

# Kindergarten Information Night 2023

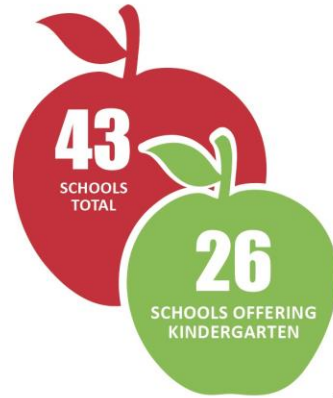




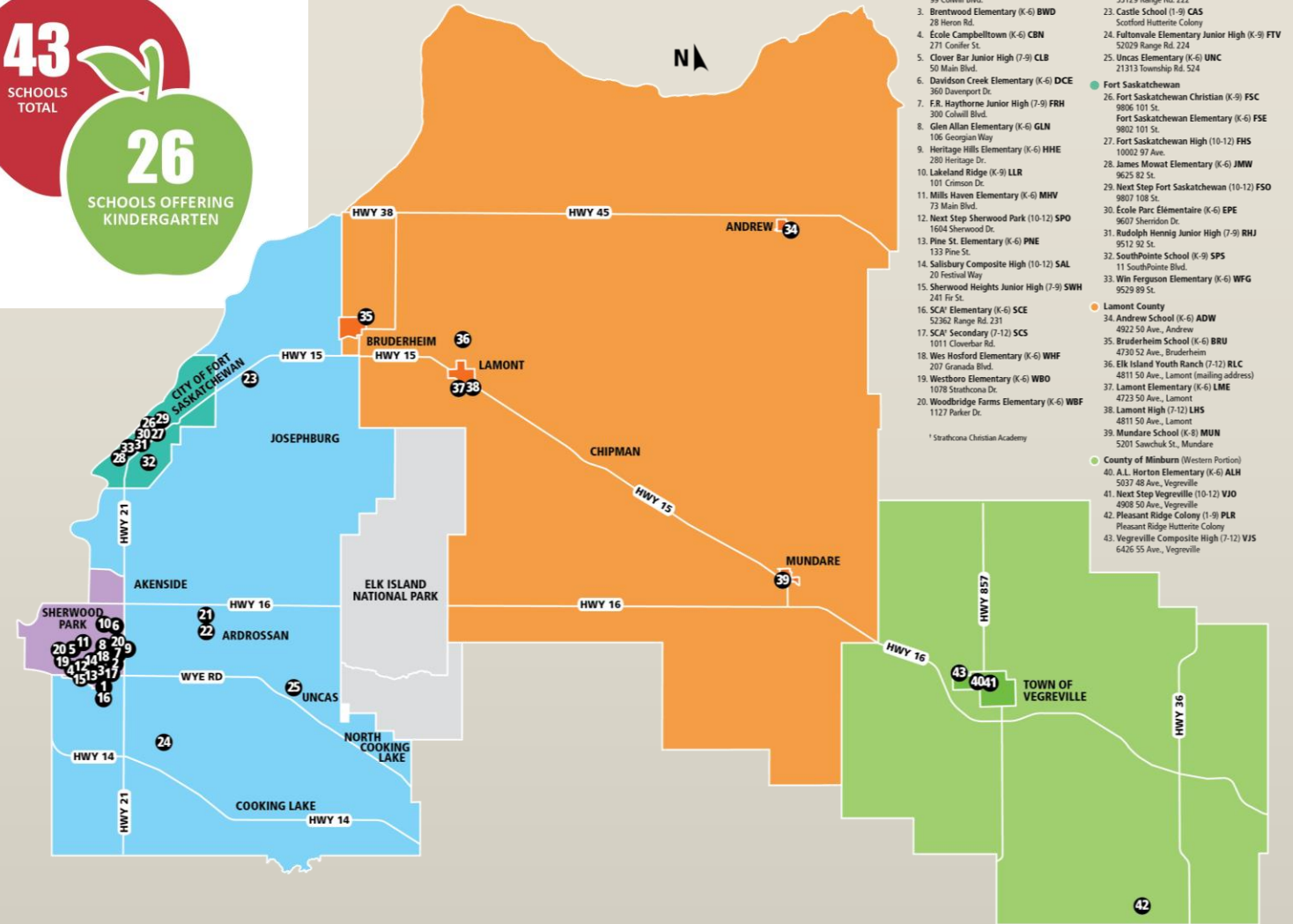
**Welcome to  
KINDERGARTEN!**

# Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) serves:

