

# BISON TALES



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June 3, 2016

## Calendar of Events

June 3	Newsletter Emailed
June 14	Gr. 6 FLA Part B PAT Exam-9:00 a.m.
June 15	Gr. 6 ELA Part B PAT Exam-9:00 a.m.
June 16	Gr. 6 Math PAT Exam-9:00 a.m.
June 17	Gr. 6 Science PAT Exam-9:00 a.m.
June 20	Gr. 6 Social PAT Exam-9:00 a.m. Rocket Day-12:30 p.m.
June 21	Sports Day Division 2
June 23	Sports Day Division 1
June 24/27	Sports Rain Out Day
June 27	Student Report Cards Published
June 28	Grade 6 Celebration CPF Annual Family BBQ-11:30 Last School Day for Students
August 25/26	Office Open for New Student Registrations
August 29	Professional Learning Day/Operational Day
August 30	First Day of School for Students
September 2	Newsletter Emailed
September 5	Labour Day- No School
September 7	Early Dismissal-Staff Meeting-2:10 p.m.
September 9	Seven Habits Assembly Grade 1-9:30 a.m.
September 13	Meet the Staff - 6:00-7:00 p.m. School Council - 7:00-8:00 p.m. AEPSA (Fundraising) Meeting following

## June 2016 Message

June is a busy month with field trips and final assessments taking place in the various grades in addition to provincial examinations for Grade Six students. Thank you to our families as we appreciate your support in preparing students for these activities.

For staff, June is also a time to say goodbye. We congratulate Mrs. Mischuk, Library Technician, on a well-earned retirement. She has been on staff at AEL for 32 years! She shall be dearly missed! Mme Boswell, FI Grade 5, is venturing to Ecole Campelltown to begin her counselling career. Mrs. King, Grade 3, and Mr. Campbell, Grade 4, will be completing teaching contracts at the end of the term. Mrs. Solamillo is heading to Ecole Parc. Best wishes to all as they embrace new adventures.

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end so quickly. It is at times such as this that we take the time to pause and reflect on the year and the possibilities which lay ahead. As we reflect, one cannot help but be proud of the wonderful efforts and achievements of our students, staff and you, our caring parents, over this past school year. Of special note is the unbelievable welcome extended to our Fort McMurray families. You are a bison for however long you join us.

Working together we make a positive difference in the lives of students ☺

**Great Happens Here!**

## Grade 6 Celebration

Please join us on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30- 10:30 a.m. in the Klym Gym to recognize our Grade Six leaders as they take the important step to Junior High School. We are so proud of you! ☺ *Moving on up!*

## Planning for 2016–2017

Planning for the next school year is underway. Please let us know if your children **will not be enrolled** at AEL for September 2016. If you know of families who are moving into the AEL attendance area please encourage them to register as soon as possible. Please Note: **Students can only be registered at ONE school for the upcoming school year.**

## Who Is My Teacher Next Year?

**Parents and students will be informed of class placements in the June 28 newsletter.** Class lists will not be posted in August in compliance with FOIP regulations. Student report cards can be accessed through the Parent Portal in Powerschool.

## Grade Group Composition

Ecole Elementaire Ardrossan Elementary is genuinely concerned for the welfare and success of your children. Every staff member strives to have students do their best and to feel comfortable in their surroundings.

One of the goals we have is to maintain well-balanced classrooms. Classes should be academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally well balanced. Our staff has an essential role in establishing the most effective classrooms for learning, and they have consistently done a great job in preparing classes for each new school year.

As students change grades, they are naturally exposed to new friendship groups. An important benefit to being in a class with a variety of students is social growth and exposure to a variety of personalities. This helps foster independence and develops social skills. We ask for your support in allowing teachers to develop next year's grouping in the fairest way possible. We take into account many factors, including academic performance, work habits, learning styles, interpersonal/social skill development, etc.

**We thank you for trusting our professionalism, expertise and experience as we develop student classroom lists for the upcoming school year.**

**Parents and students will be informed of class placements on the last day of school.** In compliance with FOIP, class lists will not be posted in August. Please note, staff changes are anticipated throughout the division and within the school from now and throughout the summer.

## Parent Volunteer Groups Report

This was a transition year within the School Council, AEPSA and the Canadian Parents for French. Thank you to all parents who served on the executive of these groups and attend our meetings.

A few small fundraisers were completed including Mabel's Labels. Next year will see an increase in our fundraising efforts and will include a casino night in Camrose on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> as well as a fundraiser at Galaxyland that is under consideration.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) experienced another successful Carnival despite the warm weather. Also, a reminder that the Year End BBQ is fast approaching on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you again to all parents for your support.

