Good Afternoon Glen Allan families,

As we head into June, I wanted to express our gratitude for your support during what has been an unusual year. Our wonderful school community is woven together with caring and genuine staff members, curious and resilient learners, and understanding and supportive parents. It truly is an amazing place to be every day!

I apologize in advance for the length of this Buzz but at the start of a new month, there is always a lot of information to share with you from not just our school, but the Division as well! If you have any questions about any of the items, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us here in the office.

As you likely read or heard about, the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation announced the tragic news of finding the remains of 215 children. To honour the 215 children and every child whose life was taken, we are encouraging everyone to wear orange on Wednesday, June 2. This is also why you will see the flags at half-mast. EIPS released the following statement regarding the tragedy:

[https://www.eips.ca/about-us/whats-new/post/eips-statement-graves-found-at-the-kamloops-indian-residential-school](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Tr3cty1Dn_ig5cHuf6fe3Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0RxaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWlwcy5jYS9hYm91dC11cy93aGF0cy1uZXcvcG9zdC9laXBzLXN0YXRlbWVudC1ncmF2ZXMtZm91bmQtYXQtdGhlLWthbWxvb3BzLWluZGlhbi1yZXNpZGVudGlhbC1zY2hvb2xXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmCx9Se1YFo1AHhSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**GLN Retirements**

We would like to extend congratulations to both Jill Woodman and Karen Hunter who have decided to retire at the end of this school year. Jill has been teaching kindergarten here for 22 years and Karen has been an educational assistant here for 8 years. We wish them all the best as they begin some new life adventures. We will miss them very much!

**School Supply Lists**

Please visit our school website under the Parent Info tab for school supply lists for the 2021-22 school year! There is also the option to order school supplies through Write-On Stationary as well. [https://www.write-on.ca/shop/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/SnyKyL2ocRx_dAOhkvTjqQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0QdaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cud3JpdGUtb24uY2Evc2hvcC9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmCx9Se1YFo1AHhSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)

**Virtual Book Fair**

You are invited to our **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE Summer Reading Scholastic Book Fair** that runs from June 1 – 13! Free shipping on orders over $40 or you can take advantage of the FAMILY NIGHT free shipping with no minimum purchase. **The Family Night free shipping is Wednesday, June 2 from 6-8 p.m.** Here is the link:

[**https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5160107**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/ypj5IdjfxG4JqVb918Q_Jg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0Q0aHR0cHM6Ly92aXJ0dWFsYm9va2ZhaXJzLnNjaG9sYXN0aWMuY2EvcGFnZXMvNTE2MDEwN1cHc2Nob29sbUIKYLH1J7VgWjUAeFIVanVkeS5hbmRlcnNvbkBlaXBzLmNhWAQAAAAC)

**Upcoming events and important dates:**

* **June 1 – 13:** B.O.G.O Virtual Book Fair
* **June 2**: Early dismissal**,** Orange Shirt Day
* **June 3**: [Mental Wellness Day for Schools](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/eGF4I7OYGCZGJp8sucjr7A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0Q7aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYWxiZXJ0YS5jYS9tZW50YWwtd2VsbG5lc3MtZGF5LWZvci1zY2hvb2xzLmFzcHhXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmCx9Se1YFo1AHhSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~)
* **June 4:** Battle of the Books – Grade Level Battle
* **June 9/10:** Elder Wilson Outdoor Lessons
* **June 11:** School Spirit Day – Flock Day
* **June 14:** Grade 5 DARE Grad
* **June 21:** [National Indigenous Peoples Day](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/cUN3MkuauuNtxXRjm6EqVw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0Q_aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucmNhYW5jLWNpcm5hYy5nYy5jYS9lbmcvMTEwMDEwMDAxMzI0OC8xNTM0ODcyMzk3NTMzVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgsfUntWBaNQB4UhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)
* **June 23:** Grade 6 Activity Day
* **June 25:** Last day of classes, Report Cards Live at 3 p.m.
* **June 28:** Last school operational day (schools closed to students)
* **August 25:** EIPS schools reopen (schools closed to students)
* **September 1:** Classes resume

**Updating Your Contact Information**
Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it’s up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/DtWiUvP9N5x-nR74OJ7Q9w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0QsaHR0cHM6Ly9wb3dlcnNjaG9vbC5laXBzLmNhL3B1YmxpYy9ob21lLmh0bWxXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmCx9Se1YFo1AHhSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~), families can review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there’s any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child’s Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you’re moving this summer, you’ll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year **after you’ve moved**.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school at **780 467-5519.**