- Sherwood Park
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Strathcona County
- Lamont County
- Western Portion of the County of Minburn



## Jurisdictional Map



- 1. EPS Central Administration Building 683 Wye Road
- 2. Bev Facey Community High (10-12) BFH 99 Colwell Blvd.
- 3. Brentwood Elementary (K-6) BWD 78 Heron Rd.
- 4. Ecole Campbelltown (K-6) CBN 271 Conifer St.
- 5. Clover Bar Junior High (7-9) CLB 50 Main Blvd.
- 6. Davidson Creek Elementary (K-6) DCE 360 Davenport Dr.
- 7. F.R. Haythorne Junior High (7-9) FRH 300 Colwell Blvd.
- 8. Glen Allan Elementary (K-6) GLN 106 Georgian Way
- 9. Heritage Hills Elementary (K-6) HHE 280 Heritage Dr.
- 10. Lakeland Ridge (K-9) LLR 101 Cimson Dr.
- 11. Mills Haven Elementary (K-6) MHV 73 Main Blvd.
- 12. Next Step Sherwood Park (10-12) SPO 1604 Sherwood Dr.
- 13. Pine St. Elementary (K-6) PNE 133 Pine St.
- 14. Salisbury Composite High (10-12) SAL 20 Festival Way
- 15. Sherwood Heights Junior High (7-9) SWH 241 Fir St.
- 16. SCA' Elementary (K-6) SCE 52362 Range Rd. 231
- 17. SCA' Secondary (7-12) SCS 1011 Cloverbar Rd.
- 18. Wes Hosford Elementary (K-6) WHF 207 Granada Blvd.
- 19. Westboro Elementary (K-6) WBO 1078 Strathcona Dr.
- 20. Woodridge Farms Elementary (K-6) WBF 1127 Parker Dr.
- 21. Ardrossan Elementary (K-6) AEL 53131 Range Rd. 222
- 22. Androssan Junior Senior High (7-12) AJS 53129 Range Rd. 222
- 23. Castle School (1-9) CAS Scotland Hutterite Colony
- 24. Fultonvale Elementary Junior High (K-9) FTV 52029 Range Rd. 224
- 25. Uncas Elementary (K-6) UNC 21313 Township Rd. 524
- 26. Fort Saskatchewan Christian (K-9) FSC 9806 101 St.
- 27. Fort Saskatchewan Elementary (K-6) FSE 9802 101 St.
- 28. Fort Saskatchewan High (10-12) FHS 10002 97 Ave.
- 29. James Mowat Elementary (K-6) JMW 9825 82 St.
- 30. Next Step Fort Saskatchewan (10-12) FSO 9807 108 St.
- 31. Ecole Parc Élémentaire (K-6) EPE 9607 Sheridon Dr.
- 32. Rudolph Henrig Junior High (7-9) RHJ 9512 92 St.
- 33. SouthPointe School (K-9) SPS 11 SouthPointe Blvd.
- 34. Win Ferguson Elementary (K-6) WFG 9529 89 St.
- 35. Andrew School (K-6) ADW 4922 50 Ave., Andrew
- 36. Bruderheim School (K-6) BRU 4730 52 Ave., Bruderheim
- 37. Elk Island Youth Ranch (7-12) RLC 4811 50 Ave., Lamont (mailing address)
- 38. Lamont Elementary (K-6) LME 4723 50 Ave., Lamont
- 39. Lamont High (7-12) LHS 4811 50 Ave., Lamont
- 40. Mundare School (K-6) MUN 5201 Sawchuk St., Mundare
- 41. A.L. Horton Elementary (K-6) ALH 5037 48 Ave., Vegreville
- 42. Next Step Vegreville (10-12) VJO 4908 50 Ave., Vegreville
- 43. Pleasant Ridge Colony (1-9) PLR Pleasant Ridge Hutterite Colony
- 44. Vegreville Composite High (7-12) VJS 6426 55 Ave., Vegreville



**Literacy-rich, play-based programming**



## Curriculum Areas

- English Language Arts & Literature
- Mathematics
- Physical Education and Wellness
- Science
- Social Studies
- Fine Arts