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Chair, School Council, AEPSA and CPF

## 2016-17 Class Configurations

Please note the following information is preliminary staffing, grade and class size information at this time. Due to increasing or decreasing student enrollments, these grade and class configurations may change over the course of the summer. Based upon the current information we have, staffing, grade and class configurations for the 2016-2017 school year will be as follows:

### French Immersion Classes (Student #)

FI ECS	Mme Banerjee	19
	Mme Banerjee	17
10	TBA (Mme Olson)	19
2P	Mme Proulx	28
3K	Mme Kumatycki	23
4K	Mme Kryz	27
5N	M Nkunzi	17
6C	M Castle	17

### Regular English Classes

KMT	Mrs. Reimer	21
KTF	Mrs. Reimer	18
1G	Mrs. Gilliland	21
1S	Mrs. Samaratunga	21
2B	Mrs. Belcourt	22
2H	Mrs. Hill	23
3F	Mr. Frederickson	27
3R	Mrs. Ruptash	27
4K	Klippenstein	24
4H	Mr. Halbert	24
4	TBA	24
5M	Mrs. McBride	25

5G Mrs. Grauman 25  
 6K Miss Kammerer 27  
 6C Mrs. Coates 26  
 Music Ms. Podoborzny  
 PALS Mrs. Talaga and Mrs. Robinson  
 Assistant Principal Mme Hewitt  
 Counsellor Mme Mitchell  
 Principal Mrs. Whetstone

## PATS

All Grade Six students are continuing to write Provincial Achievement Tests in all four subject areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and for our French Immersion students French Language Arts. Statistics have shown that students who are well rested and eat breakfast in the morning perform better in testing situations. To ensure maximum performance we suggest you encourage your child to:

1. Get plenty of rest the night before.
2. Have a nutritious breakfast in the morning.
3. Bring a snack for recess.

## Head Lice – Parent Info Session

Thanks to community health nurse Pinder Deol who provided an excellent parent session on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Some key messages in the discussion about this common childhood condition included:

- Using a product that contains permethrin or other lice killing ingredients like pyrethrins and piperonyl butoxide **twice**. **Once** when the condition is evident and a **second** time, approximately 7 to 10 days later.
- Take the time to comb through the entire head, starting at the nap of the neck and behind the ears, removing all nits.
- Once treated, **do not swim or use conditioners** on the hair as the shampoo will continue to work until **the second** application.
- Alternative treatments such as tea tree oils or shampoos **do not work**.

Check out the following website for further information:  
<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Health/pages/conditions.aspx?Hwid=hw51114>

## Lost and Found

All lost and found items remaining after June 28<sup>th</sup>, are bagged and taken for donation. Students have been reminded throughout the months of May and June. This includes any shoes or school supplies left behind after the last day of school.

## Software Upgrade Notice: Online Payments

Are you currently using a computer with the operating system Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft Windows Millennium, or earlier? If so, you will want to be aware of a new security upgrade that takes effect July 1, 2016.

All encryption securities around the globe are being upgraded on July 1. The upgrade will improve security for all online banking and online purchasing systems. However, if you are using any operating system less than Microsoft Windows 7, you will no longer be able to use online banking nor use any online purchasing tool, including the Division's online payment system, ACORN.

If you are using an operating system that came out earlier than Microsoft Window 7, you will need to either upgrade your operating system or purchase a new computer to conduct any online banking or purchasing. *NOTE:* The security upgrade doesn't affect Apple users.

For more information, please visit:  
<https://support.cloudflare.com/hc/en-us/articles/205043158-PCI-3-1-and-TLS-1-2>.

## Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again offering 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.



The Little Elk Island Adventures are for **first-time school bus riders** entering the 2016-2017 school year. Sessions and times are available in these locations:

Location	Time	Date
EIPS Central Office	5 p.m.	August 23
EIPS Central Office	6:30 p.m.	August 23
EIPS Central Office	5 p.m.	August 24
EIPS Central Office	6:30 p.m.	August 24
EIPS Central Office	10:30 a.m.	September 2
Fort Christian/ Fort Elementary	6 p.m.	August 25

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 this year's Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <http://goo.gl/forms/cJUleWobq>. Additional information regarding busing for Kindergarten students can be found at: [www.eips.ca/transportation/kinderqarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kinderqarten-busing-faq).

## Student Transportation 2016–2017 Registration Now Open

If your child plans to use Student Transportation for the 2016–2017 school year, please make sure to register as soon as possible.

Families currently accessing transportation will soon receive tentative route schedules and invoices. Transportation fees are due by June 30, 2016.

If you have questions about registration, invoicing, or if your child isn't currently registered for bus service and you have plans to access transportation for the 2016-2017 school year, please contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780.417.8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

**NOTE:** Student Transportation is open in the summer, so if you have any questions about registration or invoicing please contact EIPS' Student Transportation at 780.417.8151 or by using the online contact form at: [www.eips.ca/contact](http://www.eips.ca/contact).