**2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available**
The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/OhY13E55Sa99qaeyTAevHQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0Q1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWlwcy5jYS90cnVzdGVlcy9mb3VyLXllYXItZWR1Y2F0aW9uLXBsYW5XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmCx9Se1YFo1AHhSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

**The full results are available online:**

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: EIPS](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/sTdgBhP-crIQaIPXN_X9Sg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0Q_aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWlwcy5jYS9hYm91dC11cy9wbGFubmluZy1hbmQtcmVzdWx0cy9wYXJlbnQtc3VydmV5VwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgsfUntWBaNQB4UhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)
[**2020-21 Parent Survey results:**Glen Allan Elementary](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/nN-hM_Ox48flKEWg1TSLWQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0RSaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ2xlbmFsbGFuZWxlbWVudGFyeS5jYS9wYXJlbnQtaW5mby9wYXJlbnQtc3VydmV5LXJlc3VsdHMtZ2xuLTIwMjAtMjAyMVcHc2Nob29sbUIKYLH1J7VgWjUAeFIVanVkeS5hbmRlcnNvbkBlaXBzLmNhWAQAAAAC)

**Stuff-a-Bus Campaign**

The Student Transportation First Annual Stuff a Bus is happening this week, **May 31 to June 4**. In an effort to give back to the community and help those who may have been less fortunate during this tough year, Student Transportation is collecting donated items that will be distributed to families in need across Elk Island Public Schools and local Food Banks in Strathcona County, Lamont and Vegreville. The bus will be parked at Central Services—683 Wye Road, Sherwood Park—on **Monday, May 31** and **Friday, June 4**. [Additional drop-off locations and times](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/d6KMdvgx20HgrB2XVCeMdQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0QuaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWlwcy5jYS90cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbi9zdHVmZi1hLWJ1c1cHc2Nob29sbUIKYLH1J7VgWjUAeFIVanVkeS5hbmRlcnNvbkBlaXBzLmNhWAQAAAAC) are planned through the week. COVID-19 guidelines as put forth by the Alberta Government will be enforced. Please wear a mask when dropping off donations.

**Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools**

Throughout the summer break, **Glen Allan Elementary** is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 8:30 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year.  Students return to school on September 1.

**EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24**

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

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

**Tools for School**

**We** have once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 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 the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you’d like to donate to the program, you can pick up a 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 EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact **us at the school office** or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

**Student Transportation: 2021-22 registration**
Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 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 returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn’t indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Ca64ogHG0SoGKqBuj_LAkA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0QhaHR0cDovL3d3dy5laXBzLmNhL3RyYW5zcG9ydGF0aW9uVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgsfUntWBaNQB4UhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~).

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/DtWiUvP9N5x-nR74OJ7Q9w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0QsaHR0cHM6Ly9wb3dlcnNjaG9vbC5laXBzLmNhL3B1YmxpYy9ob21lLmh0bWxXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmCx9Se1YFo1AHhSFWp1ZHkuYW5kZXJzb25AZWlwcy5jYVgEAAAAAg~~). To pay in person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

**Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration**

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the 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: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease 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 by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2021-22 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

**Location**                      **Date**             **Time**

EIPS Central Services     August 16     6 p.m.

EIPS Central Services     August 17     6 p.m.

EIPS Central Services     August 18     2 p.m.

EIPS Central Services     August 19     2:30 p.m.

EIPS Central Services     August 19     6 p.m.

EIPS Central Services     August 23     9 a.m.

EIPS Central Services     August 24     6 p.m.

EIPS Central Services     August 26     6 p.m.

SouthPointe School        August 25     2:30 p.m.

SouthPointe School        August 25     6 p.m.

Dates and times may change depending on the province’s public-health measures.

IPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park
SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

[Register Now](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/U1Q-G8d-3_ytB-mE86q9gA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0RvaHR0cHM6Ly9kb2NzLmdvb2dsZS5jb20vZm9ybXMvZC9lLzFGQUlwUUxTZWFsSzJQU1ZITWk1a0doYllMNTVpdHFDS0pON2pPVGtSaWRlT3ZDOE1VSzM0WjF3L3ZpZXdmb3JtP3VzcD1zZl9saW5rVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgsfUntWBaNQB4UhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~)
**Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.**

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at: [eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/L2_pkiOFVLZrmJJVezllIg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRillt1P0Q5aHR0cDovL3d3dy5laXBzLmNhL3RyYW5zcG9ydGF0aW9uL2tpbmRlcmdhcnRlbi1idXNpbmctZmFxVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpgsfUntWBaNQB4UhVqdWR5LmFuZGVyc29uQGVpcHMuY2FYBAAAAAI~).

Have a fantastic week!

Kind Regards,

Judy Anderson

Principal