

# BISON TALES




## Calendar of Events

<b>November 6</b>	Newsletter Emailed
<b>November 9-13</b>	<b>Fall Break – No School</b>
<b>November 15-21</b>	National Bully Awareness Week
<b>November 17</b>	School Council 6:30-7:30 p.m. AEPSA following
<b>November 20</b>	Crazy Hair Day Jersey Day Popcorn Fundraiser for Christmas Boxes
<b>November 25</b>	Grade 5 Assembly: Habit 2
<b>November 27</b>	Communicating Student Learning (Student Progress Reports Issued Online) Salisbury Theatre: Fairytales
<b>November 30</b>	Giving Tree Nov. 3-Dec. 9 Gr. 6 collecting gifts for teenagers
<b>December 1</b>	ECS collecting socks
<b>December 2</b>	Early Dismissal – Staff Meeting Gr. 1 collecting mitts
<b>December 3</b>	Gr. 2 collecting mitts/gloves
<b>December 4</b>	Newsletter Emailed Gr. 3 collecting hats/toques
<b>December 7</b>	Gr. 4 collecting small food items
<b>December 8</b>	Gr. 5 collecting personal care items
<b>December 9</b>	Dress Rehearsal in Klym Gym ECS-Gr.1 9:30 a.m. Gr. 2-3 10:45 a.m. Gr. 4-6 12:30 p.m.
<b>December 10</b>	Christmas Concert at DOW Centre 5:15 p.m. K-1 6:30 p.m. 2-3 7:45 p.m. 4-6
<b>December 11</b>	Pajama Day
<b>December 15-16</b>	Carol Singing 10:50 a.m.
<b>December 18</b>	Ski Trip Grades 4-6

## November 2015 Message

Thank you to the many parents who attended the recent Student-Parent-Teacher conferences. It is a pleasure to recognize the learning accomplishments of students and to jointly establish goals to assist children to achieve their personal best. We are fortunate to have caring and supportive parents who celebrate with us the academic, social and behavioral learning of children. Our staff appreciate your support ☺

A special thank you is extended to all serving and former members of the Canadian Armed Forces who were able to attend the Remembrance Day Assembly on November 5th at 10:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. Girl Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Beavers were Colour Guard members extraordinaire! It was also wonderful that over 100 parents were able to attend this commemorative program as we acknowledge the personal sacrifice of our military men and women. 

Huge thank you to Candy Chamzuk and her Hot Lunch Team who have managed to maintain the outstanding hot lunch program as we adjust to the space limitations based on the upcoming construction. You are resilient. You work well under pressure. You rock! ☺

Lastly, we welcome Ms. Jen Ference, who will serve as Assistant Principal from November 5th to December 18<sup>th</sup> while Mrs. Helene Hewitt is on medical leave. We wish Mrs. Hewitt a speedy recovery.

On behalf of our staff we wish you and your family a restful Fall Break as together we continue our learning journey.

**Great happens here!**

**SUCCESS FOR ALL ~ LE SUCCÈS À LA PORTÉE DE TOUS**

### Staffing Update

We know you join with us in welcoming Mlle Alexandra Gravel, a newly graduated teacher from Campus Saint-Jean, University of Alberta, who will be joining us once Mme Danielle Olsen commences her upcoming maternity leave.

### School Council

Parents are cordially invited to attend School Council on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome ☺

### Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

We are in search of a President for the CPF-Ardrossan Chapter. This could be President and Vice-President positions or perhaps Co-Presidents. The Past President is willing to stay on to help ease this transition. No one stepped up at our last Annual General Meeting and the position needs to be filled. There are only 3-4 meetings a year with lots of support from other board members as well as volunteers for our two events (Carnival and Year end BBQ). Please consider this important and crucial role as a member of our local CPF Chapter. Please contact [j.mailer@ymail.com](mailto:j.mailer@ymail.com) or [scottbro@rogers.com](mailto:scottbro@rogers.com) or [ttrohubiak@yahoo.ca](mailto:ttrohubiak@yahoo.ca) to sign up or ask questions.

