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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

June 9, 2017

Principal's Message

Another school year in closing down and with it comes many bittersweet memories. My first year at Fultonvale was fabulous. As I reflect on the past year I am reminded of the new people I have met, becoming part of Fultonvale's friendly culture, stepping through & around construction, visiting Kindergarten, elementary & junior high students each interacting with one another, meeting new parents, and welcoming Ministik families to Fultonvale. It has been my pleasure to become part of the Fultonvale Elementary/Junior High School.

We are currently wrapping up activities ranging from year-end celebrations, junior high dance, field trips, final units of study, AND exams. Along with this we are preparing for next year and all that surrounds a school's successful start-up.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to continuing to work with Ministik & Fultonvale families to create a stronger Fultonvale School. Thank you to staff, parents & students for spending the time at our Open House, fielding questions, doing school tours or spending time Friday after school on the playground to get know each other.

Character Education - Enthusiasm

Bill Gates, the cofounder of Microsoft says, "What I do best is share my enthusiasm". He has had one of the biggest influences on business and communication and he feels his strength is being passionate. Try to cheer and encourage vigorously to build enthusiasm - when you encourage others your own positivity grows. Now is the time to start a new hobby, learn a new skill or challenge yourself physically and become passionate. Enthusiasm can be learned and becomes a good habit - just as pessimism can grow into a bad habit. What sort of person do you want to be around and who do you want be? Join Fultonvale in practicing enthusiasm this month.

Student Fees

Thank you very much for using the Acorn Online QuickPay system. Please continue to go online to check that all your school fees have been paid for the 2016-2017 school year as field trips and year end activities may be added until school lets out for the summer.

All fees will be available mid-September for the 2017-2018 school year. PLEASE NOTE that Junior High fees may change as courses are added and deleted. The course change deadline is September 15, 2017 for next year.

If you have any questions regarding your students' fees, please contact Michele Edmundson at 780-922-3058.



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Elementary PAT Schedule

Grade 6 students will be writing Provincial Achievement Exams in class on the following dates in the morning, followed by regular class:

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| Monday, June 19 | Grade 6 Language Arts PAT - Part B | 8:30-9:30 |
| Tuesday, June 20 | Grade 6 Mathematics PAT | 8:30-9:45 |
| Thursday, June 22 | Grade 6 Social Studies PAT | 8:30-9:30 |
| Friday, June 23 | Grade 6 Science PAT | 8:30-9:30 |

Junior High Exam Week Guidelines

On June 26, 27, 28 and 29 junior high school students will be writing final exams and Provincial Achievement Tests. Students will arrive for the regular school day and go to exam rooms for attendance and announcements. This will be followed by final collection of materials and other instructions. The exams will begin immediately following these housekeeping items. Students must remain in their exam rooms until the exam is over. At this time, all junior high students will continue with tutorial scheduled classes for the remainder of the day. There have been changes to the timetable to accommodate meaningful learning such as once the Science exam is completed, students will be either working on Math, Language Arts or Social Studies and so on. Junior high students are expected to attend these classes and locker cleanup will be after the Social Studies final from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 26th.

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| Monday, June 26 | Grade 9 Social Studies PAT 8:30-11 a.m. Grade 7 & 8 Science Exam 8:30-11 a.m. |
| Tuesday, June 27 | Grade 9 Language Arts PAT - Part B 8:30-11 a.m. Grade 7 & 8 Mathematics Exam 8:30-11 a.m. |
| Wednesday, June 28 | Grade 9 Mathematics PAT 8:30-11 a.m. Grade 7 & 8 Language Arts Exam 8:30-11 a.m. |
| Thursday, June 29 | Grade 9 Science PAT 8:30-11 a.m. Grade 7 & 8 Social Studies Exam 8:30-11 a.m. |

Exams - Procedures and Expectations

The junior high final exams and assessments will all be written to coincide with the Grade 9 PAT exams. Here are some considerations for writing exams:

1. Set up a study schedule well in advance on the exams. Post this in the student agenda or on the fridge at home.
2. Start studying by reviewing the end of chapter and end of unit test and review sheets.
3. Talk to teachers and ask questions to help you make a study guide (sometimes called a review sheet or "cheat sheet"). These may not be used during the exam but are excellent for last minute studying.
4. Be well rested in order to maintain your focus.
5. Always answer all questions you know first. Then you can spend the rest of your time on more challenging questions.

Independent studying/tutorials will be held after each exam with the teachers. We expect that students will benefit from them.

