Kindergarten Information Night 2022



# Welcome to KINDER CARLEN

# Literacy-rich, play-based programming



# Learning Areas

- Early literacy
- Mathematics
- Citizenship and identity
- Environment and community awareness
- Personal and social responsibility
- Physical skills and well-being
- Creative expression

## New Kindergarten Draft Curriculum

- In April 2022, Alberta Education will release the final curriculum for:
  - mathematics kindergarten to Grade 3;
  - English language arts and literature kindergarten to Grade 3; and
  - physical education and wellness kindergarten to Grade 6.
- All elementary schools, provincewide, will implement the new curriculum for the start of the 2022-23 school year
- Learn more at curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en



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# EIPS offers full-day programming on alternating days.

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

Find the Division calendar at *eips.ca/calendar* 

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

#### What do the first few days of Kindergarten look like?

Staggered start allows Kindergarten students (and parents) to get used to the school and find their class with a small group of peers.

Students will join us for one morning or afternoon to meet their teacher and see their new classroom before everyone starts their first full day together on Starting Off Right with a Staggered Start Schedule A (Monday/Wednesday) students have their staggered start on:
August 31 OR September 2 (only on one of these days)
First full day for M/W students September 7 (Early Dismissal).

Schedule B (Tuesday/Thursday) students have their staggered start on:
August 30 OR September 1st (only on one of these days)
First full day for T/Th students September 6

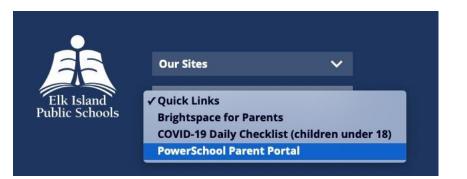
You will receive an email with your child's staggered start date and time in June!

## PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Online access to your child's grades, 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

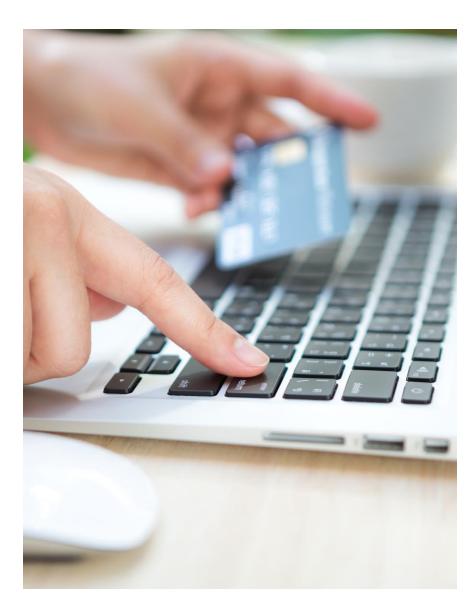




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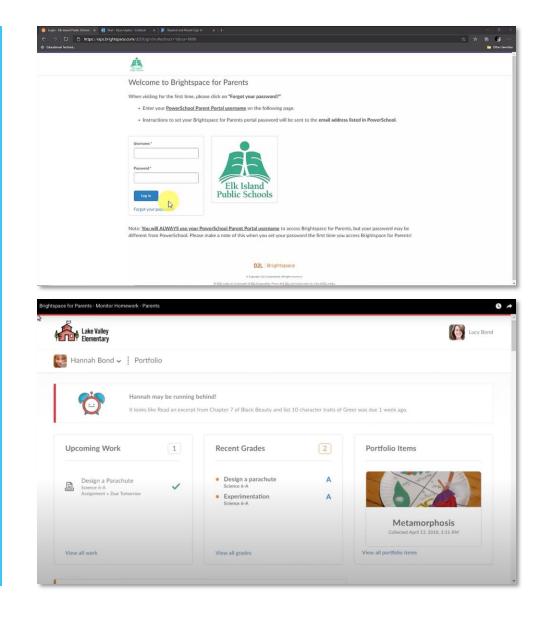
- Paid online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Assessed at the start of the year
- Others may be added throughout the year
- Fee waiver policy

Learn more at: eips.ca/schools/fees eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees



#### 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

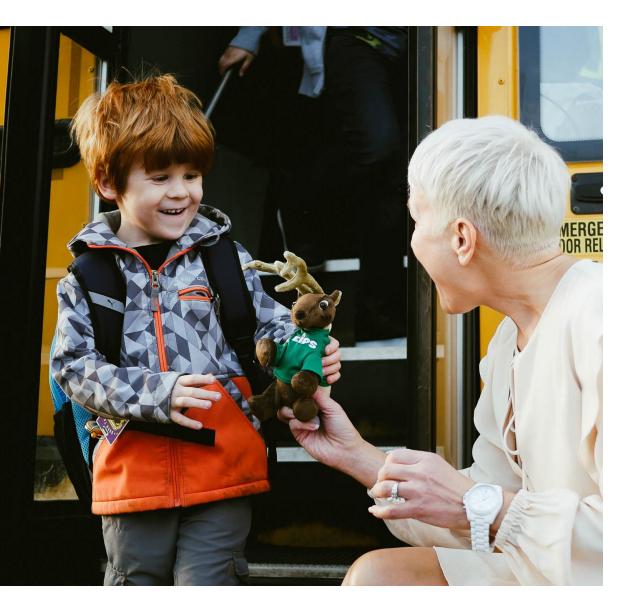


#### Our Hot Lunch Program

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### Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure Transportation fees are due June 30, 2022 and are paid online at <u>eips.ca/transportation/</u> <u>transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-</u> <u>payments</u>



#### 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

# French Immersion Program

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#### Did you know?