The next CPF meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars!

*We love volunteers! Please consider joining the School Council, Canadian Parents for French (CPF), or Ardrossan Parent Support Association (AEPSA) – our fundraiser group!*

### November 20 - Popcorn!

The Bev Facey Leadership class is selling popcorn – only \$1.00 per bag with all proceeds donated to support Operation Christmas Child Boxes for children overseas. We know you join with us in extending appreciation to the Leadership class for donating materials, time and organizational skills to assist the Grade 3 students in this annual charity initiative.

### Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

We had terrific student and parent turnout at SPT Interviews in October. Not only were families able to meet with teachers but the Book Fair was also a smashing success! Over \$1 000.00 was raised for library resources and \$400.00 worth of books. Parents also had the opportunity to view the new Communicating Student Learning online report card with Deb Barron, Director,

Learning Supports, in the Library. Many thanks to Maegan Strayer and Cindy Ehrlich, representatives of the Junior ATB program, who were available to chat with parents regarding this exciting student learning opportunity. Thank you to Mrs. Shelly Grauman and Mrs. Summer Hill for serving as Staff Liaisons for this new program.

### Junior ATB is Open For Business

An exciting partnership with Ecole Ardrossan Elementary and ATB is happening now! Since 2009, the Junior ATB Program has taught financial knowledge and life skills to elementary students within the walls of their own schools. The Junior ATB branch introduces students to the basics of money management and financial literacy as students create their specific savings plans and goals. Please see the link below for more details about this terrific program:

<http://www.atb.com/learn/Pages/Financial-Literacy.aspx>

Account application forms were sent home last week, however, additional applications are available in the main office. Please see below for a listing of deposit days:

- Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15
- Board of Directors Meeting: Dec. 1

### Coming this November:

#### New Student Progress Report Cards

We want to you remind you that you will be able to access your child's progress report cards on Friday, November 27, 2015. As you know, Ecole Ardrossan Elementary is one of 11 schools within Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) piloting the new elementary report card this year. Developed by EIPS, the report card is designed and intended to clearly communicate student achievement to parents and guardians. Long-term, the new report card will help to enhance the quality of education within EIPS by building strong partnerships among students, teachers and parents.

In 2014, EIPS established a Communicating Student Learning committee, made up of parents, teachers, administrators, trustees and central office staff. Using feedback from close to 1 000 parents and 400 teachers and principals, the committee worked to create an innovative system, which reports academic achievement levels and learner attributes.

Similar to the previous report card, students will still be assessed in all areas of the current programs of studies. However, what will be new is the way student learning is reported. The current EPAL scale will no longer be used. Instead, teachers will be using a clear and parent-friendly five-point numeric scoring scale to indicate student



achievement. Additionally, the report card allows teachers to share personalized information about each student in relation to learner attributes, areas of strength, areas for growth and next steps.

Ecole Ardrossan Elementary is excited about its new method of communicating student learning—it's innovative, inclusive and based on what stakeholders have indicated they want to see in a reporting system. The full implementation of the report cards will take place in the 2016–2017 school year.

If you require more information, or have questions, about the new report card please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Whetstone. Alternatively, you can also contact [Deb Barron](#), Director of Learning Supports, EIPS.

An insightful acronym, **FAIL**, has come to our attention that recognizes that learning is hard work:

- (F) First
- (A) Attempt
- (I) In
- (L) Learning

Students are not expected to get everything right the first time. They get feedback or support on how to improve. They then redraft their work and make it better each time.

## A Memorable Remembrance Day Assembly



It was an honour and a privilege to host Mr. Gage Pendleton and Mrs. Ida Carey. As two Royal Canadian Air Force Veterans, their presence during our Remembrance Day Assembly, was humbling. Thank you to the various chapters of the Canadian Legion and our military families. You helped to make the event real and relevant for our students.

