



FIREWIRE

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

November 4, 2016

Principal's Message

Between the cold, wet weather and our muddy landscape I am left wondering what I think is better; cold frozen tundra, covered by snow or warm dry conditions so black soil, grass seed, & asphalt can all get completed. Looks like the weather will be cooperating for a while yet, so hopefully our property can get properly landscaped before winter sets in. Either way, the trees are planted and the new playground is getting closer for us access.

Ghosts, goblins, and other assorted characters are now vacant from the building but soon Santa, elves and Christmas decorations will be adorning our facility. The seasons seem to be coming faster each year. We will soon be practicing for the Div. 1 Christmas concert and I look forward to Fultonvale's youngest students to put on a great show for us all!

Welcome

We would like to welcome student teachers **Miranda Corrigan, Marcus DeWitt, Brittany Smith, and Jesse Lysenko** to Fultonvale's great learning environment until the end of December. Welcome to our family!

Share your Thoughts on Alberta's Curriculum

What do you want to see in Alberta Education's new curriculum? Recently, the province launched a survey to find out exactly that.

As many of you know, Alberta Education is currently reviewing and updating its provincial curriculum for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. The goal: To ensure all students receive the best possible education to meet 21st century needs.

Currently, the province is developing a new curriculum for the following subjects: arts, language arts, mathematics, social studies, sciences and wellness education. It's expected to take six years to fully implement. During this development, Alberta Education is exploring various opportunities to gather valued and meaningful feedback from all Albertans. Most recently, the province launched a fall 2016 online survey to help with decisions relating to the content for future curriculum.



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There are two parts to the survey. Part A is about the general direction for the new curriculum and takes roughly five minutes to complete. Once finished, there is a Part B section that focuses on the strengths and gaps in the current curriculum. Part B is more detailed and will take anywhere between 15 minutes and 60 minutes to complete—depending on the number of subjects and grade-specific questions you choose to answer.

In addition, face-to-face engagement sessions are being hosted by the Alberta Regional Professional Development Consortia (ARPDC) from October 18 to November 18. These sessions allow parents and community members to meet and discuss the topics identified in the survey. In the Edmonton region, two sessions are being offer—on November 3 and November 10.

- <http://erlc.ca/programs/details.php?id=6485>
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TO TAKE THE SURVEY visit <http://curriculumsurvey.alberta.ca>
Survey closes Nov. 18, 2016

The survey and engagement sessions are two of many feedback opportunities the province plans to conduct. For more information on the provincial curriculum development, visit <https://education.alberta.ca/curriculum-development/>.

CSL Parent Survey

The [CSL Parent Survey](#) will be ready November 25th after report cards are made available online. The shortened URL is: bit.ly/CSL16-17. Here are a few ideas schools have used when promoting the survey last year:

*Please complete our
report card survey:
bit.ly/CSL16-17*

It is an expectation of the Board that every elementary parent is made aware of the survey and as many as possible respond. The survey will close on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

School Education Plan

Fultonvale Elementary Junior High School has submitted its School Education Plan with our 3 school goals. We are in our second year of three.

- 1-The school community is engaged in positive interpersonal relations and resolving conflicts peacefully.
- 2-Student learning continues to improve in the areas of numeracy and literacy by one year.
- 3-The school community is actively engaged in working collaboratively to achieve excellence for students and staff.

Fultonvale staff is continuing their work in implementing strategies and feedback from parents is welcome.

Download the PowerSchool App

Did you know there is a PowerSchool app? Download PowerSchool Mobile today on your Apple or Android device to stay connected with similar information available on the PowerSchool website. The same app can be used by both parents and students. You'll have real-time access to attendance, upcoming assignments, grades and more. Sign-up for push notifications to stay up to date.

Links to download PowerSchool Mobile are available from the PowerSchool parent or student portals or directly from the App Store or Google Play. Use the Elk Island Public Schools district code, HXWF, and your PowerSchool portal username and password to login to the app. The first time you login, or if you haven't used the app in a while, it may take three to five minutes for the app to load completely as it accesses all of your data from the PowerSchool server.

More information, links to download the app and a copy of the PowerSchool Mobile app user guide are available at www.eips.ca.

Wee Reads Volunteer Training

Wee Read is an eight-week program that matches small groups of adult volunteers with kindergarten children to share books and conversation. The read aloud program is designed to create a warm and inviting reading environment. Volunteers are matched with two children and for about 20-30 minutes each week during the school day. Volunteers read a story to their small group, talk about the book, and play games that support literacy skills. Because they meet with the same children each week, the volunteers get to know the children and develop a bond. This makes the time together enjoyable and special. Children develop positive attitudes about reading, volunteers gain the satisfaction of knowing that they have made a huge contribution to their reading friend's success both now and in to the future. Training is quick, free and fun! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Kitson at 780-922-3058.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want 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. If 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 and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. All morning bus cancellations will be posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended [when] Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition. 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.