Study www.exambank.com Online

As exam season quickly approaches, you are probably looking for resources to help your children prepare. You may wish to consider visiting www.exambank.com - an online study tool designed specifically for Alberta students writing their government achievement tests and diploma exams in grades 3, 6, 9 and 12. No special software is required - you can use the service from any computer with an internet connection.

On Exam Bank, students can practice sample tests in the subject area they choose. When a test is completed, it is automatically marked for the student so they can immediately see where their strengths and weaknesses lie. The tests are randomly generated from a large selection of questions, so students can write an exam multiple times to become better prepared. Your child can access the practice tests for grade 3, 6 and 9. Elk Island Public Schools have purchased access privileges for students. After logging on to www.exambank.com use: User Name: ei.ftv Password: hip

2017-2018 Registration at Fultonvale Elementary/Jr High School

As this school year comes to an end at Fultonvale, we are also eagerly anticipating the start of our 2017-2018 school year! Our staff have begun diligently preparing for next year, and we will continue working on the details throughout June and when we return in August.

For those students who need to register for specific classes or programs, or for those families new to our school, please stop by the school office during one of the following times to complete the registration process: **August 23-25 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Throughout the summer, you can also find this information, as well as 2017-2018 school supply lists and bell schedules, on our school website, www.fultonvale.ca. Please check back regularly for updated information. To assist you in planning for next year, please also refer to the approved 2017-2018 division calendar available electronically at www.eips.ca by clicking the *Calendars* link from the *Parents* quick link drop-down menu (above the green band). Our school-specific calendar is also available on our website for your reference.

In August, Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) division website (www.eips.ca) will have detailed back-to-school information available to assist families in planning for the fall.

We look forward to seeing you at Fultonvale School when classes resume on **Wednesday, August 30th**. Please contact us if you have any questions about planning for back to school this fall at 780-922-3058 or through www.fultonvale.ca

2017-2018 School Planning and Budget

Last month, we submitted our initial budget for the 2017-2018 school year to EIPS. In the budget we must use the information we have about our school community, the needs of our students, the funding available, and the priorities listed in our School Education Plan to make predictions and plan for the coming year. Funding to schools is based on a number of factors, but one of the primary ones is the number of students enrolled. We currently anticipate our enrolment for next year to increase by 80 students. We are into the planning of 2017-2018 and we are presently working through programming for next year. Fultonvale provides excellent programming through strong support of our students, staff and community. If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about the budget or planning process, please feel free to give us a call or come in to discuss your ideas. We welcome your input.

We know this school year hasn't quite come to an end, but at Fultonvale Elementary Junior High School, we are already excited about our upcoming school year! Our staff has begun diligently preparing for next year, and we will continue working on the details throughout June and finalize things when we return in August. We are in the process of creating

class lists for the 2017-2018 school year. There are a **number of factors we consider** as we work through this process. Classes are balanced for academic diversities, boy/girl ratios, special student support needs, students who work well together and those who need to be separated. We appreciate your support as we use our collective professional expertise and experience working with the students in each grade to create the best learning opportunities for all the children at Fultonvale. If you have specific concerns or requests, please submit these in writing to the school principal, Mr. Brad Cooksley. Not all requests can be accommodated when we take into account the criteria we use to create class lists. We do honor your input. All written requests will be accepted by **Friday, June 16th**.

As of now, the projected classrooms and teachers for Elementary are:

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| Kindergarten KM and KT | Mrs. Arolynn Kitson |
| Grade 1- 1B and 1K | Mrs. Pamela Brzezicki and Mrs. Tammy Kihn |
| Grade 2- 2M and 2P | Mrs. Larissa Moroziuk and Mrs. Prouse |
| Grade 3- 3B and 3V | Mr. Ryan Bresden and Mrs. Shelley Vasseur |
| Grade 4- 4B, 4M & 4S | Mrs. Olesia Babyn, Mrs. Andrea Malina and Mrs. Patti St. Jean |
| Grade 5- 5B, 5C, & 5J | Mrs. Rachel Bauman, Ms. Alexandra Candler and Mr. Jason Jefferies |
| Grade 6 - 6J and 6M | Mr. Darrell Jorgensen and Ms. Cindy Mahoney |
| Jr. High Science | Mr. Craig Hill |
| Jr. High Social Studies | Mr. Shaun Brzezicki and Mrs. Alissa Roy |
| Jr. High Language Arts | Mrs. Jami Engel and Mr. Craig Buchert |
| Jr. High Math | Mrs. Jody Slemko and Mrs. Candler |
| Jr. High Art | Ms. Alissa Roy |
| Jr. High PE/CTF | Mr. Mark Wever and Mrs. Jami Engel |
| Counsellor | Mrs. Ann Burkinshaw |

Counsellor's Corner

Summer break is just a month away and this summer looks to be a wonderful break for students.