## CPF (Canadian Parents for French)

**Year End BBQ Tuesday,  
June 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.**



This day is always a fabulous event for everyone. Come out and celebrate the last day of school!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see the order form available on the Lunchbox website:

<http://www.aes.fundraiserorders.com>

## Library Tales

How can it be that 32 years have gone by so quickly? Yes, it is true! Mrs. Mischuk, Library Technician, is retiring! *Congratulations to our May winner of our library treasure chest draw Charlie from room 4C. Sir Booksalot visited 1Gravel & 4C in May. All library books are due June 17<sup>th</sup>, let's keep Sir Booksalot moving.*

*Wow, 155 bears arrived in the library for the "Maybear" contest on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>! All entrants put in a fantastic effort! Congratulations to the following winners:*

**Grade one: Abigale from 1-0**

**Grade two: Faith from 2P**

**Grade three: Ella from 3K**

**Grade four: Keelan from 4C**

**Grade five: Kat from 5B**

**Grade six: Kayla R. from 6C**

*Thank you to all the participants, the bears were all amazing!*



*Read on!*

## Musical Notes

Recorder Karate has come to an end for this school year. The grade 3-6 students have worked hard, tested and received over 2500 Recorder Karate belts. Great job to all our incredible musicians!

For all students in grade 3-5, they will need their recorders next year in music. The school will not provide another recorder for them again next year if they lose it. All students have been told that they need to put it somewhere safe at home or hand it in to Mrs. Harding for safekeeping until they need it again. Grade 6 students can keep their recorder.

## Tidbits from the LunchBox...

This has been a milestone year for all of us at The LunchBox. We learned very quickly in the first 3 months (ok, in October ;-)) what would work and what would definitely **not** work with our HL program without the use of our own kitchen. A big 'Thank You' to Fresh Healthy Cafe for stepping up to be our exclusive vendor for our program. and a HUGE 'THANK YOU' to all of you - parents, students, AES Staff.... for your continued support and love of our program.



We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and join The LunchBox Board. We have many members who have grade 6 students and would like to move forward to new volunteer opportunities with their children. If you would like more information, please contact Allison Usher at [info@aeslunchbox.com](mailto:info@aeslunchbox.com).

On behalf of all of us at The LunchBox, have a safe and fabulous Summer Break, and please look for our 2016/17 correspondence in late August!!

## Pull Tabs

**Calling all families with pull tabs!** Are you collecting pull tabs but don't know where to put them or how to use them? Mr. Frederickson has been collecting them for the last 12 years, for different organizations, and is now collecting them on behalf of Ronald McDonald House® Northern Alberta. The tabs are sent to Maple Leaf Metals where they are recycled. If you would like to help Ronald McDonald House® Northern Alberta, please drop off pop tabs at the school. Thank you very much for your time and effort.

## Campbell's Labels

We are still collecting *Campbell's Labels for Education™*. If you would like to help with our Labels for Education collection drive, please contact our parent program coordinators, Mrs. Terri-Ann Trohubiak and 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.

## Elk Island Public Schools Summer Hours

Throughout the summer break, Ecole Ardrossan Elementary will be closed and will reopen on August 25th at 9:00 a.m. New student registrations for the 2016-17 school year will be accepted at this time. Details are available at: <https://www.eips.ca/parents/registration>.

Please download a registration package from <https://www.eips.ca/download/40278> and bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and current address. If you have school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed you can contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School—the office will be open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2016–2017 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

Closed Friday, July 1 Canada Day  
Closed Monday, August 1 Heritage Day

*NOTE:* Student Transportation will also remain open during the summer months and operates during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation cannot accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

## Tools for School Now Taking Orders

**Ecole Ardrossan Elementary** has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2016–2017 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 are a parent, or know a parent, who needs access to the program, please contact the school directly. We will respectfully distribute the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2016–2017 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 will be located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and Central Office at Elk Island

Public Schools. All supplies donated within our community will be invested back into education in our region.

For more information about Tools for School, please contact **Shauna Hart** or call our Central Office at 780.464.3477.

## Make summer reading sizzle for your elementary schooler



Research shows that when kids don't keep up with reading over the summer, they can lose up to three months of learning—and feel the effects for a long time! Fortunately, this doesn't have to happen.

To encourage summer reading:

- Join a reading program. Ask the librarian at your local library for a list of programs your child can attend.
- Be creative. Remember that all kinds of reading materials can help your child maintain and build skills—comic books, craft magazines and even cookbooks.
- Focus on your child's interests. Ask him if there is something he would like to learn more about during the school break? Maybe he wants to identify stars and constellations at night or learn how to camp. Help him find books about subjects he loves.
- Plan a book swap. Have your child invite friends to participate in a book exchange event. If a child donates two books he has read, he can exchange them for two books he hasn't read.

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## Our Little Friends Playschool

We are currently taking registrations for the 2016-17 school year.

For more information and current updates check out our website at [www.ardrossanfrenchplayschool.ca](http://www.ardrossanfrenchplayschool.ca), or call Kari at 780.922.4447