## National Bully Awareness Week

Our staff, with the support of the parent community, strives to provide students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be engaged responsible learners and caring, thoughtful citizens. The Leader in Me program provides students with a variety of personal awareness skills and strategies to build positive caring relationships with others (friendship skills), listening, synergizing and thinking win-win. Our students continue to learn and enhance their abilities on a daily basis as we build upon the social learning opportunities that learning with others can provide. During the week of November 15-21, student activities will include reading stories about standing up to bullying behavior that will also culminate in a presentation from Saffron Centre on November 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information regarding bullying please visit:

<https://education.alberta.ca/teachers/safeschools/bullying-prevention.aspx>

## EIPS Parent Survey

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) supports parent engagement at the school and division levels. Gathering feedback from parents about the overall performance of schools and the school division is an important component of engagement. While parents of students in grades 4, 7, and 10 currently participate in the provincial Accountability Pillar Surveys, the new EIPS Parent Survey coming your way this November is designed to offer **all** parents an opportunity to provide their feedback. This information will help supplement our Accountability Pillar Survey data.

More information, a link to the survey, and key survey opening and closing dates will be coming your way in early November as soon as the details are finalized. We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete this survey when it arrives as this information will help inform our school and division planning.

## Absences

Thank you for explaining your child's absence when you call to report that your child is away. This helps with tracking absences as we are required to report absences that may be in excess of 10% of the school population (i.e., flu symptoms).

### Did you know?

Dawn Quigg, Clinical Instructor, Faculty of Nursing provided an excellent demonstration to all our students of how germs move from one person to another and how important handwashing and sanitizing is to the prevention of spreading contagious conditions. Thanks Dawn!

## "The Giving Tree"

We are continuing our tradition of decorating the school Christmas tree with useful items that will be donated to the Strathcona Christmas Bureau.



The Giving Tree will run from November 30 to December 8th. Each grade will be assigned an item to bring to school on a specific date. The items will be collected and used to decorate the tree. The grade, item and donation schedule is as follows:

<b>November 30</b>	Gr. 6 collecting small items for teenagers
<b>December 1</b>	ECS collecting socks (children and adult sizes)
<b>December 2</b>	Gr. 1 collecting mitts
<b>December 3</b>	Gr. 2 collecting mitts/gloves
<b>December 4</b>	Gr. 3 collecting hats
<b>December 7</b>	Gr. 4 collecting food items (granola bars, small cereal boxes, pudding cups, juice boxes)
<b>December 8</b>	Gr. 5 collecting personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, hand lotions)

For more information about the Strathcona Christmas Bureau please visit: <http://www.scb79.ca/index.html>

## Music News

Have you checked out the music blog yet? Students can practice their performance songs at home.

Visit <http://ardrossanelementarymusic.wordpress.com/>

If you need the password please see Mrs. Harding.

## Christmas Concert

Is it too early to talk about the most well attended event of the year? Details about tickets to the big event will be shared after the fall break.

In the meantime, save the date! Our Christmas concerts will be on

**Thursday, December 10** at the **Dow Centennial Centre in Fort Saskatchewan**. The kindergarten- grade 1 concert will



be at 5:15pm, the grade 2-3 concert will be at 6:30, and the grade 4-6 concert will be at 7:45pm.

Here are some details on what the students should wear:

- **Kindergarten Students-** They can wear their "Christmas best" with a couple of blacked out teeth. In order to black out teeth, follow these instructions- To temporarily black out a tooth, apply eyebrow pencil to a completely dry tooth. This will hold for a little while and eventually fades away. We would like parents to have this done before the concert.
- **Grade 1 Students-** They need to wear their pajamas and slippers (if possible). We are singing a song about getting slippers for Christmas.
- **Grade 2 Students-** They need to wear black and white and we will have zebra ears for them to wear.
- **Grade 3 Students-** They can wear their "Christmas best" and we will have Santa hats for them to wear. They can also bring sunglasses if possible.
- **Grade 4-6 Students-** They need to wear beach themed clothes (i.e. shorts, skirt, sundress, bright coloured shirt, or Hawaiian leis, etc.), in order to go with the theme of our musical *Surfin' Santa*. Please do not wear grass skirts as they would be too noisy.
- **Grade 6 Actors-** Most costumes will be provided or students will be told what they need to wear.

