

## Administration

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# Pine Street Report

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## JUNE CALENDAR

5—Parent Council & Society Mtg.  
5—Swim Lessons—Forbes/Zielke/  
Drechsel/Weber  
6—No school for ECS  
6—Swim Lessons—Ferguson/  
Remeika/Magnan  
6—Early Dismissal—2:15  
6—Sunglasses Day  
7—Gr. 1 FT Ukrainian Village  
7—Gr. 6 FT Sherwood Heights  
8—Gr. 6 FT Gull Lake  
8—Gr. 3 Strathcona Library Pres.  
12—Swim Lessons—Forbes/Zielke/  
Drechsel/Weber  
13—Swim Lessons—Ferguson/  
Remeika/Magnan  
14—ECS FT Wilderness Centre  
15—ECS FT Wilderness Centre  
18—Gr. 6 PAT— ELA Part B  
19—Gr. 6 PAT—Math Part A & B  
19—Swim Lessons—Forbes/Zielke/  
Drechsel/Weber  
20—Swim Lessons—Ferguson/  
Remeika/Magnan  
20—Gr. 6 PAT—Social  
21—National Indigenous People's  
22—Gr. 6 PAT—Science  
22—Gr. 4 FT—Bowling  
25—Track Meet  
26—Track Meet Rainout Day  
26—Tue/Fri ECS Graduation  
27—AM/PM ECS Graduation  
27—Mon/Thurs ECS Graduation  
27—Gr. 6 Celebration Assembly  
28—Last School Day for Students  
28—Gr. 3-5 Swim @ Kinsmen Pool  
28—Gr. 6 FT Emily Murphy Park/  
Mill Creek Pool  
28—Gr. 1-4 Assembly  
28—Report Cards available on  
PowerSchool

Please check our website for up to date information.

## JUNE 2018

### " A TRADITION OF PRIDE AND EXCELLENCE "

#### From the Principal's Desk...

It's hard to believe that it is already June. As usual, things are very busy here at school. June is packed full of events, field trips and (of course) lots of learning. I wanted to take the opportunity to update you about a few things happening at Pine Street School.

Our grade six students continue to prepare for their provincial achievement tests. They wrote their 'Part A' English Language Arts PAT in May and are busy preparing for their 'Part B' English Language Arts exam along with Math, Science and Social in June. Good luck to all of our grade six students!

Our 'Library Redesign' project was a huge success. All of the new shelving and furniture has been delivered and installed. I can certainly tell you that our students and staff love it. It is a very welcoming learning environment for our school. I would like to thank both our Parent Council and Parent Action Society for their work with organizing the Math-a-thon, as well as all of our students and their families, and staff for making it so successful. All the money raised was put directly towards redesigning the library. I believe this is a space we should all be proud of.

As many of you are already aware, Pine Street School will be the designated site for the PALS (Play and Learn at School) program for Sherwood Park next year. PALS programming supports children between the ages of 3 and 5 in reaching emotional, social, intellectual and physical developmental milestones. Students attend Monday to Thursday in either the morning or afternoon. Class sizes are small and consist of one teacher and two educational assistants, along with access to speech pathologists and occupational therapists. We are anticipating having six PALS classes next year at Pine Street School. The staff that are working with PALS students now at Glen Allan, Brentwood and Millshaven will all move to Pine Street. Planning is underway to make this a smooth transition for families and staff. We are looking forward to having the PALS program at Pine Street next year!

This has been a year of transition for Pine Street School. I recognize that many of our students will be attending different schools next year. I would like to thank parents for their dedication and service to our school and learning community. We greatly appreciate your support! To those students moving on to other schools, I wish you all the best next year. For those families who will remain at Pine Street, I look forward to continuing to work with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Jeff Huculak M.Ed.  
Principal

## Classroom Configuration & School Staff for 2018-19

Our student population will decrease as a result of the opening of Davidson Creek School and the new boundaries. We have been hard at work planning for next year. Based on our projected enrolment, our plan is to have two classes at each grade level, with the exception of grades 1 and 2. We plan to have one grade 1 class, one combined grade 1/2 class and one grade 2 class. Prior to the start of the school year, teachers will be contacting parents to let them know which class their child will be in. As with any year, sometimes changes to staffing occur during the summer or early in the school year. As a result, these assignments are tentative and subject to change. Staff are in the process of creating balanced class lists. Parent requests can be emailed to the principal at [Jeff.Huculak@eips.ca](mailto:Jeff.Huculak@eips.ca) no later than June 15. We will do our best to accommodate all requests, however, we cannot make any guarantees.