# New Kindergarten Draft Curriculum

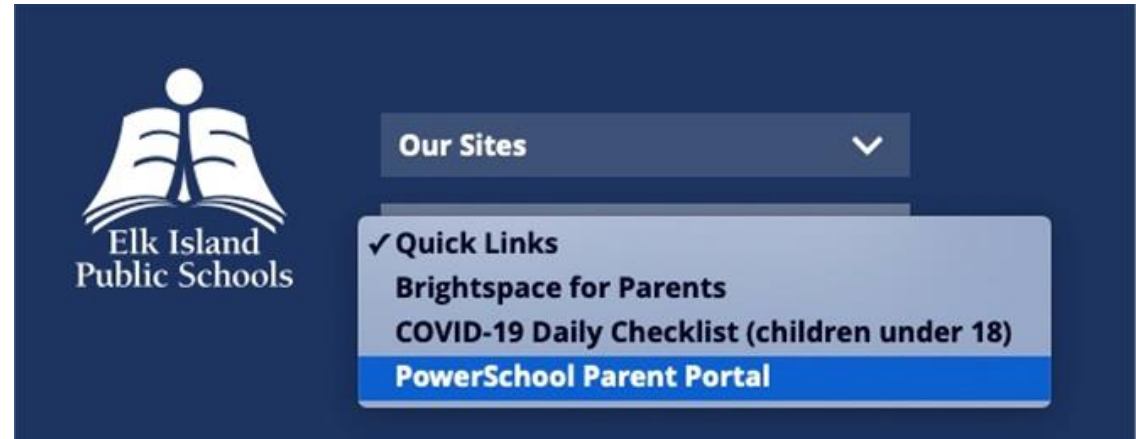
- New kindergarten curriculum implemented in 2022-23:
  - mathematics
  - English language arts and literature
  - physical education and wellness
- In April 2023, Alberta Education will release the final kindergarten curriculum, to be implemented for the start of the 2023-24 school year, for:
  - fine arts
  - science
  - French immersion language arts and literature

Learn more at [curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en)



# PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Online access to your child's progress report, attendance and school fees
- One Parent Portal account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division



Learn more at [eips.ca/parents/powerschool](https://eips.ca/parents/powerschool)

# Brightspace

- Online access to classroom updates, upcoming assignments, feedback from teachers and communication from the school and teacher, as applicable
- Separate portal access for parents and students
- One Brightspace for Parents account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

The image shows two screenshots of the Brightspace for Parents interface. The top screenshot is the login page, which includes a welcome message, instructions for first-time users, a login form with fields for Username and Password, a 'Log In' button, and a 'Forgot your password?' link. The Elk Island Public Schools logo is also present. A note at the bottom states: "Note: You will ALWAYS use your PowerSchool Parent Portal username to access Brightspace for Parents, but your password may be different from PowerSchool. Please make a note of this when you set your password the first time you access Brightspace for Parents!"

The bottom screenshot shows the dashboard for a parent named Hannah Bond. The dashboard includes a notification: "Hannah may be running behind! It looks like: Read an excerpt from Chapter 7 of Black Beauty and list 10 character traits of Greer was due 1 week ago." Below this are three main sections: "Upcoming Work" with 1 item, "Recent Grades" with 2 items, and "Portfolio Items" with 1 item. The "Upcoming Work" section shows an assignment titled "Design a Parachute" for Science 6-A, due tomorrow, with a green checkmark. The "Recent Grades" section shows two assignments: "Design a parachute" and "Experimentation", both for Science 6-A, with a grade of 'A'. The "Portfolio Items" section shows a portfolio item titled "Metamorphosis" collected on April 12, 2018, at 1:11 AM.

Learn more at [eips.ca/parents/brightspace](https://eips.ca/parents/brightspace)





# Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure

Transportation fees are due June 30, 2023  
and are paid online at [eips.ca/transportation/  
transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-  
payments](https://eips.ca/transportation/transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments)



# Student Transportation: Little Elk Island Adventure

Students and parents learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

Learn more at

[eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure](https://eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure)



# EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2023-24

- Regular School Day
- Early Dismissal for Students
- First Day of Class
- No School – Statutory Holiday
- No School for All Students and Staff
- No School for Students – Professional Learning/Operational Day

- SCHEDULE A:**  
Mondays, Wednesdays and select Fridays
- SCHEDULE B:**  
Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Fridays

