

Kindergarten Information Night 2022





**Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN!**



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](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en)





EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2022-23

☐ 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

AUGUST 2022						
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Important Dates

Aug 26 Professional Learning Day
Aug 29 Operational Day
Aug 30 Classes Begin
Sept 5 Labour Day – Statutory Holiday
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Division Closure
Oct 7 Professional Learning Day
Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday
Nov 7-11 November Break
Nov 11 Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday
Dec 21 - Jan 3 Christmas Break
Dec 25 Christmas Day – Statutory Holiday
Jan 1 New Year's Day – Statutory Holiday
Jan 4 Classes Resume for Students
Jan 30 Professional Learning Day
Feb 9 & 10 North Central Teachers' Convention
Feb 20 Family Day – Statutory Holiday
Mar 3 Professional Learning Day
Mar 24 - 31 Spring Break
Apr 3 Classes Resume
Apr 7 Good Friday – Statutory Holiday
Apr 10 Easter Monday – Division Closure
May 5 Professional Learning Day
May 19 School Closure Day
May 22 Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23 Last Instructional Day Schedule B
June 26 Last Instructional Day Schedule A
June 27 - 28 Operational Days

475
instructional
hours
per year

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
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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:

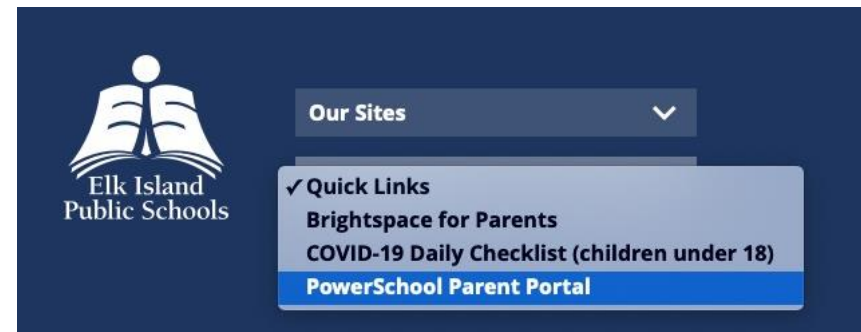
- August 30 **OR** September 1st (only on one of these days)
- First full day for T/Th students **September 6**