## EIPS Parent Survey

Hello Parents and Guardians, We want to hear from you!

As you are aware, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) supports parent engagement at the Division and school levels. Gathering feedback from parents about the overall performance of EIPS and its 42 schools is an important component of that engagement. While parents of students in grades 4, 7, and 10 currently participate in the provincial Accountability Pillar Survey, EIPS is launching a Parent Survey designed to offer all parents an opportunity to provide their feedback about the Division and their school.

We encourage all of our parents and guardians to take a few minutes to complete the brief online survey. It will take approximately three minutes and will help to supplement the Division's Accountability Pillar Survey data. The survey is open until Nov. 24, 2015.



To complete the 2015 Parent Survey visit:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eipsparent15>.

## Campbell's Labels

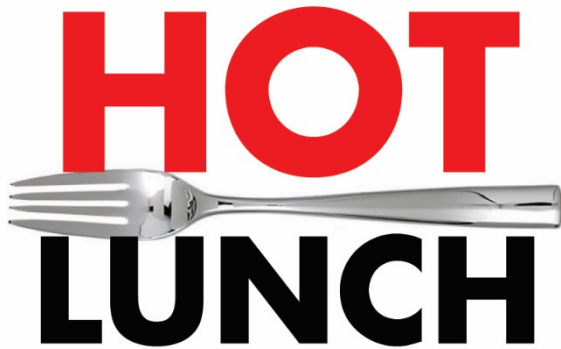
We are collecting *Campbell's Labels for Education™*. Save the full label from eligible Campbell products and send them to the school. Products eligible include:

- Campbell's condensed soups
- Campbell's Easy Cooking Sauces
- Gardennay
- Healthy Request soups and microwavable bowls
- Prego Sauce
- Campbell's Ready to Use Broth
- Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers
- V8 beverages and soups
- Pace Salsa



If you have any questions, or would like to help with our Labels for Education collection drive, please contact our parent program coordinators, Mrs. Terri-Ann Trohubiak and Mrs. Roxanne Dunham at [ttrohubiak@yahoo.ca](mailto:ttrohubiak@yahoo.ca). Please visit [www.labelsforeducation.ca](http://www.labelsforeducation.ca) for more information about the program.

## Tidbits from the LunchBox...



Well, November is here and so is the white stuff...SNOW!!! That means Christmas will be around the corner in no time. Time to stock up and fill up your freezer with yummy STAWNICHY products..... The AES LunchBox will be offering a STAWNICHY FUNDRAISER, from Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – Nov 26<sup>th</sup>. Proceed will go to help The AES LunchBox equip our new kitchen space in the new Ardrossan Elementary School. Watch for more information coming to you soon. Mark your calendars... December and January schedule will be open from Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

No late orders and or payments will be accepted. Don't miss out!!!

The Lunchbox thanks you in advance for your patience and consideration as we start a brand new school year! If you

have any questions or concerns, please direct them to [info@aeslunchbox.com](mailto:info@aeslunchbox.com).

Support issues will be addressed within 24 hours and should be directed to [support@aeslunchbox.com](mailto:support@aeslunchbox.com).



## Ease Your Family's 'Rush Hour' With These Morning Routines

In many families, "rush hour" begins before anyone even walks out the door. Your child doesn't have time for breakfast. He may race out the door while leaving homework and school supplies behind. And even then, he or she may miss the bus.