- ### Important Dates
- Aug 29 Professional Learning Day
  - Aug 30 Operational Day
  - Aug 31 First Instructional Day Calendar B
  - Sept 1 First Instructional Day Calendar A
  - Sept 4 Labour Day – Statutory Holiday
  - Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
  - Oct 6 Professional Learning Day
  - Oct 9 Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday
  - Nov 6-10 November Break
  - Nov 11 Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday
  - Dec 25 - Jan 5 Christmas Break
  - Dec 25 Christmas Day – Statutory Holiday
  - Dec 26 Boxing Day – Statutory Holiday
  - Jan 1 New Year's Day – Statutory Holiday
  - Jan 31 Professional Learning Day
  - Feb 8 & 9 North Central Teachers' Convention
  - Feb 19 Family Day – Statutory Holiday
  - Mar 1 Professional Learning Day
  - Mar 22 School Closure Day
  - Mar 25 - 29 Spring Break
  - Mar 29 Good Friday – Statutory Holiday
  - Apr 1 Easter Monday – Division Closure
  - May 3 Professional Learning Day
  - May 16-17 School Closure Day
  - May 20 Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
  - June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
  - June 24 Last Instructional Day Schedule A
  - June 25 Last Instructional Day Schedule B
  - June 26-27 Operational Days

### AUGUST 2023

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# EIPS offers full-day programming on alternating days.

475 instructional hours per year

- Monday, Wednesday and select Fridays, or
- Tuesday, Thursday and select Fridays

Find the Division calendar at [eips.ca/calendar](https://eips.ca/calendar)

Visit the calendar page on the school's website for school-specific dates and events.

# Pine Street Elementary: Kindergarten

- The first four days of school, we stagger the entry for kindergarten children so that they can learn classroom routines, meet school staff, and become familiar with the learning environment in a small group setting. Mrs. Leitch will email which session your child will attend for their small group staggered entry.