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

Character Education - Diligence

Diligence is the constant and earnest effort to accomplish what we have undertaken. It is the persistent exertion of body or mind to meet challenges. When we are diligent, we pay careful attention to detail and are dedicated to achieving quality results. During November and December Fultonvale will be exploring diligence. Join us as we learn, practice and recognize diligence. "Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds." Gordon B. Hinckley

Counsellor's Corner- National Bullying Awareness Week Nov 21-25

The Albertan government has designated the third week of November Bullying Awareness Week, recognizing the importance of a safe and caring school environment for children. Fultonvale staff believe that the establishment of a safe and caring school environment begins with basic relationship skills like empathy and thoughtfulness. This week health classes are taking time to pay extra attention to these skills. As well the whole school will work on Project Connect, which is a simple chain made of many strips of paper from staff and students. Everyone illustrates or writes an example of kindness on his or her strip and then they are linked together as a symbol of our school community's working together. Please visit my counsellor's webpage for ideas that parents can use at home to develop social and emotional skills that build resilience and connectedness.

Are You Planning an Extended Holiday?

We know there are families planning extended vacations during the winter months. While we encourage and expect all students to be in school every day, we recognize the value of family time as well. Parents often request homework for their children to take with them on vacation, but then they find it is very difficult to actually get the work completed when students are in "holiday mode". It is also often difficult for teachers to predict exactly how much the class will cover during a specific time period. If your child is going to be absent for a number of days the teachers will be happy to gather the work they miss and provide it to the student upon his/her return. During this time, please access the www.fultonvale.ca website and the e-teacher pages. Aloha!

Learning Commons

We held a Scholastic Book Fair October 17-20 and we are pleased to report 11 of our classrooms received at least seven new books each! The students were so happy and excited! It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm. This addition of new books would not have been possible without everyone's support from students to teachers to family members purchasing products at the Book Fair. All of our efforts helped generate this much needed boost to our classroom collections. Thank you all!

All students can access the library catalogue by following the instructions posted on our school website: <http://fultonvale.ca/lc/learning-commons-faqs>

Students can also see which items they have currently checked out, when they are due and if any of those items are overdue. This process of accessing student circulation information online will help greatly reduce the need for printing notices.

Please ensure all library materials are returned on time. Students make requests for materials regularly and overdue items affect their ability to borrow. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

Take Our Kids to Work Day (TYKTWD)

Wednesday, Nov 2nd, saw our grade nines spend a day at their parents' workplaces. This nationwide initiative allows students to see the reality of the world of work that they will soon be joining. Take Our Kids to Work gives grade nine students the opportunity to glance into this world, to gain respect for the contributions people make, and to strengthen the bonds between parents, students, and the community. In the process, young people can discover the links between education and their own futures in a practical way.

Music Notes

Our Glee Club recently performed on stage at Festival Place with Juno award-winning singer/songwriter Norman Foote. Our singers did a great job representing Fultonvale and I was so proud of their effort and dedication in coming to practices.

Members of our Glee Club were:

3B Shyanne, Kelsie, Sophia, Teigan, Kardin, Dylan, Cassidy, Mackenzie, Donovan, Renata

3V Kayla, Eva, Danni, Evalyn, Nick

4B Alyssa, Anna, Abigayle T, Jack, Gracie, David Z

4M Maddy, Amy, Grace, Kali G, Gabby K, Sophie, Cale, Cali K, Spencer

5B Emily, Gabby, Mackenzie, Kristen, Phoenix, Ella, Jack, Grace, Mya, Sarah, Jessica

6J Abbey O

6M Serena, Xander

Remembrance Day

The students and staff of Fultonvale will be observing Remembrance Day with a ceremony in the gymnasium on Thursday, November 10th. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. with members of the **Tofield Legion** in attendance. A musical selection will be performed by elementary classes 1B, 3V and 6M. Lest we forget.

Athletics

Volleyball

Volleyball Season is coming to an end and it has been a wonderful season so far. I am very proud of your hard work, and have enjoyed watching all of the growth we have been able to witness over years volleyball season. We at the school would like to take this opportunity to once again give thanks to all of our coaches and parent drivers as we would not be able to compete without all of your assistance and dedication to our school sports.

Our Volleyball season will end as follows...

Quarter Finals are on Tuesday November 8th.

Semi Finals will take place after school on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Finals will (likely) take place during the day on Thursday November 24th. Times and locations are to be determined.