If this sounds familiar, it's time for you to develop a new morning "traffic pattern." Here's how you can create some morning routines to tame the chaos:

- Prepare for the day the night before. Help your child make their lunch and pick out their school clothes. Have them make sure his backpack and other items are ready to go and by the door.
- Help your child figure out how much time he/she really needs in the morning to get ready. Tell him it is his responsibility to set his alarm clock—and get up when it goes off.
- Use charts and checklists. Post a laminated list of all the steps your child must take to get ready in the morning: brush teeth, brush hair, get dressed, make the bed. Post another checklist of things that need to go to school. If it's Tuesday, where's the library book? If it's Wednesday, does your child have shoes for gym?
- Make it a game. Try playing Beat the Clock. If it took 20 minutes for your child to get downstairs for breakfast yesterday, can he do it in 18 minutes today? Let's be honest. Some kids are late because they dawdle.
- Create fun breakfast themes— Waffle Wednesday, Fruity Friday, etc. Having a schedule takes the guesswork out of breakfast and may motivate your child to actually sit down and eat! Reprinted with permission from the November 2015 issue of *Parents make the difference!*® (Elementary School Edition) newsletter. Copyright © 2015 The Parent Institute®, a division of NIS, Inc.

## Lost and Found Items

Thank you labelling your child's hats, mitts, shoes, boots, crayon boxes, coats, sweaters, etc. It is so much easier to make sure that lost items are returned to the owner when they are labeled.

## Dressing for the Weather

Brrrr! Fall is upon us. Thank you for making sure that your child has the necessary winter gear to keep warm. Our students participate in outdoor recesses except in the most extreme cold weather. Hat, mitts and a warm coat are necessary during outdoor play. We generally have indoor recess when temperatures reach -21 degrees Celsius or lower.



## 2015 Read-In Week – “Books that Ignite!”

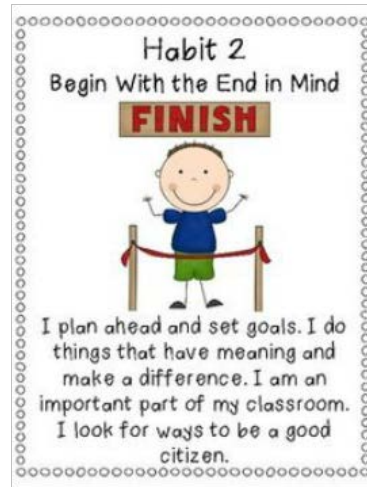
What a week! Families arrived in droves to participate in the Annual Read In lunch. Marty Chan, Ardrossan football players and local senior celebrities joined in the fun.



## Leader in Me Ledger

November Focus is Habit 2  
“Begin With the End in Mind”

Begin With the End in Mind means to think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started. Reading a recipe before cooking or looking at a map before leaving on a trip is beginning with the end in mind. For young children, a good example is that of a jigsaw puzzle. Before doing a puzzle, they look at the cover on the box. They start with the end in mind. With your child, please think of ways beginning with the end in mind at home.



Please check the link below for the Leader in Me Parent Handbook:

<http://www.ardrossanelementary.ca/files/10/Leader%20In%20Me%20Parents%20Guide.pdf>

Parents are welcome to attend the student led assembly on November 25 at 9:30 a.m. Grade 5 students will share their knowledge of beginning with the end in mind!

## Do You Let Your Child Take Charge Of Homework?

1. In homes everywhere, parents and kids argue about homework. To avoid conflict, some parents simply do the homework for their children!
2. Are you making sure your child takes responsibility for homework? Answer yes or no to each question below to find out:  
☐ Have you told your child that homework is his responsibility? You offer support, but don't do the work.  
☐ Does your child have a regular study time every day? Does he do academic work during that time?  
☐ Do you give your child some choice in how he does homework, such as choosing which subject to study first?  
☐ Do you look over your child's homework to see that it's finished?  
☐ Do you know to contact the teacher if your child faces regular struggles with homework?
3. **How well are you doing?**
4. More “yes” answers mean your child is taking responsibility for homework. For “no” answers, try those ideas.