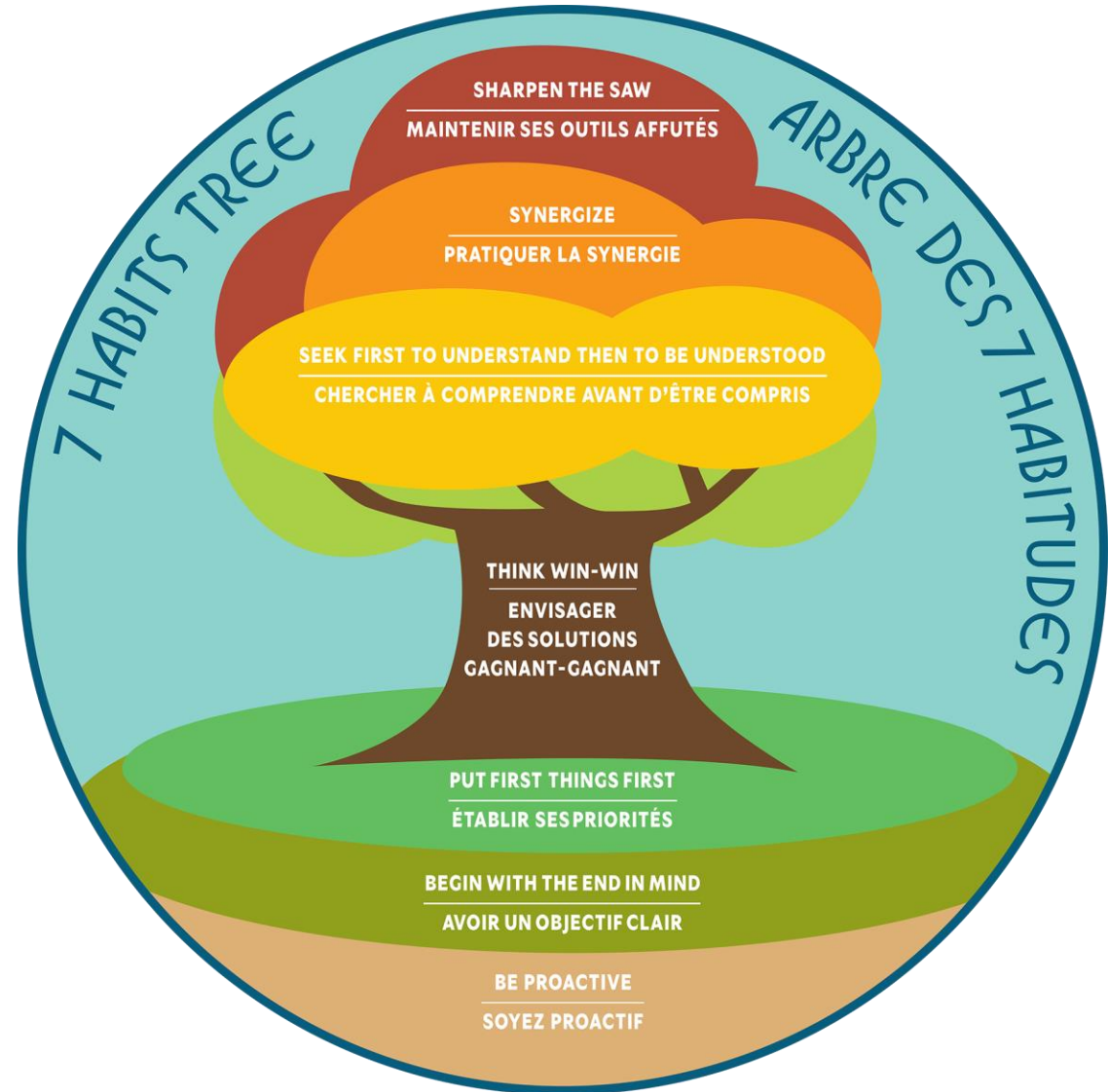


## Staggered Entry Days:

- ❖ Thursday, August 31
  - ❖ Friday, September 1
  - ❖ Tuesday, September 5
  - ❖ Wednesday, September 6
- Thursday, September 7 group B students will attend their first full day.
  - Friday, September 8 group A students will attend their first full day.

# School Programs

- 7 Habits
- Leader in Me
- Classroom buddy programs
- School nutrition program
- Hot lunch program



# Introductions

Mr. Tracey Arbuthnott  
Principal





# Introductions

Mr. Murray Howell  
Assistant Principal



# Introductions

Ms. Kayla Rusnell  
School Counsellor





# School Office Team



Mrs. Lisa Waselenkoff  
Business Manager



Mrs. Lisa Leitch  
School Registrar



# Introductions

Ms. Jennifer Appleby  
Kindergarten Teacher

# Bell Schedule

- Our bell schedule is available on our school website.
- The bell to enter the school is at 8:30 a.m. School starts at 8:35 a.m. and students are dismissed at 3:15 p.m.
- Early dismissal days are the first Wednesday of the month. Students will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

Pine Street Elementary Bell Schedule			
2023-2024			
Regular Day		Early Dismissal	
		First Wednesday of each Month	
Entrance Bell	8:30	Entrance Bell	8:30
Period 1	8:35 - 9:07	Period 1	8:35 - 9:01
Period 2	9:07 - 9:39	Period 2	9:01 - 9:27
Period 3	9:39 - 10:11	Period 3	9:27 - 9:53
RECESS	10:11 - 10:26	RECESS	9:53 - 10:08
Period 4	10:28 - 11:00	Period 4	10:08 - 10:34
Period 5	11:00 - 11:32	Period 5	10:34 - 11:00
LUNCH Eating	11:32 - 12:02	LUNCH Eating	11:00 - 11:31
LUNCH Recess	12:02 - 12:32	LUNCH Recess	11:31 - 12:02
Period 6	12:32 - 1:04	Period 6	12:02 - 12:28
Period 7	1:04 - 1:36	Period 7	12:28 - 12:54
Period 8	1:36 - 2:08	Period 8	12:54 - 1:20
INTERNAL BREAK	2:08 - 2:11	INTERNAL BREAK	1:20 - 1:23
Period 9	2:11 - 2:43	Period 9	1:23 - 1:49
Period 10	2:43 - 3:15	Period 10	1:49 - 2:15
DISMISSAL	3:15	DISMISSAL	2:15