Kick off the summer with International Mud Day, Thursday June 29. It's the last day of school, and what a great way to mark the beginning of summer by getting really dirty. Parent Link is hosting an afternoon event from 2 to 5 pm at the Children and Youth Centre. Phone 780-464-4044 to register. The event is free!

Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday! It's a landmark birthday and well worth celebrating July 1. Strathcona County has quite a bash planned. Check it out: <http://www.strathcona.ca/departments/recreation-parks-and-culture/special-events/canada-day-festival/>

But if you think your child would want some extra perks and a T-shirt, consider volunteering. This is a great way for young people to gain experience and meet some other helpful, hardworking folks. Kids under 12 have to have a sibling or parent volunteer with them, but otherwise kids are welcome. <http://www.strathcona.ca/departments/recreation-parks-and-culture/special-events/canada-day-festival/volunteer-canada-day/>

The Strathcona Library also has a book full of activities and fun planned this summer, both at the library itself as well as through its bookmobiles. Check out the whole brochure at <http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca/programmmain.htm>. There are summer reading games for kids, teens *and* adults, grade one reading kits and even a chance for teens to volunteer.

One of my favorite online resources is the Frugal Edmonton Mama. She has some great ideas of things to do with kids, inexpensively. Check out her ideas of activities to do with kids: <http://frugaledmontonmama.com/category/kids-activities/>

And for some other awesome ideas of outdoor, backyard activities to do with your kids including a homemade swimming pool made with hay bales and a sunflower fort, check out: https://www.buzzfeed.com/peggy/ridiculously-awesome-things-to-do-in-your-backyard-this-s?utm_term=.rgrjv1Mevn#.duE1xQZl5

Have a wonderful summer!

Learning Commons

We are nearing the end of the 2016-2017 school year and what a year it has been for the Learning Commons! During the year we moved into our new home and have seen such a great response from the students and staff. And we look forward to the next school year with even more activities to come!

The final due date for ALL library books is June 16, 2017 (textbooks are due immediately after each respective exam). Please ensure **ALL** books are returned by then to avoid any fees or fines. You may see what materials students have checked out and when those items are due by accessing the Learning Commons catalogue.

How can I access the Learning Commons catalogue?

Type the following address into an internet browser:

<https://destiny.eips.ca/>

(Google Chrome is recommended. Internet Explorer may show an error. If so, it is safe to click on "Continue to this website (not recommended)").

- On the District level page, click on "Fultonvale Elementary-Junior High School" under the K-9 section on the right-hand side.
- Each student can log in at the top right of the next page with FirstnameLastname (no spaces) as their username and the last four digits of their Alberta Student ID as their password.
- Once logged in students can manage their account by seeing which items they have out, when those items are due and if they have any fines.

(The preceding information is also on our school website at <http://fultonvale.ca/lc/learning-commons-faqs>)

Feel free to stop by or email (Michael.Papineau-Couture@eips.ca) if you have any questions regarding the library, borrowing policies or volunteering.

Music Notes

Thanks to all our elementary students who performed in the Talent Shows in May. A BIG thank you to Lindsay, Taylor, Madelynn, and Ava from grade 6 who formed the Talent Show committee. Grade 5 students have completed their Recorder Karate program and many were successful in earning their black belts! Those who still wish to earn belts can see me at morning recess to play their songs.

All recorders in grades 4-6 will go home for the summer so that they can be washed. Please return them in the fall. If your student is going to another school they should take their recorder there to use. Grade 6 students may donate their recorders back to the school if they do not wish to keep them to play.

June 12 is our school Grand Opening and class 6J and 4M will be providing musical performances around 11 am in the Student Gathering Space in front of the office.

All elementary students are preparing for Canada Day by learning some Canadian folksongs sung by Canadian singer/songwriter Michael Mitchell. In September, Mr. Mitchell will be performing here at Fultonvale for our elementary students. Parents are welcome to join us. One of our favourite songs is *Canada In My Pocket*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnZIAOSEmYQ> (cartoon)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFa5Qkxr5bq> (words)

Playground Safety

As we are into the sunny months of school, just a quick reminder to continue to ensure that your kids have the appropriate, supportive footwear for the playground for the outdoors. Flip flops are dangerous on the playground as support is needed for our children's play. Also please feel free to send lotion sunscreen for your kids to apply before going out to recess if you feel it necessary. Those rays are hot!