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



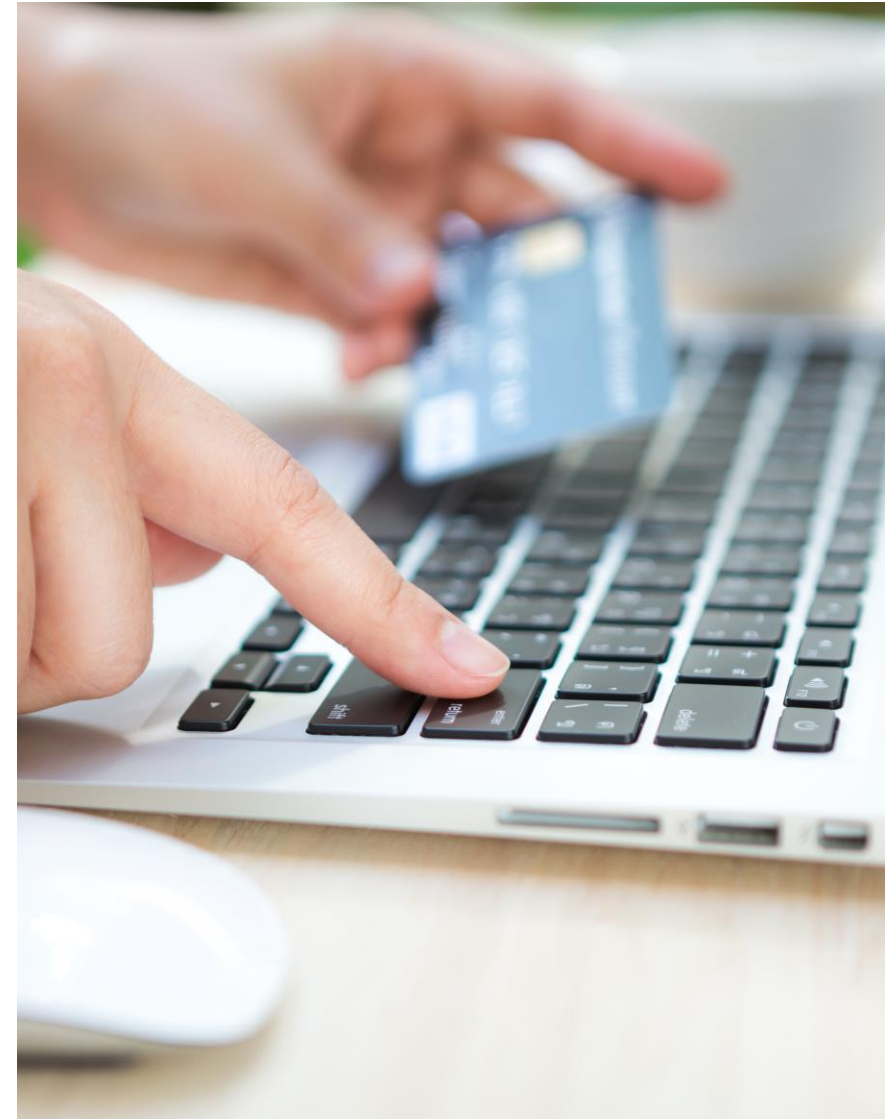
School Fees

- 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:

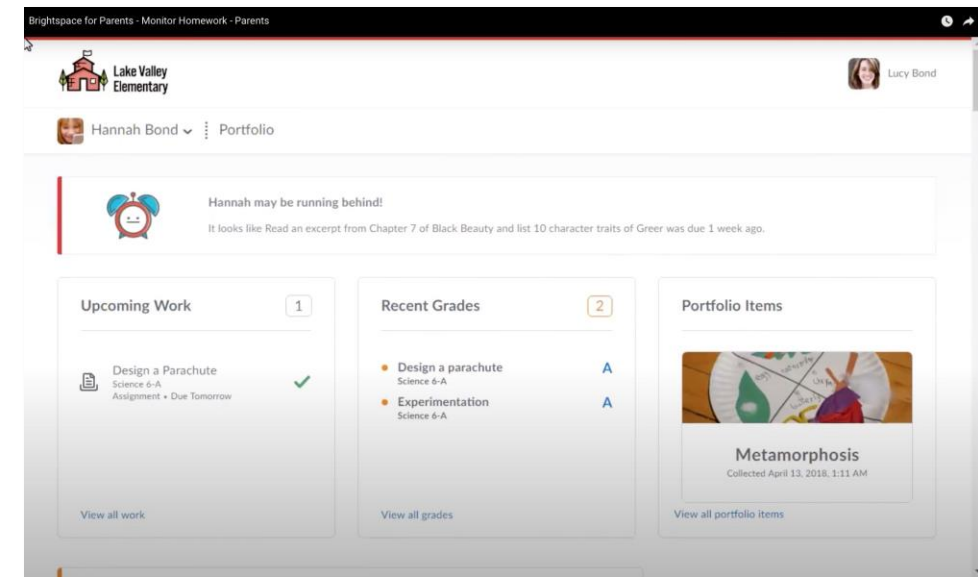
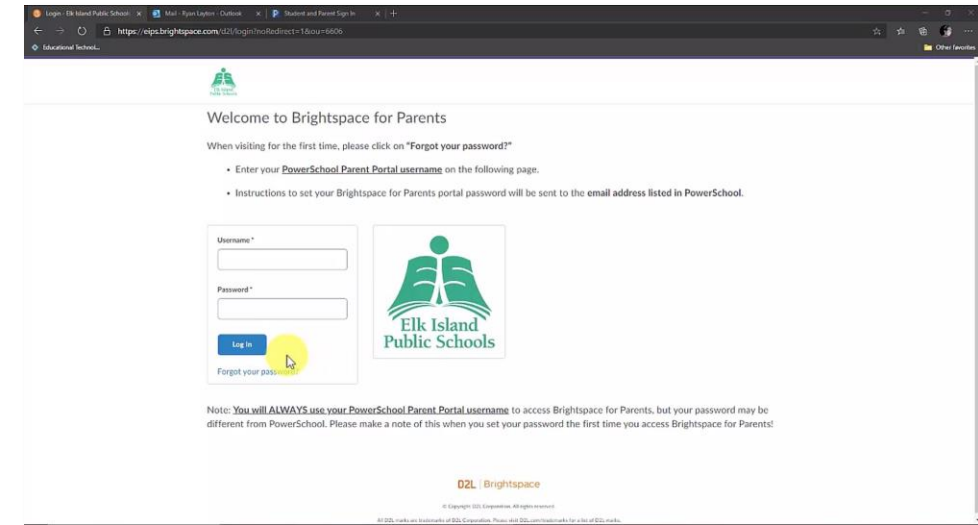
[*eips.ca/schools/fees*](https://eips.ca/schools/fees)