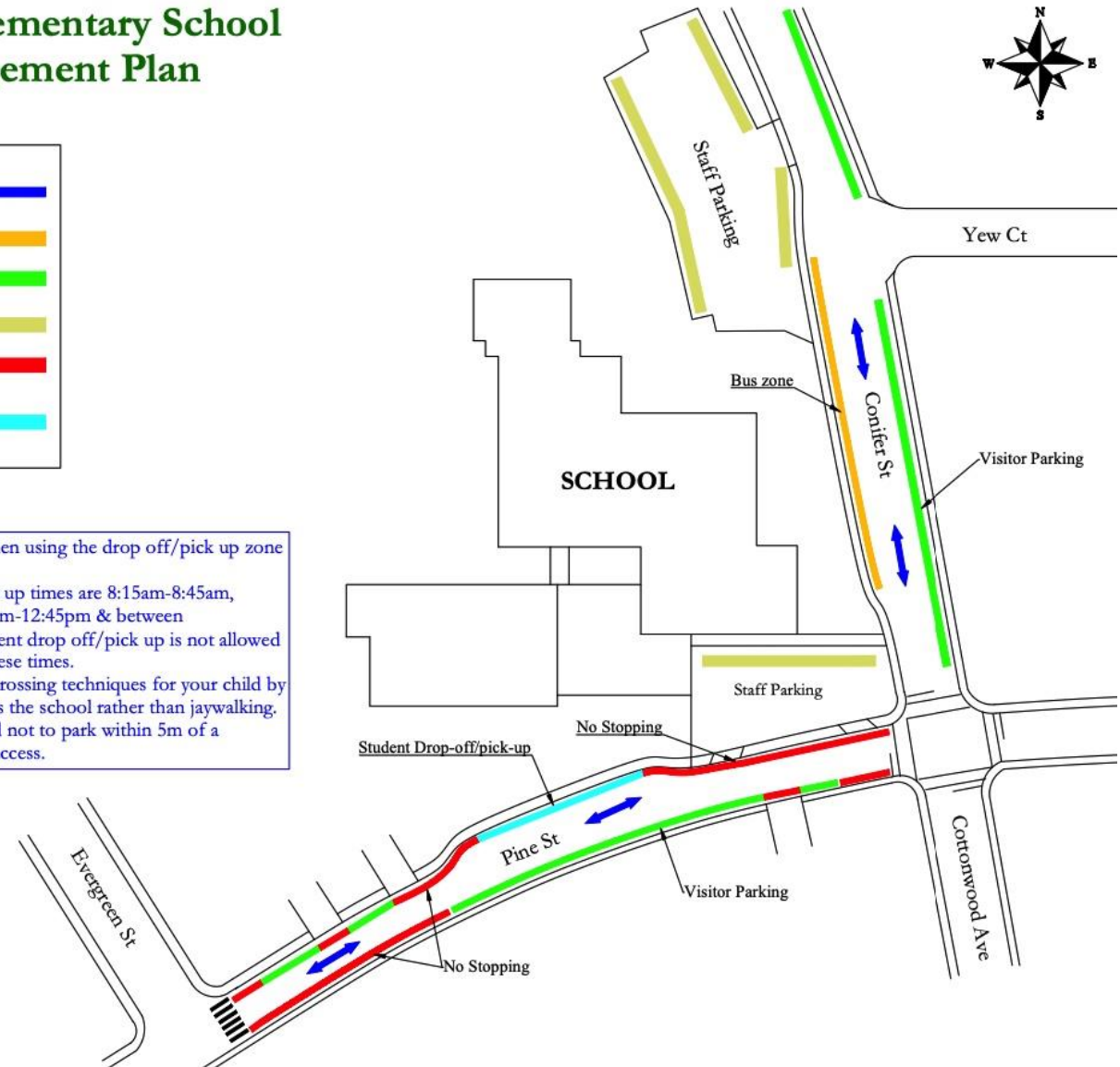
# Student Drop Off and Pick Up

- Please stay in your car in the drop off/pick up zone in front of the school.
- Demonstrate road safety for your child by using the crosswalks.
- Bus zones and staff parking lots are not intended for student drop off and pick up.

## Pine Street Elementary School Traffic Management Plan



- Please stay in your car when using the drop off/pick up zone in front of the school.
- School bus drop off/pick up times are 8:15am-8:45am, 11:00am-11:30am, 12:15pm-12:45pm & between 3:00pm-3:30pm and Student drop off/pick up is not allowed from Bus Zone during these times.
- Please demonstrate safe crossing techniques for your child by using crosswalks to access the school rather than jaywalking.
- Parents are also requested not to park within 5m of a crosswalk or parking lot access.



# Typical Kindergarten Day

- In this video, Ms. Appleby shares what makes up a typical day in kindergarten.
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4\\_goppLE9Og](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_goppLE9Og)





# School Supplies

- The Kindergarten School Supplies list is available on our school website.



Tools for School is a program from the United Way that provides backpacks filled with school supplies to students in kindergarten to Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. The supplies provided may not be everything that's on your child's supply list, but it's a start.

If you would benefit from the Tools for School program, contact the school office.

