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)	6 Day 2	7 Day 3 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10
11	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17
18	19 Day 5 Gr.6 PAT - ELA Part B	20 Day 6 Gr.6 PAT - Math	21 Day 1 Aboriginal Day	22 Day 2 Gr.7 & 8 LA Exam Gr.6 PAT - Social	23 Day 3 Gr.7 & 8 Social Exam Gr.6 PAT - Science	24
		Artist in Residence				
25	26 Day 4 Gr.7 & 8 Science Exam Gr.9 PAT - Social	27 Day 5 Gr.7 & 8 Math Exam Gr.9 PAT - ELA Part B	28 Day 6 Gr.9 PAT - Math Grades 3-6 Track meet	29 Day 1 Gr.9 Farewell 7pm Gr.9 PAT - Science Last Day of School	30 Day 2	