[*eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees*](https://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



Learn more at eips.ca/parents/brightspace

Our Hot Lunch Program

Wednesday June 2nd, 2021			
Spaghetti - Meat Sauce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$3.50
Spaghetti - Tomato Sauce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$3.25
Breadstick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.25
Celery and Tomatoes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.50
- Ranch Dressing Included			
Banana <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.00
Yogurt Tube <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.00
Banana Chocolate Chip Muffin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.50
White Milk 2 Go <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.35
Chocolate Milk 2 Go <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.35
Thursday June 3rd, 2021			
Egg, Sausage & Chesse English Muffin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$3.50
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Ketchup packet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$0.00
Carrots and Cucumbers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.50
- Ranch Dressing Included			
Honeydew <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.50
Yogurt Tube <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.00
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Chocolate Milk 2 Go <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.35
Monday May 31st, 2021			
Corn Dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$2.75
Ketchup packet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$0.00
Mustard packet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$0.00
Tossed Salad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.50
- Ranch Salad Dressing is Included.			
Apples with Caramel Dip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.75
Whole Dill Pickle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.25
Assorted Yogurt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.00
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Chocolate Milk 2 Go <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.35
Tuesday June 1st, 2021			
Hashbrown Casserole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$3.25
Ham Sausage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$2.50
Ketchup packet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$0.00
Carrots and Snap Peas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.50
- Ranch Dressing Included			
Fresh Fruit Salad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.75
Cheese String <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.00
Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x \$1.50
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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 [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

French Immersion Program



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!