# School Fees

- School fees are paid online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- Fees are assessed at the start of the year and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Others may be added throughout the year as your child takes part in various activities, such as field trips, hot lunch, school performances, etc.
- Fees are generally due within 30 days of being assessed
- Fee waiver policy – If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have certain fees waived. The deadline is December 15.

Learn more at [eips.ca/schools/fees](https://eips.ca/schools/fees)





# Parent Involvement

- School Council – Attend meetings to stay informed on school events, share ideas, ask questions and learn about all the great things happening at Pine Street Elementary.
- Fundraising Society – Have a fundraising idea? Want to get involved to support a school initiative? Reach out to our Fundraising Society at [pinestreetsvp@gmail.com](mailto:pinestreetsvp@gmail.com).
- Parent volunteers – Ms. Appleby loves having family helpers in the classroom. We believe Parents/Families are partners.





# Preparing for Kindergarten



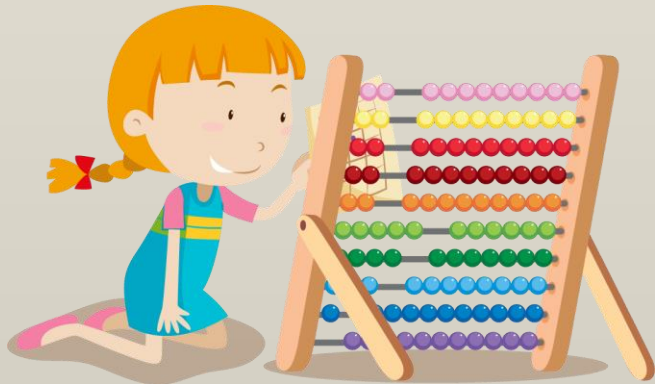
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



Social-emotional development



Numeracy



Self-help skills



Eye See, Eye Learn

# Preparing for Kindergarten

- Literacy: explore print in everyday life, provide opportunities to interact with letters, recite rhymes and songs, read together.
- Numeracy: explore shapes, count often, simple dice and card games, practice sorting.
- Motor skills: printing and drawing, creation station, puzzles, outdoor play.
- Self-help: age-appropriate chores, build independence, practice dressing/undressing outdoor clothes and putting shoes on/off.
- Social emotional: stimulate curiosity and enthusiasm for learning, be positive about school, build emotional vocabulary, navigate feelings of disappointment and frustration, practice turn-taking and sharing.





## Preparing for Kindergarten

- Book an eye assessment/exam before your child start kindergarten to diagnose any vision or eye-health problems.
- Visit these sites for more information:
  - <https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/preparing-for-kindergarten>
  - <https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/frequently-asked-questions>



## Preparing for Kindergarten Series

- EIPS, together with local partners, is planning a series of videos and resources for kindergarten families to help prepare for the year ahead.
- Families will receive information through a series of emails sent in May and June.
- Watch your inbox for details. Prizes available to be won!

## Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)

- Administered in the fall and families receive a copy of their child’s results.
- Uses teachers’ regular observations and informal assessments in a play-based environment.
- Helps determine a child’s progress and development in five key areas:
  - Awareness of self and environment;
  - Social skills and approaches to learning;
  - Cognitive skills;
  - Language and communication; and
  - Physical development
- Assessment findings used to help plan instruction for the entire class, for small groups and for individual student’s needs.





## Helpful Links

- [eips.ca/kindergarten](https://eips.ca/kindergarten)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools](https://facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools)
- School Website: [www.pinestreet.ca](https://www.pinestreet.ca)
- Twitter: @PNE School
- Ms. Appleby's Classroom Twitter: @MrsAppleby\_k

## Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Services

- SLPs in kindergarten provide the following services, as needed:
  - Informal classroom-based speech and language screening
  - Speech and language assessment to identify need for further services
  - Followup intervention or consultation for children transitioning from preschool programs
  - Direct intervention and consultation based on identified needs
  - Parent consultation

## Occupational Therapy (OT) Services

- OTs informally screen students' participation in the classroom setting and provide universal strategies to the classroom staff.
- Service is primarily consultative, providing resources to classroom staff and parents when needed. Students with mild to moderate needs will be primarily served through these general classroom suggestions.
- OTs may have more direct involvement with children who have significant needs in the areas of self-care, regulation and motor skills.



# Questions?

Contact the school  
at 780-467-2246.

We look forward to  
seeing your child  
and getting to  
meet our new  
families.