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Shrek: Ogres are like onions.

Donkey: They stink?

Shrek: Yes... no.

Donkey: They make you cry?

Shrek: No.

Donkey: If you leave them out in the sun, they turn brown and start sprouting little white hairs?

Shrek: No! Onions have layers. Ogres have layers...

... and just like Ogres, the Junior High Drama Department's performance of Shrek had multiple layers of support. Thank you to all of the staff, students, parents, alumni and community members for the time and effort that was put into these performances. The countless hours that were put into preparing for these performances was truly amazing. A special thank you to Mr. White and Mr. Murphy for everything they do for our students!

I had the opportunity to watch all three cast performances and was blown away with the abilities of our students. From the acting, singing and dancing, to running the sound and lighting boards, to applying make-up, switching out sets, operating the curtains, and running front of house, our students did an amazing job. I was exceptionally proud of all of their accomplishments!

Thank you to all of our families who attended our Parent Teacher Conferences in February. We heard lots of positive feedback from parents who appreciated both the format of the interviews and the opportunity to meet with teachers prior to report cards. Students have several weeks post-interviews, to adjust their learning habits, goals and to complete their best work before report cards are available. A reminder that all report cards will be made available online, through PowerSchool, on Monday, March 19.

After years of meetings, parental input, and advocating with Elk Island Public Schools regarding the temperature control of our modular classrooms, I am pleased to inform you that Lakeland Ridge is on the list to receive mechanical cooling in our modular units. Installation throughout the district will be completed over a multi-year term. We do not have specific details regarding when our installation will be completed but we are high on the list. Thank you for your patience over the years and your continued support of our school as we have tried to solve the heating issues. Thank you also to the Board of Trustees who voted in favour of installation of mechanical cooling in modular units that reach 27 degrees Celsius.

On February 28 staff and students celebrated Pink Shirt Day to show how we work together to prevent bullying. Students were encouraged to wear pink and, in the time leading up to Pink Shirt Day, had the opportunity to purchase pink t-shirts. Buddy groups got together in the school to create a visual display of what a good friend would do, or what kindness looks like on little pink cut-out shirts.

As we move into spring, planning and preparation begins for the next school year; including placing students in home rooms. There are a number of factors that determine how class lists are compiled including gender balance, ability distribution, and negative or positive student combinations. Since healthy child development includes learning to work with new and different people, maintenance of friendships typically is not considered when placing students. If there is a specific request that you have when placing your child please put it in writing to me through email at ryan.marshall@eips.ca or by dropping off a letter at the office. All requests received by May 15, 2018 will be considered.

In preparation for next year Lakeland Ridge will be hosting 3 information nights

1. Junior High Information Night – Wednesday, April 11 – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This evening is geared towards families where the student is either entering into grade 7 and/or are new to Lakeland Ridge School and are entering into Junior High. Both parents and students are invited to attend.

2. ECS Information Night – Wednesday, April 25 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

This evening is for any of our families that have a student starting kindergarten next year. The night will begin in the gymnasium, then head to the kindergarten classrooms and end with a school tour for any of our new families. We would ask that only parents attend this evening.

3. Elementary Information Night – Wednesday, April 25 – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

This evening is geared for any **new family** where their child is starting at Lakeland Ridge in grades 1-6 next year. With the opening of Davidson Creek Elementary School and our changing boundaries, we are anticipating anywhere from 50-150 new elementary aged students joining our school. This night will also begin in the gymnasium and will include school tours. Both parents and students are invited to attend.

I would, again, like to thank our parent community for the continued support you provide to our school, the staff and your children. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please call our office at 780-416-9018.

Enjoy your Spring Break!
Ryan Marshall
Principal

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 2018-2019 school year has already begun and having the most accurate information will enable us to provide a more accurate schedule for our students.

Complete the Pre-Enrolment Process: March 1-15

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information and manages requests to attend a non-designated school.

On March 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.

Jump Rope for Heart

On Wednesday March 7, Grades 1 – 6 students will attend our Jump Rope for Heart assembly. Students will hear all about the Heart & Stroke Foundation and will have a skipping demonstration.

On Thursday, March 15, 2018 we will be holding our Jump Event Day for Grades 1-6. Students are encouraged to bring a \$1-\$5 cash donation that day. The money collected will be sent to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. If donating by cheque please make cheques payable to Heart and Stroke Foundation. Any donation \$20 or more will be provided with a tax receipt from the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

March Book Madness

Our school and other schools around the world will be participating in March Book Madness beginning this week! The format is similar to the massive college basketball tournament that happens every year, only with picture books competing to win in their bracket and move on to the next. It is a great opportunity to introduce students to new picture books, encourage students to talk about books beyond the classroom, and allows classrooms around the world to connect with each other and with authors! I hope your child shares with you about March Book Madness this coming month! Follow us on Twitter to keep up to date on the winners.