French Immersion was created in the 1960's by a group of Anglophone parents in Montreal. They were worried that their children were less competitive in the job market since Francophone students were completely bilingual.



# **French Immersion**

- You don't need to speak French to send your children to French Immersion!
  Your child will learn French in class through games, songs and other activities.
- French is Mme Bouchard's first language and she is very excited to start that journey with your children!





### TOP 10 Reasons Why Ardrossan is Special!



We have a beautiful building & outdoor play spaces!

9. We balance new technology with strong community values!

8. We offer healthy homemade hot lunch 4 days a week!

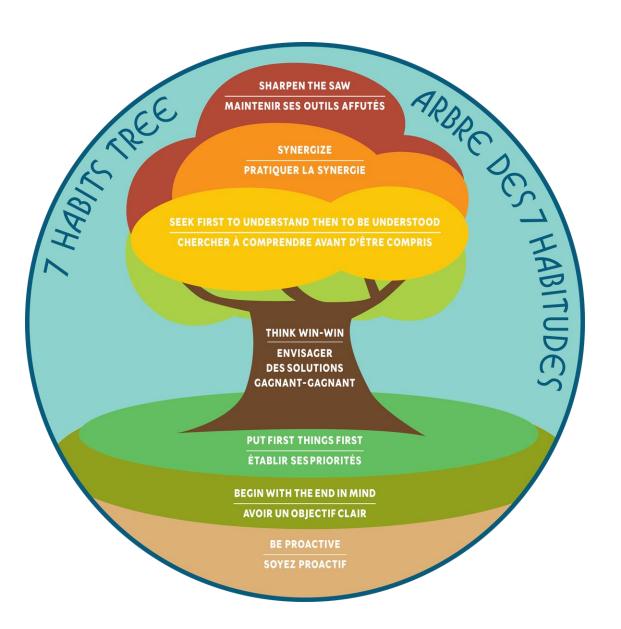
7. Students learn both of Canada's official languages!

6. Students are connected to Ardrossan Junior/Senior High

5. We have amazing, supportive, involved parents/guardians! 4. We read research and apply it to our instruction. **3.** We work **together** in teams (students, staff, & parents!) 2. We are **inclusive** & we find solutions so everyone belongs! **1.** We believe in: **Success for all**!

# School Programs

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



#### We are all Leaders!

We are a **Leader in Me** School. We use the 7 Habits of Happy Kids to make good decisions and to become engaged and responsible citizens!

#### **Parent Leaders**

- School Council
- AEPSA
- CPF
- Hot Lunch
- Volunteers

#### **Staff Leaders**

- Lead clubs
- Teach the Habits
- Plan school events
- Model the Habits

#### **Student Leaders**

- Habit
  - assemblies
- Bison Bravos
- Student clubs
- Buddy classes

- Bell schedule (8:40am-3:16pm)
- Early dismissal days (8:40am-2:16pm)
- Parent drop off and pick up

#### Typical Kindergarten Day

- Circle time in the morning
- Play time / Center time
- > 3 recesses a day
- Music class and gym classes
- Craft and art activities
- > 2 snack times and a lunch time

#### **Events and Field Trips**

 We usually have in-school field trips throughout the year and one or two field trips at the end of the school year.



#### Parent Involvement

- Parent groups
- We are always happy to have help in class - parents, grandparents & special guests are welcome!
- We use September to set up routines and expectations.
- Volunteers begin in October (once we are used to not being with our parents all the time) and help with:

**Half a day** volunteer opportunities - in class

Take home help - cutting, gluing etc. Field trips - most are full day

#### Supports Available

 We can offer some support from a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) and an Occupational Therapist (OT)



# Preparing for Kindergarten



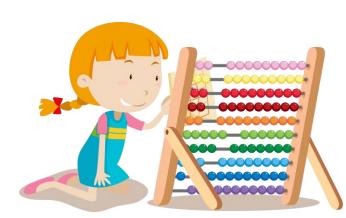
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



#### Social-emotional development







Numeracy

Self-help skills

Eye See, Eye Learn

Learn more at <u>eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/preparing-for-</u> <u>kindergarten</u>

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

- Administered in the fall
- Uses teachers' regular observations and informal assessments
- 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 and will be shared with parents at the first progress reporting term in November
- Parent sessions providing more details and explanation will be available in the fall





# **School Supplies**

School supply lists will be available on ardrossanelementary.ca in June.

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.



## Helpful Links

- eips.ca/kindergarten
- Facebook: <u>facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools</u>
- Twitter: <u>twitter.com/eips</u>
- Ardrossanelementary.ca
- Curriculum: <u>curriculum.learnalberta.ca</u> /<u>curriculum/en</u>

# School Tours & Questions

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