Elementary Track & Field

Elementary Track Day will be here before we know it. It is booked for **Tuesday, June 27th**. Calling all Volunteers!! If you are available to help either in the roles of working at an event or in preparing and serving our students their complimentary hot dog lunch (hot dog, water and one bag of chips) from the School Advisory Committee, please contact Mrs. Brzezicki through the "contact us" form on our school website. **Additional** hot dogs for \$2, chips for \$1, water for \$1 and candy bags for \$1 will be available for sale. Please look for further information and updates as this event requires your volunteer support for the Track events, the Elementary students' outdoor lunch and of course spectator cheer support!

2017 Elementary Movie Matinée

On **Wednesday, June 28th**, the Elementary students will be having a Movie Matinée in the afternoon. This wonderful event will be hosted on the big screens in our gymnasium. Teachers will share details with their classes as the event draws near.

Elementary Celebration of Learning and Recognition - Thursday, June 29

You are cordially invited to attend Fultonvale's annual Elementary Celebration of Learning. This celebration will be held on Thursday, June 29th beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Fultonvale gymnasium. We will be celebrating the learning for all our students from this past school year. All grade levels will be presenting during this celebration, as well as wishing our grade 6 students farewell from elementary school. Reminder that this is the last day of school for all elementary students.

Junior High Service Recognition

Junior High service awards will be given out in a special assembly on **Tuesday, June 13th at 11:15 a.m.** We will be acknowledging the contributions some of our students that have made through service provided to the school in a variety of areas. This is our opportunity to say thank you to those students who go above and beyond the call of duty in their work around the school. Award recipients will be treated to a special lunch that day. Every act of service builds our community and family!

Jr. High Awards and Grade 9 Farewell

Jr. High Awards Celebration

The awards ceremony for students in grades 7, 8 and 9 will be held this year on **Thursday, June 15th at 6:30 pm in the Gym**. Please mark your calendars, and join us for this special event! All students in junior high who will be receiving an award received a letter of invitation during the first week of June, but all students and their families are welcome to join us. No tickets are required. Come and join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our junior high students. Immediately following the Jr. High Awards will be the Grade 9 Farewell celebration.

Grade 9 Farewell Celebration

Each year, we reluctantly say goodbye to our grade nine students, and wish them well as they move on to high school. This year will be no exception. We are beginning to plan our Grade Nine Farewell which will take place on **Thursday, June 15th following the Awards Celebration at approximately 7:30 pm**. A Jr. High Farewell Dance for all Jr. High students will commence from 8:45-10:15 pm.

Junior High Track Meet

Congratulations to Fultonvale's Junior High Track and Field Team who won the EIPS Small School division at the EIPS county track meet. This is our 3rd consecutive small championship. Go Firebirds!

Special shout out to **Jordan B** who won the Outstanding Female Athlete for the **Third** year in a row.

1st-100m (New record)

1st- Long Jump

2nd- 200m

2nd- Triple Jump

This has never been accomplished in the history of Fultonvale or the event. **She also broke a 34 year old record in the 100m dash with a time of 12.47**. The women's world record in 10.49. Unbelievable!

Great job by all.

Zones are on Thursday in St. Albert. The following students qualified:

Logan D- Triple Jump

Jordan D- Shot Put

Jessica S- Shot Put

Jordan B- 100m, 200m, long, triple

Well done to all of our student-athletes this year! It is truly a pleasure to be a part of your progress and development over the course of the school year. We are always proud of both our teams... and the respect we are able to show to others as we represent Fultonvale every time we place our jerseys on!

Volleyball and Basketball Orientation Mini Camps for Grade 6

June 13th from 3:30-5:00 will be the **girl's minicamp** and June 20th from 3:30-5:00 is the **boy's minicamp** for basketball and volleyball for grade six students. Fultonvale students are welcome to stay after school and have a snack and change into their gym clothes. This is a great time to learn some basics of the sport and make a few new friends for junior high. Students will also meet the junior team coaches. Students must have signed permission slips to participate.