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## Halloween Celebrations



A picture is worth a thousand words. What fun we had! Did you know we had over 150 parents, grandparents and siblings see the annual Halloween parade! The gym was an awesome place to see the multitude of astonishing costumes.



## E-Waste Collection Challenge

Unused and unwanted electronics are piling up, collecting dust in our homes, and filling our landfills with harmful materials that have the potential to damage our soil, water, and air. In an effort to address this issue, **Ecole Ardrossan Elementary**, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), and Global Electric Electronic Processing (GEEP) have teamed up to launch the E-Waste Collection Challenge.

Over a nine-week period, from November 2 to December 20, schools across EIPS will be delegated two-week time slots to collect as much e-waste—discarded electronics

that can be reused, resold, reclaimed or recycled—as possible.

From November 16 to November 30, 2015, Ecole Ardrossan Elementary will be collecting e-waste at the front entrance between Ardrossan Junior Senior High and Ecole Ardrossan Elementary. Students can bring in a variety of electronic devices including computer equipment, home-entertainment items, power tools, and small household appliances—basically anything the size of a microwave or smaller that can be plugged in or is battery-operated. Large appliances such as fridges, stoves, and dishwashers are excluded from the challenge.

Throughout the two weeks, GEEP will gather all of the e-waste our school collects, document it, and weigh it. The schools with the most e-waste—determined by dividing the total weight collected by the total number of students at each school—will win up to \$3,000. We encourage all of our families to participate—together we can make a difference!

*Global Electric Electronic Processing (GEEP) is a leader in managing the complete lifecycle of electric and electronic assets. GEEP enables the safe and secure reuse of electronics through 100% data erasure and/or destruction of sensitive data and total landfill diversion when products are at their end of life.*

For more information, please visit [www.geepglobal.com](http://www.geepglobal.com).

## Inclement Weather

As the winter season will soon be upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

Should inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations will be posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures, which says: School bus service may be suspended when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C including wind chill factor, in one or more regions. School bus services may also be suspended



or delayed due to adverse weather or road condition and on a region-by-region or route-by-route basis.

When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather. Parents must use discretion when sending children to school during inclement weather, even when buses are running and schools are open.

For more information, please contact Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

## Piper Ross MacDonald leads the Remembrance Day Colour Guard through the gym.



## Experts Link Diet, Sleep Habits and Exercise to School Success

It's time for school, and your child is ready to go. He has his jacket, glasses, backpack and homework. But is he really ready to learn?

That depends on many factors, including his diet, sleep habits and exercise routines. All of these have an impact on learning.

It's important to:

- Plan nutritious meals and snacks. Eating well helps kids stay healthy, which means they miss less school. It also provides the energy kids need to do their best.
- Make sure your child gets enough rest. Experts say school-age kids need at least 10 hours of sleep, and some need more. Late bedtimes make it hard to wake up and be on time for school. Lack of sleep also hurts focus and learning. Enforce a

consistent bedtime that allows plenty of time for sleep. Make nighttime routines relaxing, too. Choose activities such as reading and talking instead of watching TV or using a computer.

- Be active together. It's one thing to say, "It's time to exercise." It's another to say, "Let's play a family game of tag!" Help your child see that exercise is fun, and keep in mind that it builds strength and well-being for school, sports and other activities. Exercise also improves your child's memory and ability to think. Put exercise on your family schedule. Take walks. Ride bicycles. Play music while cleaning up.

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## Student Transportation Launches the Versatrans My Stop App

Exciting news for parents! Student Transportation's *Versatrans My Stop* app is now available for download. The *Versatrans My Stop* app offers a variety of features including bus location, estimated time of arrival, and the time your child scanned on and off the bus.