Below is a list of staff and their tentative assignments for the 2018-19 school year.

Grade/Class	Teacher
PALS	Mrs. Shauna Birtles
PALS	Mrs. Rachelle Gagnon
PALS	Miss Elissa Lyttle
Kindergarten – Group A	Ms. Jennifer Appleby
Kindergarten – Group B	Ms. Jennifer Appleby
Grade 1	Mrs. Jocelyne Kavalinas
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Lorna Magnan
Grade 2	Mrs. Wendy Forbes
Grade 3	Mrs. Pegi Brown
Grade 3	Mrs. Kerri Remeika
Grade 4	Mrs. Debbie Bessette
Grade 4	Ms. Heather Ferguson
Grade 5	Mrs. Deneen Zielke
Grade 5	Mrs. Heather Weber
Grade 6	Mrs. Cheryl Hawryluk
Grade 6	Mrs. Heather Lockwood
Music (K – Grade 3)	Mrs. Michelle Vetro
Music (Grades 4 – 6)	Mrs. Linda Kerr
Counselor	Ms. Suzanne Stevens
Assistant Principal	Ms. Shelby Hines
Principal	Mr. Jeff Huculak

## Office Staff and Library

Mrs. Lisa Leitch (Office)
Mrs. Lisa Waselenkoff (Office)
Mrs. Darlene DeMarco (Library)

## **Educational Assistants**

Mrs. Janet Alty (PALS)
Ms. Anne Bohach (PALS)
Mrs. Janelle Caldwell
Mrs. Denise Conrad
Mrs. Keltie Herzog (PALS)
Mrs. Tracy Kent (PALS)
Mrs. Linsey Marwick
Mrs. Leanne Rosko
Mrs. Nikki Rufenack (PALS)
Mrs. Leanne Strong
Ms. Dawn Sutton (PALS)
Mrs. Louise Wall
Mrs. Mellissa Willisko
Mrs. Heather Wright

## **Staffing Changes**

Our student population will decrease as a result of the opening of Davidson Creek School and the new boundaries. Staffing continues to be adjusted to accommodate projected enrolment numbers for next year. For the 2018-19 school year, the following staff have accepted positions at other schools, are taking a leave of absence or are currently seeking a teaching position.

### ***Teachers***

- Mr. Brouwer has accepted a teaching position at Davidson Creek School.
- Mrs. Choo has accepted a teaching position at Millshaven School.
- Mrs. Comeault is currently on maternity leave.
- Mrs. de Wynter is currently on maternity leave but has accepted a teaching position at Woodbridge Farms School.
- Mrs. Drechsel has decided to take a leave of absence for one year.
- Mrs. Henderson is awaiting the birth of another child and will be going on maternity leave.
- Ms. Kihn has accepted a teaching position at Millshaven School.
- Mrs. Koshal is currently on maternity leave.
- Mrs. Macdonald has accepted a teaching position at Wye School.
- Mr. Mackney has accepted a teaching position at Lakeland Ridge School.
- Ms. Munsterman is seeking a teaching position at another school.
- Mrs. Muscarella has accepted a position at Mundare school.
- Ms. Olsen is seeking a teaching position at another school.

- Mrs. Oslanski is currently on maternity leave but has accepted a teaching position at Davidson Creek School.
- Miss Raddis is seeking a teaching position at another school.
- Mr. Versteegt has accepted a teaching position at Davidson Creek School.
- Mrs. Wheeler is currently on maternity leave.
- Mrs. Wlos has accepted a position at Lakeland Ridge School.
- Mrs. Woodbeck has decided to take a leave of absence for one year

**Educational Assistants**

- Mrs. Baker is seeking a position at another school.
- Mrs. Blank has decided to serve as a full-time substitute with EIPS.
- Mrs. Hamm is seeking a position at another school.
- Mrs. Kemp is seeking a position at another school.
- Ms. Lund has accepted a position in another school division.

