

the JAMES MOWAT Messenger

November 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

November is a busy month with many events and activities happening at the school.

With the colder weather, please remind your child to dress for the weather. Students go outside for recesses every day and need to wear mitts/gloves, boots and hats. Also, please label your child's belongings to assist us in returning items should they be misplaced.

If your child has lost any items, please have them check the lost and found bin. Our lost and found is overflowing!

The school is closed for students and staff November 6th to 10th for Fall Break and Remembrance Day. Classes resume on November 13th.

Have a restful November break!

Mr. Stacey Boyko, Principal
Mrs. Amaya Ortigosa, Assistant Principal



November at a Glance:

Nov 1	Early Dismissal
Nov 3	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:30am - Parents welcome)
Nov 3	Hot Lunch (Canadian Brewhouse)
Nov 3	Dielman's Fundraiser Orders Due
Nov 6-10	No School - Fall Break
Nov 7	Hot Lunch Orders Due
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 13	Classes Resume
Nov 13-17	<u>Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week</u>
Nov 15	Hot Lunch (Subway)
Nov 20	<u>National Child Day</u>
Nov 20	Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meeting - 6pm
Nov 28	Earth Rangers Assembly

Looking ahead to December/January:

Dec 1	Report cards published
Dec 6	Early Dismissal
Dec 6	Parent Teacher Interviews (4:30-7:30pm)
Dec 7	Parent Teacher Interviews (4:00-7:00pm)
Dec 14	Family Fun Night (5:30- 7:00pm)
Dec 25-Jan 5	Christmas Break
Jan 8	Classes resume



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Fall Scholastic Bookfair:

Thank-you to all families for supporting our Fall Scholastic Bookfair. Total sales were \$5,928.21 and we were able to take a cash reward of \$1,407.95. The money will go directly toward the purchase of books for the library collection for all grades to enjoy. Your support of the Book Fair is truly appreciated!

School Fees

If you have not already paid your school fees please submit payment online via your [PowerSchool Parent portal](#) at your earliest convenience. Remember to log into your account regularly throughout the year. Fees are added to your child's account throughout the school year to cover the cost of various activities such as field trips, library fines, etc.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2023.

For more information about school fees, waivers, and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and www.jamesmowat.ca/about/fees.

Earth Rangers Assembly



Thanks to a sponsorship by Pembina, James Mowat Elementary has been selected to receive a Earth Rangers Assembly on November 28. The Earth Rangers School Assembly is a dynamic and interactive presentation for Grades 1 through 6. Through the power of live animal demonstrations and positive, science-based information, our program educates students about the threats facing animals and the environment, highlights real conservation initiatives across Canada, and motivates them to want to get involved. During the 2023/2024 school year, our School Assembly will highlight amazing animals and their superpowers - thus explaining the importance of biodiversity and how animals unique adaptations allow them to thrive in their specific ecosystems. The presentation will provide students with tangible ways they can help protect these ecosystems and show the big collective impact small, everyday actions can have.



Report Cards

Report cards will be published on December 1 at the end of the day. Parents can view their child's report card by logging into their [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and clicking on the "Report Card" button on the left hand side.

Please note: Report cards cannot be accessed through the PowerSchool App



Parent Teacher Interviews: December 6 and 7

Parent teacher interviews will be held on December 6th from 4:30-7:30pm and December 7th from 4:00-7:00pm. Interviews will be 10 minute blocks for an individual conference time with the teacher.

Booking Appointments for Parent Teacher Interviews

All interviews will be scheduled through the online booking system on our website. Please book your time slot for parent-teacher-student interviews on our school website under [Bookings](#). The booking system will open on November 24th and close on December 3rd.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families 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) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, email, SMS, alerts posted on [eips.ca](#) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [eips.ca](#) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, "school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families 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.



FNMI Corner...

What is a POWWOW?

A powwow is a celebration that includes dancing, eating, and singing. It is believed that the word “powwow” originates from the Algonquin word “pau-wau” which means “medicine man”. Dancers dance in the dance arena called the “arbor” while men sit around a large drum and sing. Dances include the Grass Dance and Jingle Dress dances, among others. Powwows honour and show pride for indigenous culture and are also a great way for everyone to learn about indigenous life and culture. Want to learn powwow dance steps? [Click here!](#)

Parent Council & Parent Advisory Association Corner...

Next Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meeting:

November 20th at 6:00pm (library). All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Minutes:

[JMSPAA & PC Meeting Minutes - October 2023](#)

Parent Advisory Association Fundraising:

Dielman's Fundraiser Orders due Friday, November 3, 2023

Order at www.shopdfscanada.com

Organization ID: 7123

Any questions please contact jamesmowatpaa@gmail.com

Upcoming Hot Lunches:

- Canadian Brewhouse – November 3, 2023
- Subway – November 15, 2023 (orders due November 7th)
- Boston Pizza & Tim Horton's coming up in December.



Please sign up via [MunchaLunch](#) or email jamesmowatlunch@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer to help hand out food.

All volunteers will need to sign in/out at the office each time they are at the school and each year volunteers must complete the [volunteer declaration](#).



COME AND PLAY THE

BRAIN ARCHITECTURE Game

FREE

LEARN ABOUT THE POWERFUL ROLE THAT
RELATIONSHIPS AND EXPERIENCES HAVE ON
EARLY BRAIN DEVELOPMENT.

Register at fortsask.ca/fcss
Or phone 780-992-6267

We are offering 2 sessions, free of charge
Please sign up for the one that fits best for you

LUNCH SESSION

November 15, 2023
Lunch 12-12:30 pm
Game 12:30-2:30
BGC (10090 - 93
Ave, Fort Sask)

***Lunch and
childcare provided,
prizes and **\$50
giftcards** to be
won!*



EVENING SESSION

November 15, 2023
Dinner 5:30-6 pm
Game 6-8 p.m.
BGC (10090 - 93
Avenue, Fort Sask)

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Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

November 2023



Alberta Health Services is proud to offer FREE online programming to caregivers of school-age children and youth as well as adults in the community who want to learn more about addiction and mental health topics.

Sessions are offered online through the Zoom conferencing application. A link to access the online session will be sent by email to those who have registered for the session.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Building Executive Functioning Skills

Supporting Success in Learning

For parents and caregivers of children in grades K-6

Part 1:

Wednesday, November 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:

Wednesday, November 8
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Technology and the Teenage Brain

Digital Wellness for Families

For parents and teens (grades 7-12) to attend together

Wednesday, November 15
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Adult Education Sessions

Silver Linings

Supporting Wellness in the Later Years

Part 1:

Wednesday, November 22
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:

Wednesday, November 29
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Participant Feedback

"Thank you. So valuable in this crazy changing world. I really like that these sessions also point parents in the direction they can go for further help or supports."

"Really interesting session presented in a kind and thoughtful way. Thank you!"

Sessions at a Glance



AMH Education Services
Addiction & Mental Health
Edmonton Zone

For more information, visit www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS & TOYS

Need some help to make Christmas merry?

Connect with us. We are here to help.

Applications accepted November 6–December 11

New this year! Applications are accepted online at

www.FortSaskatchewanFoodBank.com

If you require assistance with online forms, please contact us at 780.998.4099

The Details:

- Photo ID is required for each adult applying.
- Alberta Health Card or Birth Certificate is required for each child.
- Current proof of Fort Saskatchewan residency is needed.
- You may apply for your immediate family who permanently reside at the address.
- Full details online, or phone 780.998.4099.

Hamper Delivery Day is Saturday, December 16

