

the JAMES MOWAT Messenger

November 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

November has arrived and it's a busy month at James Mowat with lots of learning, Fall Break, and report cards. Please check the [website](#) regularly to keep up to date.

If your child has lost 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 11 to 15 for Remembrance Day and Fall Break. Classes resume on November 18th.

Have a restful break!

Mr. Stacey Boyko, Principal
Mrs. Lana Romanowska, Assistant Principal



November at a Glance:

Nov 5-11	Veterans' Week
Nov 6	Early dismissal
Nov 8	Remembrance Day Ceremony - 10:30am—Parents welcome
Nov 8	Indigenous Veterans' Day
Nov 8	Art Fundraiser Ordering begins
Nov 10-16	Metis Week
Nov 11	No School - Remembrance Day
Nov 12-15	No School - Fall Break
Nov 13	World Kindness Day
Nov 17	Art Fundraiser Ordering ends
Nov 18	Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meetings - 6pm
Nov 18-22	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
Nov 20	National Child Day
Nov 29	Report Cards Published

Looking ahead to December/January:

Dec 4	Early dismissal
Dec 4	Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30pm
Dec 5	Parent Teacher Interviews 4-7pm
Dec 11	Kindergarten Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Dec 12	Grade 1-6 Christmas Concert 1pm and 6:30pm
Dec 23-Jan 3	No School - Christmas Break
Jan 6	Classes resume
Jan 13	Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meetings - 6pm



Adopt a School Fundraiser

We are thrilled to share the results of the Indigo Love of Reading Adopt a School Fundraiser. Through our school community's hard work and generosity, and the support of our Partner store (Chapters - St. Albert) fundraising on our behalf, an incredible \$3,375 has been raised to support literacy initiatives at James Mowat Elementary.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony is on Friday, November 8th, starting at 10:30am in the school gym. All are welcome to attend. You will hear the James Mowat Handchime Ensemble perform along with the grade 4 classes singing a Remembrance Day song. We'd like to welcome back Colin Williams who will be playing the trumpet along with retired Constable Brian McLeod playing the bagpipes. We are fortunate to have Sgt. Dufresne Francis who will be speaking from the Canadian Armed Forces. Our colour guard laying the poppies is made up of two students from each class. Please join us in remembering those who fought for our freedom.

Report Cards

Report cards will be published on November 29th at the end of the day. Parents can view their child's report card by logging into their [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and clicking the "Report Card" button on the left hand side. Note: Report cards cannot be accessed on the PowerSchool App.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Parent teacher interviews will be held on December 4th from 4:30 –7:30pm and December 5th from 4:00-7:00pm.

Booking Appointments for Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be 10 minutes and booked through the online booking system on our [website](#). The booking system will open on Friday, November 22nd and close on Sunday, December 1st

Christmas Concert

Our grade 1-6 Christmas concert this year is called "Jingle Bell Jukebox". The concert will be held on Thursday, December 12th. The dress rehearsal is at 9:00am and the concert times are at 1:00pm and 6:30pm. Our kindergarten classes will have their Christmas concert on Wednesday December 11th at 6:30pm. Students from every grade will begin preparing for our concert starting after fall break. Ticket requests will be done through Permission Click and a link will be emailed to families later this month. More details about our concert will be sent home closer to the date.



James Mowat Family!

Thank-you so much for your generous support of the Scholastic Book Fair! We raised \$5160.50 and took \$2484.55 in Scholastic Dollars. With the input of the Educational Assistants, I will purchase resources for them to utilize with their students.

Read our Guide to Reporting Student Achievement and School Education Plan

The Guide to Reporting Student Achievement (GRSA) and School Education Plan (SEP) for the 2024-25 school year are available now! The GRSA explains how we assess student achievement, how we determine grades and more. The SEP details our school goals for the year—with key strategies and measures in achieving these outcomes. You can access our GRSA and SEP through the two corresponding home page tiles at <https://www.jamesmowat.ca/>.

Did you know?

Research shows sustained, collaborative and job-embedded professional learning significantly enhances teacher efficacy and student achievement. Simply put, the more times teachers get to learn from one another during the year, the better it is for student success. Professional learning doesn't mean a day off for staff—they improve upon their knowledge using time dedicated for collaboration, growth and relationship-building. This ensures students continue to receive high-quality education throughout the school year.



Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, we have a few reminders for families:

- Ensure students have clothing appropriate for expected weather conditions.

If weather conditions are bad enough to impact student transportation, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families directly, as well as posting on social media and eips.ca as early as possible.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by an [EIPS administrative procedure](#) that states, “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.

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

Parent Council & Parent Advisory Association Corner...

Next Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meetings:

November 18th at 6:00pm (library). All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Note: No meeting in December.

Parent Advisory Association Fundraising:

Art Fundraiser order cards will be coming home with your child’s unique code. This code is unique to your child and the artwork they created. You can share this code with friends and family so they can order products with your child’s artwork. They also make great gifts!

Order online at ionprintsolutions.infogsoft.com/connectioncolor

Order deadline Sunday, November 17th (midnight)

Note: if there is an error in the spelling of your child’s name you will be able to correct it when you order.

Please contact orderdesk@ionprintsolutions.com if your child’s order card is lost.

Need assistance? Contact Ion’s Customer Service 780-452-9103 Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30pm.

ARE YOU MÉTIS?

The Otipemisiwak Métis Government wants to help you through our **Métis Citizenship and Harvesting application** process.

Join us in
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

**NOV.
21** : Dow Centennial Centre
: Lion's Pride Room
: 8700 84 Street
: 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

WHAT YOU NEED

FAMILY TREE DATING BACK TO THE MID 1800s

BIRTH DOCUMENTS WITH BIOLOGICAL PARENTAGE

VALID GOVERNMENT ID

Application package at: albertametis.com/registry
Commissioner of Oaths & photos taken on site

**Register
your kids!
All ages
accepted.**



Otipemisiwak
Métis Government

registry@metis.org · albertametis.com



NOVEMBER CONNECTIONS MONTH

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DAZZLING DINNER IN THE DARK

Families First

November 4th 5:00pm - 7:00pm for ages 8-18 and their families



COMMUNITY COLOURING AT THE LIBRARY

Fort Saskatchewan Public Library
November 12 - 17; ALL AGES



FAMILY FEUD & FOOD FRENZY

The Bridge, November 15th 6-9pm, for ages 11 and up



BINGO

BGC, November 7th, for all ages

FREE FALLING ROCK CLIMBING

BGC, November 13th, for all ages

BE OUR GUEST PIE EDITION

BGC, November 28th, for all ages



TOBACCO TIES & BANNOCK KITS

Families First

November 13th, 1:00pm - 4:00 pm, ALL AGES

Caregiver Education Team Newsletter

November/December 2024



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

Parenting Teens in the 21st Century

Respectful Limit Setting for Adolescents

For parents and caregivers supporting teens in grades 7-12.

Part 1:

Wednesday, November 13
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:

Wednesday, November 20
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Building Executive Functioning Skills

Supporting Success in Learning

For parents and caregivers of children in grades K-6

Part 1:

Monday, December 2
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:

Monday, December 9
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Adult Education Sessions

Wellness Exchange Series

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved one.

Part 5 - Healthy

Connections:

Wednesday, November 6
6:00 – 7:30 pm

More than Just a Bad Day *Understanding Depression*

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of youth (grades 7-12)

Tuesday, November 26

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Adult Education Sessions

Silver Linings

For adults supporting their own wellness or the wellness of a loved

Part 1:

Thursday, December 5
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2:

Thursday, December 12
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Participant Feedback

"Thank you for a well-structured, informative session. It was a great reflection."

"Great information on an important topic!"



Professional Practice & Education Services
Addiction & Mental Health
Edmonton Zone

For more information, visit www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

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THE FORT SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS: COMMUNITY COLOURING



November 12th - 17th; All Ages

From November 12 to 17th a giant colouring sheet will be on display at the library - all that's needed is your talent and creativity! All ages are welcome to come in and colour a portion of the colouring sheet. Crayons will be available at our front desk so that it's easy for you to contribute your creative colouring!

Let's see what we can create as a community!

Bookmarks will also be available for you to colour at home or at the library.