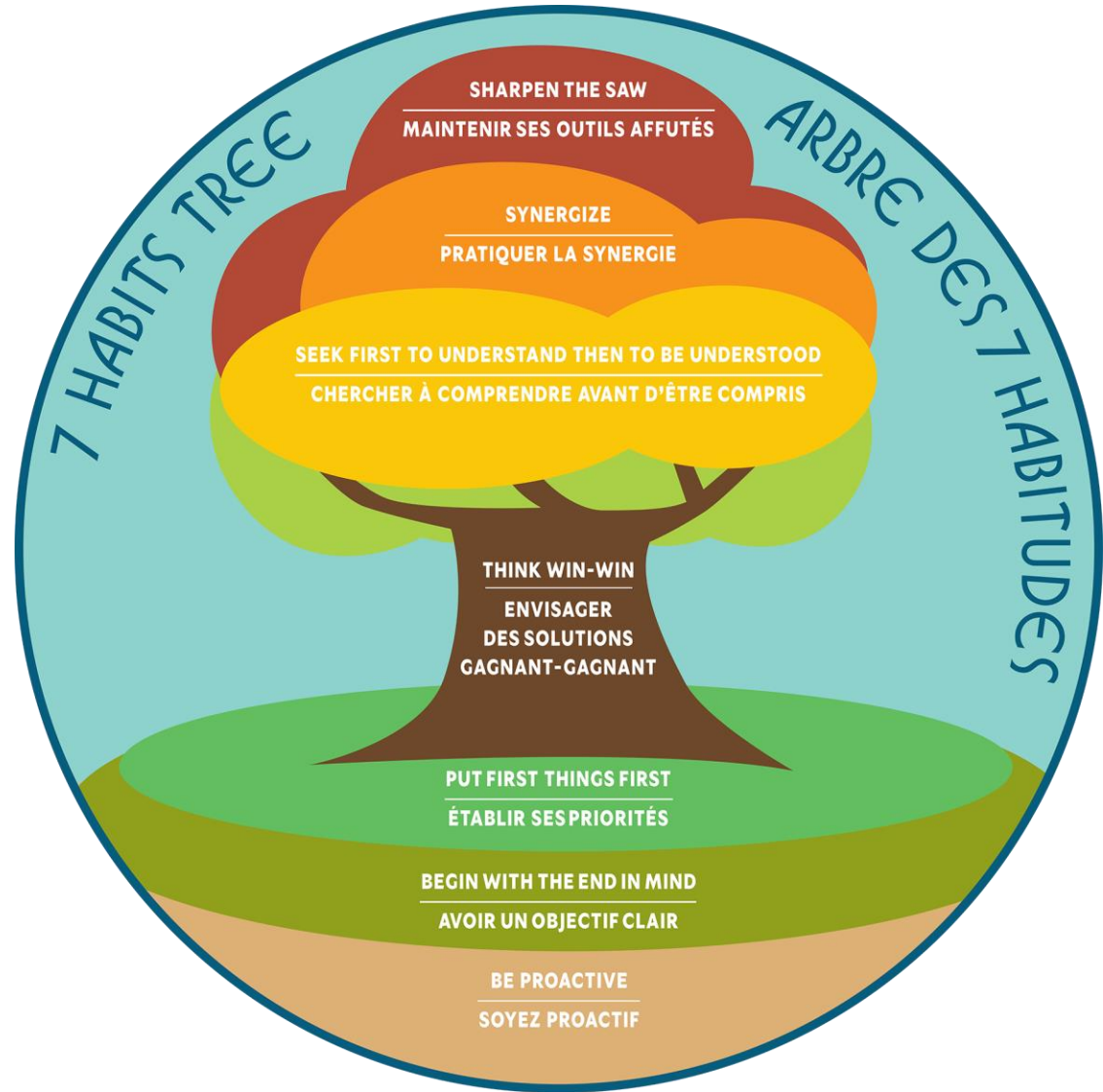


10. We have a **beautiful** building & outdoor play spaces!
9. We balance new **technology** with strong community **values**!
8. We offer healthy homemade **hot lunch** 4 days a week!
7. Students learn both of Canada's **official languages**!
6. Students are **connected** to Ardrossan Junior/Senior 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



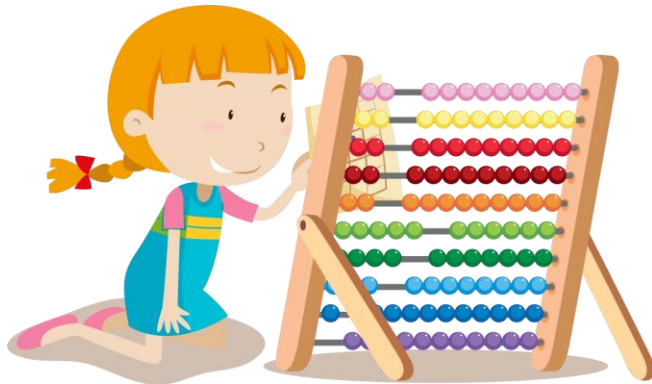
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



Social-emotional development



Numeracy



Self-help skills



Eye See, Eye Learn

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

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: facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools
- Twitter: twitter.com/eips
- Ardrossanelementary.ca
- Curriculum: curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en



School Tours & Questions

