



The Firewire Parents' Weekly

September 17-23, 2018

A week in pictures: First Nation, Metis, Inuit stick games, Buddy Board games & Meet the Teacher.



A special shout out to our Parent Group for cooking, purchasing and organizing our “Meet the Staff BBQ” last Wednesday. It was great to meet so many parents & students come out on such a cold evening.

This Week's Activities

Monday – Day 4

- Junior High teachers – remember to create Flex periods.
- Junior Boys 3:00 (Sept 17th parent meeting to follow practice) **hand out jerseys**
- Senior Girls 4:30 practice

Tuesday – Day 5

- Flex classes begin for junior high students
- **Mr. Wever & I are attending Sandra Herbst inservice for the day. Mrs. Mahoney will be Teacher in-Charge.**
- Senior Girls volleyball practice 3:00
- Senior Boys volleyball practice 4:30

Wednesday – Day 6

- Flex period
- EIPS Junior High X-country run at Gold Bar Park
- Senior Boys volleyball practice 3:00
- Junior Girls volleyball practice 4:30 (**Sept 19th parent meeting to follow**) **hand out jerseys before practice**
- School Council & FSAC meetings, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Thursday – Day 1

- Cross country race at Wes Hosford School, 5:00-7:00 pm
- Senior Boys volleyball practice 3:00-4:30 (normally League play day)
- Senior Girls volleyball practice 4:30-6:00 (normally League play day)
- EIPS Junior Volleyball Tournament commences. Good Luck Firebirds!

Friday –Day 2

- Turkey Trot: Assembly @ 10:00 followed by the elementary Trot then the junior high Trot
- Fultonvale 500! These were postponed from last Friday.
- Both ECS classes on field trip to Safety City

On Stage for the week of September 24-30:

➤ *Monday*

- Class 4M is at Ice School
- Terry Fox Walk/Run at 12:15.

➤ *Tuesday*

- Bus evacuation Drill, 2:30 p.m.

➤ *Wednesday*

- Pizza Day - \$4/slice
- Mr. Wever & I are at Leadership for the morning. Mr. Brzezicki will be Teacher In-Charge.
- Cross Country Zones at Gold Bar Park (Jr. High)

➤ *Thursday*

- Cross country race #2 at Wes Hosford School, 5:00-7:00 pm

➤ *Friday*

- **Orange** shirt day

- *Long Range plans due to the office*
- Senior volleyball tournament @ Ft. Christian School commences

School News & Upcoming Events

Enhancing Literacy and Numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again planning to administer two assessment tools during the 2018-19 school year—STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI). The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 2 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. Grade 1 students will take the STAR Early Literacy test. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematical screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each of the assessments provide the teacher with a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

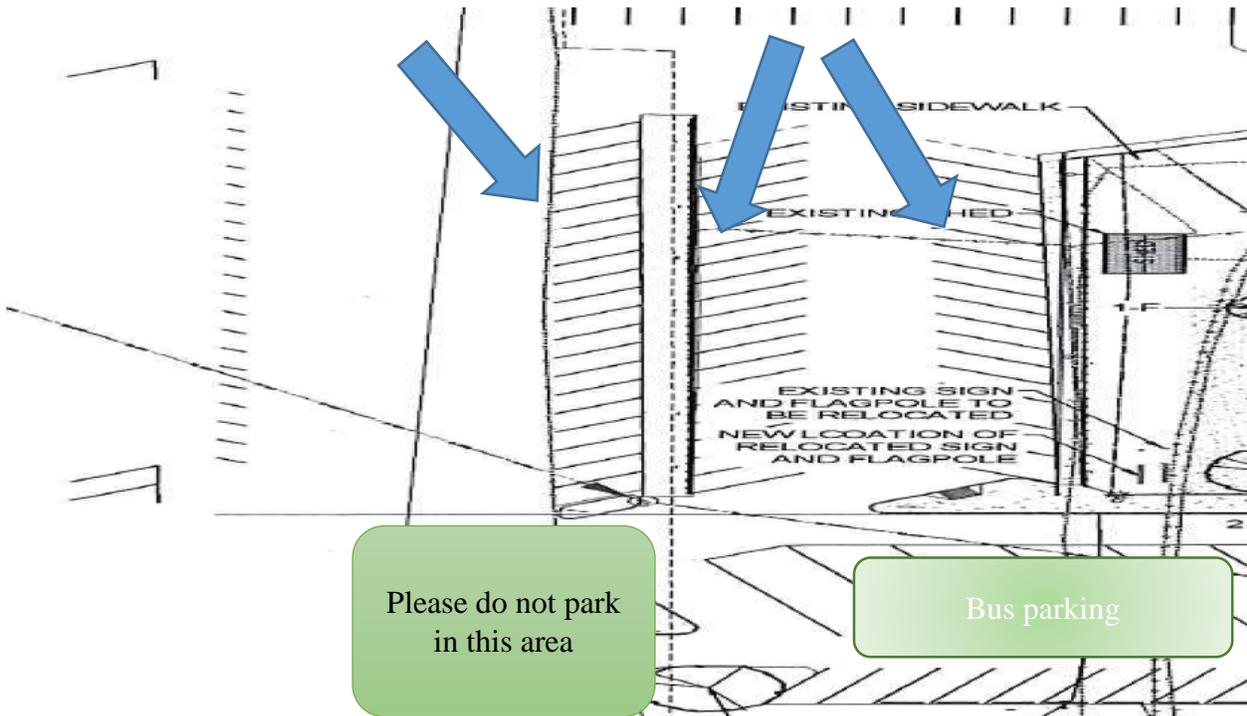
The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. They simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematical ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