The *Versatrans My Stop* app is available on both [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#). Once downloaded to your smart phone, select "Elk Island Public Schools" from school district listing. Login using your username and password provided to you by Student Transportation at the beginning of the year—if you no longer have access to this information contact Student Transportation.

The *Versatrans My Stop* app also offers a push-notification option when your child has scanned on or off the bus. To activate, simply go to "setup" to enable the feature. For more information, contact Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.



## Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice

Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice is Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) annual post-secondary and career event



that brings together colleges, universities, technical- and private-vocational schools, and career displayers from around the country.

The 2016 Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice career fair is free and open to all EIPS students in Grades 9 through 12. Students, and their parents/guardians, will have the opportunity to talk to and ask questions of potential post-secondary institutions, browse booths, examine future career trends, determine high school requirements for specific programs and so much more.

#### Event Details:

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Holiday Inn Conference Centre of Sherwood Park (Second Floor)

2100 Premier Way, Sherwood Park, Alberta

*Your Future: It's a Matter of Choice* is coordinated in conjunction with the [Educational Liaison Association of Alberta](#) each year. The EIPS event is one of the largest events of its kind in Alberta.

#### Library Tales

Mr. Campbell and Mme. Banerjee's classes both had visits from Sir Booksalot in October. Wow, 4C never forgot a library book the entire month. Way to go 4C, let's keep bringing back those books!! Congratulations to our October winner of our library treasure chest draw, Myla C. from Room 1B. The prize recipients of the Read-In week contest for book cover illustrations were Julia K. from 2P and Katie B. from 5G.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our book fair. The winners of the Scholastic Door Prize were Chris M. and Mrs. Coates whom each received \$25 worth of books from the book fair. We raised approximately \$1 000 plus over \$400 worth of books. The money will be used to help support our school library program with library prizes and materials that otherwise would not be possible. The book fair would not run smoothly without the assistance of our awesome volunteers: Mrs. Wolters, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Sikora, Amber W., Electra R. plus many others who pitched in. Merci beaucoup Ardrossan, you really have great community spirit!

#### Reading rocks!



#### Battle of the Books Readers!

Our school is honored by being the first school to display the "Battle of the Books" trophy which is making its rounds to all participating schools in the EIPS community. This trophy will be awarded after the final competition in May.

#### Teach Estimation and Calculation by Measuring With Your Child

Think of how you use math in your daily life. Sometimes, it's important to get the answer exactly right. You need exactly the right amount of money to buy groceries, for example.

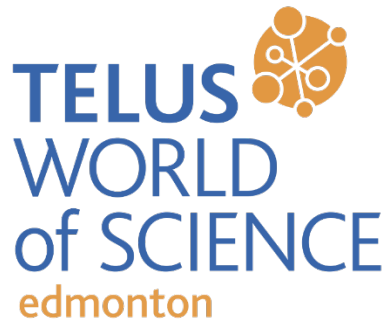
But sometimes, estimating is good enough. You guess that you'll probably need about two gallons of paint to paint the bedroom.

Measuring can be a fun way to teach your child both skills—calculating exact amounts and estimating. You can make a game of measuring things around the house.

For example, you could get out the measuring spoons. "How many teaspoons do you think it will take to fill up this one-cup measure?" Have your child estimate, then check. Or show her a ruler and have her estimate how long many shoes would it take to stretch from one side of the door to the other?"

On a day when you are indoors, come up with a scavenger hunt. Include tasks, such as, "Find something that is six cm. long."

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**Congratulations to the Winners of the Telus  
World of Science Draw.**

Thanks to Shell Canada, two lucky families have won a Family Membership to the Telus World of Science.

The Maron family and the Jamieson family visited Deb Barron who provided an opportunity to view and talk about the new report card during Parent Teacher Student Interviews. A draw was held in the library.



**Merci beaucoup,**

**Shell Canada!**

**Shell**