2017-2018 Yearbook

The Yearbook Class is close to the final stages of creating a book we can all be proud of. The Yearbook Class made it their goal to have as many pictures of all students at Fultonvale in it as possible. Every student will have their individual picture and we are hoping at least two or more other group or action shot throughout their year and activities within the school. All of our picture pages are divided equally between the Elementary and Jr. High classes, and this year's yearbook will make a great keepsake for everyone, as there are twenty four full color pages, full of Fultonvale students, learning and activities for a cost of \$35.00. Please contact the school office at 780-922-3058 if you are interested in purchasing.

Concession

The concession will be open until **Friday, June 16th**; however the stock is slowly dwindling down. Please ensure your child has a lunch!! Milk will also be available until this date only. Save your milk tickets for next year!

Noon Supervision

If you are interested in working over the lunch hour supervising students on their lunch/recess Mondays - Fridays, we are currently looking for supervisors for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Ms. Tscilas at the school at 922-3058.

Lost and Found

The school year will soon be coming to a close and we have many items in our lost and found. Please take a moment to have a look to see if anything belongs to you. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Fultonvale School Advisory Council (FSAC) Welcome BBQ

Next school year, FSAC will be hosting a welcome BBQ for all Fultonvale families and staff. The BBQ will be held before "Meet the Teacher" on Wednesday, September 7th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please mark your calendar. Hope to see you there!



Student Transportation: 2017-2018 registration is now open

Planning to use EIPS Student Transportation in the 2017-18 school year? If so, make sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Families currently using student transportation services have received their tentative route schedules and invoices. If you haven't, contact Student Transportation. All transportation fees are due by June 30, 2017. After that date, a late fee will be applied.

If you have any questions about registration, invoicing or accessing transportation for the 2017-18 school year, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

NOTE: Student Transportation will 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.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, **Fultonvale Elem/Jr High School** will be closed and will reopen on **August 23rd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. If you have any school-related questions or concerns during this time, contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)

Open: Monday to Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

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| Closed | Monday, July 3 | Canada Day |
| Closed | Monday, August 7 | Heritage Day |

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Tools for School: Now taking orders

Fultonvale Elem/Jr High School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2017-18 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources.

If you're a parent, or know a parent, who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We'll respectfully distribute the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the Central Office at Elk Island Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into in our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Katie Jones at 780-922-3058 or call our Central Office at 780-464-3477.

**Have a safe and relaxing summer!!
See you August 30th!**



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A "SNEAK PEEK"

August 2017

28 Professional Learning Day - School Closed
 29 First Day for Staff - School Closed
 30 First Day for Students
 ECS-KM (A-K)
 Firewire Newsletter Online
 31 ECS-KT (A-R)

September 2017

1 ECS-KM (L-Z)
 4 Labour Day - School Closed
 5-8 Welcome Week
 5 ECS-KT (S-Z)
 Welcome Week Activities
 6 Early Dismissal 1:53 pm
 Welcome Week Activities
 7 Welcome Week Activities
 Meet the Staff Welcome BBQ 5:00 pm

8 Welcome Week Assembly
 Turkey Trot 10:40 am, JH 11:05 am
 Consent Forms Due
 Correction Forms Due
 ECS Parent Information Evening 6-7 pm
 11 ECS/KM Picture Day 8:15 am
 12 ECS-KT to Gr 9 Picture Day 8:15 am
 13 ECS-Gr 6 Michael Mitchell Concert 1:00 pm
 14-16 EIPS Sr. Volleyball Tournament
 15 Jr. High Course Change Deadline
 18 Gr 7-9 MADD Presentation 9-10 am
 20 Pizza Day
 EIPS Cross Country Run @ Gold Bar Park
 SC/FSAC Meeting 7:00 pm
 21-23 EIPS Jr. Volleyball Tournament
 27 Zones Cross Country Run @ Gold Bar Park
 28 Hot Lunch
 29 Terry Fox Walk/Run 12:45-1:30 pm
 Orange Shirt Day
 29-30 Jr. Volleyball Tournament @ VEG
 Sr. Volleyball Tournament @ ARD

Community News

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again offering its Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for *first-time school bus riders*.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school.

Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then adventure out on a short ride.



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The Little Elk Island Adventure is for *first-time school bus riders* entering the 2017-18 school year. Sessions and times are available in these locations:

| Location | Date | Time |
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| EIPS Central Office | August 22 | 5 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | August 22 | 6:30 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | August 24 | 5 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | August 24 | 6:30 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | September 1 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Fort Christian/Fort Elementary | August 23 | 6 p.m. |

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Fort Christian School is located at 9806 101 St., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/cqYb15mBLAspUJ1W2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.