Milk Tickets & Concession

We are once again be selling milk through our concession. This year the milk containers have changed to a larger capacity plastic container. A sheet of 20 tickets will be available for \$25. If you still have tickets from last year, they will be honoured. Milk can also be purchased daily at \$1.50.

Parking Lot Safety

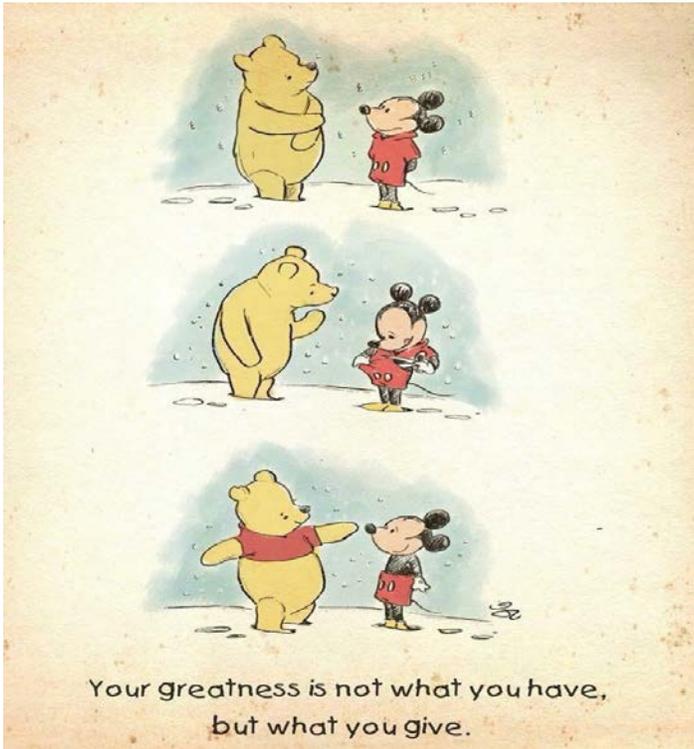
Parents, we have a number of our students are crossing the parking lot to get to vehicles parked in the west or Oylmpiette Center lots. Please do not park right across the sidewalk (see diagram area below) as vision is blocked for both pedestrians as well as drivers entering & exiting the 2 parking lots. Students coming off the sidewalk cannot see around the parked vehicles here. It is safer to park in designated spaces keeping this area clear of all vehicles. Thank you, in advance, for helping keep Fultonvale safe for everyone.



Kudos

To the following staff for their huge learning curve: Mr. Randall, Madam Beamish, Mrs. Derewianka, & Mr. Wever. A busy first 2 weeks with lots to learn in a very short period of time. Thank you each.

A Final Thought...



Enjoy your week. ~ Brad