Basketball

We will be starting Basketball tryouts shortly after our Volleyball season ends on the 23rd. If you are interested in helping out in any manner with this Basketball season please feel free to contact me either through phone and/or email.

Our first EIPS Basketball tournament for our Sr. Teams will be on December 15-17th, and the Jr. Tournament will take place on January 12-14th. This should give us enough time to get our players ready and excited for the competition ahead of them. Let's keep the fun times going and continue to bring the H.E.A.T. in all of our sporting endeavors.

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Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Thank you once again for your continued support with our Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser. Just a reminder that our Little Caesars pizza kit delivery will take place on:

Monday, November 7 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Fultonvale School.

Please note: Please be here prior to 6 p.m. for picking up. Doors close at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Pickup will be here at school.

Your items will arrive in a refrigerated truck and must be re-refrigerated within 4-6 hours of delivery to ensure quality. For that reason, immediate delivery of Pizza Kits to customers is recommended. We will not be responsible for any kits remaining after 6:00 p.m., as we do not have freezer space to store them.

Remember, if the products thaw they can be refrozen once.

Please note: *The person selling picks up their entire order and distributes their order accordingly. It's a good idea to call your customers 1-2 days in advance to ensure that they'll be available to receive their orders.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Shelley Vasseur or Mrs. Pamela Brzezicki at (780) 922-3058.

Fultonvale School Council and School Advisory Council - Fundraising - Meeting Dates November 2016 - June 2017

School Council Meeting - Tuesday, November 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Advisory Council Meeting - Tuesday, November 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Advisory Council - Tuesday, January 17th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Advisory Meeting - Tuesday, March 7th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 14th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting - Tuesday, April 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 9th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Advisory Council AGM - Tuesday, May 16th @ 7:00 p.m.

School Council AGM - TBC

Family Christmas Breakfast

Please join us for the 11th annual Family Christmas Breakfast here at Fultonvale on December 16th, 2016. Come and enjoy some yummy pancakes from 7:00-8:30. \$ Donations are welcome to cover the cost of the breakfast as we are not charging students and families this year. Santa Claus, elves from the North Pole, and Freddie the Firebird will be joining us as well. Feel free to take a picture with any of these icons. Coloring sheets will be available for the littles to pass the time as well. The staff at FTV are looking forward to sharing Christmas cheer with our Fultonvale families! Merry Christmas!

Adopt-A-Family, Jacob's Wish and Food Bank

This year's Christmas campaign is Adopt-A-Family.

Grades 1-6 will have a specific family to support and have box set up in their classrooms. KM/KT and Junior high will be supporting Jacob's Wish and the food bank this year. A collection box for items will be set up in the office for Junior High donations and KM/KT will have boxes in their classrooms. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

Wrapping for the Adopt-A-Family will take place on Friday December 16th after the Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 am. Please feel free to come help wrap gifts!

We are so blessed and this is a wonderful way to share the season's joy with others! Thank you for your support and kindness.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help wrap please contact Melissa Lozeron @ lozeron@telus.net

"The Best K - Gr 3 Christmas Concert Seats" Raffle

Don't miss out? Once again we will be raffling off sixteen of the best seats at our Elementary Christmas Concert being held on Wednesday, December 21st.

Two seats per class (ECS - Gr 3) will be awarded to the winning ticket holders. Each winner will have two prime seats reserved for them. Parents are invited to drop by the school office from November 21 to December 9th to purchase raffle tickets. Ticket price \$1.00 each.

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December 2016

- 1 Hot Lunch
- 7 Pizza Day
Wear Your Favourite Jersey Day
Early Dismissal 2:00 pm
- 9 Gr 8/9 Rec SOC Field Trip
12:45-2:55 pm
Firewire Newsletter Online
- 15-17 EIPS Sr. Basketball Tournament
- 15 Hot Lunch
- 16 Family Christmas Breakfast 7-8:30 am
Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- 20 ECS KM & KT to Gr 3 Christmas
Concert Dress Rehearsal 1:00 pm
- 21 ECS KM & KT to Gr 3 Christmas
Concert 7:00 pm
- 22 Locker Cleanout

- 23 Carol Sing 8:30-9:30 am
Gr 4-6 Snowflake 10:30-11:45 am
Gr 7-9 Snow Ball 12:45-2:55 pm
Last Day for Students
- 26-30 Winter Break - School Closed

January 2017

- 2-6 Winter Break - School Closed
- 9 First Day Back
- 10 Rec 8/9 Exist Fitness Field Trip
12:15-2:55 pm
School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11 Early Dismissal 2:00 pm
- 12 Hot Lunch
Hair Massacure Kickoff
- 12-14 EIPS Jr. High Basketball Tournament
- 13 Gr 4-6 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip
Firewire Newsletter Online



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