Davidson Creek Parents

The opening of Davidson Creek Elementary is right around the corner! I would like to invite all parents to a Parent Information Meeting on April 17 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at EIPS Central Office located at 683 Wye Road. See you there!

Kaye Schindeler
Principal
Davidson Creek Elementary

Save – On Foods

A big shout out to our local Save on Foods! They have been donating a box of fruit every week to the school for our students and staff to enjoy. Thank you Save – On!

Parents Action Society Update

Thank you for your continued support of our school! **Our next meeting is March 6 at 6:30pm in the Library.** All parents are invited to attend and hear about the exciting things going on with the Parent Action Society.

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Congratulations on an AMAZING fundraiser. As a school, we sold 428 pizza kits meaning Mr. Tuckwood will get a pie in the face at an assembly soon! We also raised \$2140! Thank you to all who helped with sorting and distribution!

Hot Lunch Update

So far you have all stepped up to make sure Hot Lunch remains viable at Lakeland Ridge. We need to keep up the good work! One way to make sure we continue to have enough volunteers is to fill the position we have open – Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator. This position will work with the Hot Lunch Coordinator to ensure we have the correct amount of help. Email llrpaschair@gmail.com if you think this is something you can help with.

If there are events, fundraisers or ideas of how we can contribute to the school, email them to llrpaschair@gmail.com.

Michelle Lyster
LLRPAS Chair

KEYS

March is Women's History Month, and on March 8th we celebrate International Women's Day. With all the pressures and expectations for females in our society many girls struggle with self-esteem, self-worth, and body-image. Up to 50% of 11-17 year old girls who are normal weight, think that they are overweight. Many girls are exposed to more photo-shopped images of females during the average day than they are to real women! How can parents empower their daughters to become strong, fierce, and self-confident women? Check out these articles for some tips and activities to use at home.

CBC: 6 Tips for Helping Girls Develop a Healthy Body Image

<http://www.cbc.ca/parents/learning/view/6-tips-for-helping-girls-develop-a-healthy-body-image>

Uniquely Me: A Parent's Guide to Building Body Confidence

http://www.dove.com/content/dam/unilever/dove/global/video_ads/other/personal_care_unidentified/all/uniquely_me-894964.pdf

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 5

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2018 Parent Survey—open from March 5-23.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Three-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of

the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey closes March 23, 2018

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form prior to March 15, 2018.

Applying to attend a non-designated school?

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have [closed boundaries](#) because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

NOTE: Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit www.eips.ca.

Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, want to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit www.lifesaving.org.



March 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Day 6 Newsletter Grade 4-7 Sunridge Ski Trip Online Registration opens	2 System PD Day - No School	3
4	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 Linking Generations Visit Grade 9 Open House 6:30- 8:30at Bev Facey	7 Day 3 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal Jump Rope for Heart Assembly	8 Day 4 Grade 5-2 Fort Museum Grade 9 Open House at 6:30PM at Sal	9 Day 5	10 SAL Jr. Basketball Tournament
11	12 Day 6 Hot Lunch	13 Day 1 Parent Council 6:45 Wolf of the Month Lunch	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 Online Registration Closes	16 Day 4 Jr High Jasper Ski Trip	17 Grade 4-6 Running Room Track Meet Grade 6 Basketball Tournament
18	19 Day 5 Hot Lunch Report Cards Available on line	20 Day 6 Linking Generations Visit	21 Day 1 Grade 1 Dance Showcase High School Registration forms due to LLR	22 Day 2 Locker Clean-up	23	24 Spring Break
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Spring Break



April 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Spring Easter Sunday	2 Easter Monday No school	3 Day 3 Linking Generations Visit Grade 5-1 Fort Museum	4 Day 4 Cash4Care Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal	5 Day 5 Grade 5-3 Fort Museum	6 Day 6	7
8	9 Day 1 Hot Lunch	10 Day 2 Klondike Relays Grade 4-6 Parent Council Meeting 6:45pm (Library)	11 Day 3 Jr. High Information Night 6:30	12 Day 4 SAL high School Registration	13 Day 5	14
15	16 Day 6	17 Day 1 Linking Generations Visit	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21
22	23 Day 5 Hot Lunch Website Opens Hot Lunch	24 Day 6 EIPS Badminton Tournament	25 Day 1 Kindie Open House 6:30	26 Day 2	27 System PD Day - No School	28
29	30 Hot Lunch Website Closes Birch Bay Grade 6 Trip					