**Retirements**

- Mrs. Susan Shephard is retiring this year. She has been a secretary at Pine Street School for the past six years and has worked for EIPS for nineteen years. We wish Mrs. Shephard all the best in her retirement.

We would like to thank all of our staff who are leaving for their service and dedication to Pine Street School. We wish everyone the very best in their future endeavors.

**New Staff**

- We are excited to welcome Mrs. Lisa Leitch to Pine Street School. Mrs. Leitch is currently a secretary at Clover Bar School. She will be taking over for Mrs. Susan Shephard in the office.
- We also have nine new staff who will be working with the PALS program. These staff are all listed on the previous pages.

We would like to welcome all new staff to Pine Street School.

**Math-A-thon & Library Redesign Update**

All proceeds from our Math-A-Thon went directly to redesigning our library. A new design, along with new shelving and soft furniture has made our library a warm and welcoming learning space. We would like to thank our Parent Council, Parent Action Society, staff and students for their efforts with this project. We are so excited to hear all of the positive feedback. Please feel free to check out the library the next time you are in our school.





### **Parent Council/Parent Action Society & Volunteers**

Pine Street School is very fortunate to have such a strong Parent Council, Parent Action Society and wonderful volunteers. They play an important role in enhancing the educational experience for all of our students. Helping out with hot lunch, organizing family movie nights and dances, volunteering in classrooms and going on field trips are just a few of the things that our volunteers do – they give so much of their time for the betterment of our school. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

## Year-End Dates

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we will be having our *Grade 6 Celebration* on Wednesday, June 27 beginning at 10:00 am. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be invited to the gym for the assembly. During this time we will present certificates to all grade six students and share our year-end video. We will also be having an assembly for our grades 1-4 students on Thursday, June 28 from 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm. This is the last day of classes for students in grades 1-6.

Please refer to our calendar on our school website for up to date information. There are several field trips and events taking place. A few key dates at the end of June are:

June 25 – Track Meet

June 26 – (Rain Out Day) Track Meet

June 26 – Ms. Appleby's Tuesday/Friday kindergarten class graduation 2:00pm – 3:00pm (gym)

June 27 – Ms. Olsen's morning kindergarten class graduation 10:00am – 11:00am (library)

June 27 – Grade 6 Celebration 10:00am – 11:30am (gym)

June 27 – Mrs. Appleby's Monday/Thursday kindergarten class and Mrs. Olsen's afternoon kindergarten class graduation 2:00pm – 3:15pm (gym)

June 28 – Swimming for students in grades 3, 4 and 5 at Kinsmen Pool 9:15am – 10:15am

June 28 – Grades 1 – 4 Assembly 12:30pm – 1:15pm

June 28—Grade 6 Field Trip to Emily Murphy Park and Mill Creek Pool

June 28 – Last day of classes for students in grades 1 – 6

June 28 – Report Cards will be available on PowerSchool at 3:15pm.

As always, parents are welcome to attend schools events.

## Stay Up to Date

There are many things happening in both our school and district. I encourage everyone to subscribe for updates by going to our website and clicking on the "Stay Up-To-Date" message. In order to ensure that we continue to comply with federal anti-spam legislation, parents/guardians are required to subscribe in order to receive routine emails from schools and the division. Please note that those who are not subscribed risk missing important school and district deadlines, information about activities and projects including school-based events, fundraising activities, graduations, dances, etc. I also encourage parents to visit the school website regularly and check eTeacher pages.



## **New Registrations**

Please note that Pine Street School is still accepting registrations for students in kindergarten to grade 6.

## **Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools**

Throughout the summer break, **Pine Street School** will be closed and will reopen on August 23rd at 9:00am. 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 8:30am to 4:30pm. 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.

## **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.