

Kindergarten Information Night 2024

École Parc Élémentaire

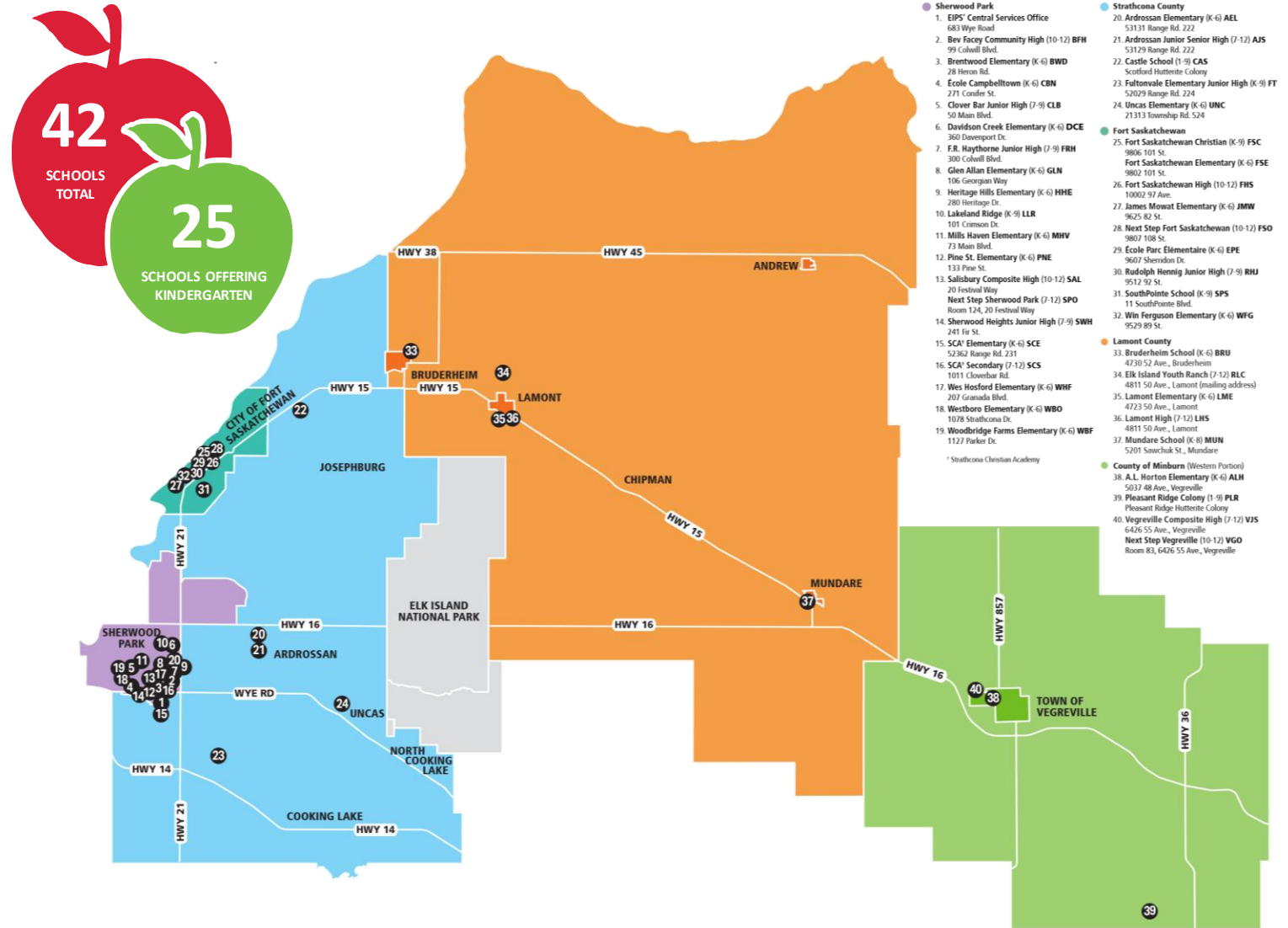




**Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN!**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) serves:

- Sherwood Park
- Fort Saskatchewan
- Strathcona County
- Lamont County
- Western Portion of the County of Minburn





Literacy-rich, play-based programming



Curriculum Areas

- French Immersion Language Arts and Literature
- Mathematics
- Physical Education and Wellness
- Science
- Social Studies
- Fine Arts

New Kindergarten Curriculum

- New kindergarten curriculum implemented:
 - Mathematics (2022-23)
 - English Language Arts and Literature (2022-23)
 - Physical Education and Wellness (2022-23)
 - Science (2023-24)
 - French Immersion Language Arts and Literature (2023-24)
- Future kindergarten curriculum implementation:
 - Social Studies (anticipated 2025-26)
 - Fine Arts (to be determined)

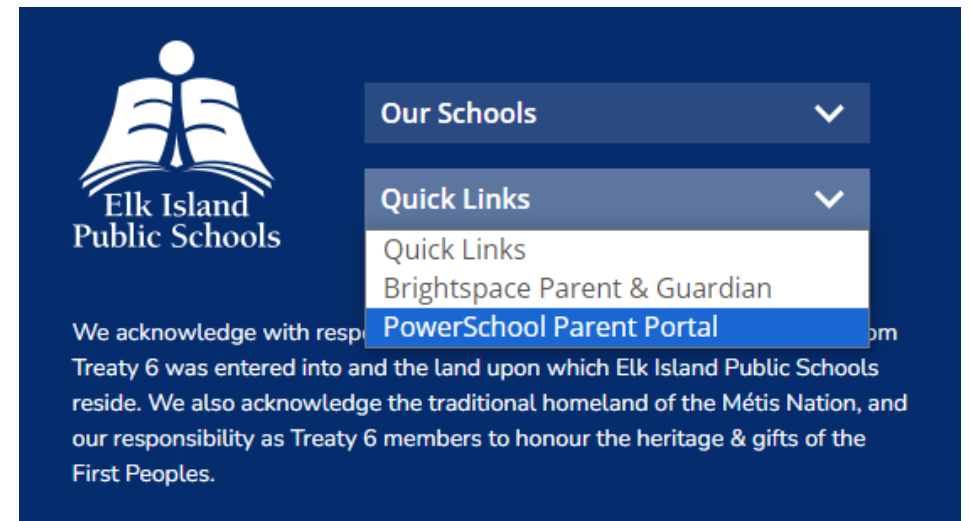
Learn more at
curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en



PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Online access to your child's progress report, attendance and school fees
- One Parent Portal account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

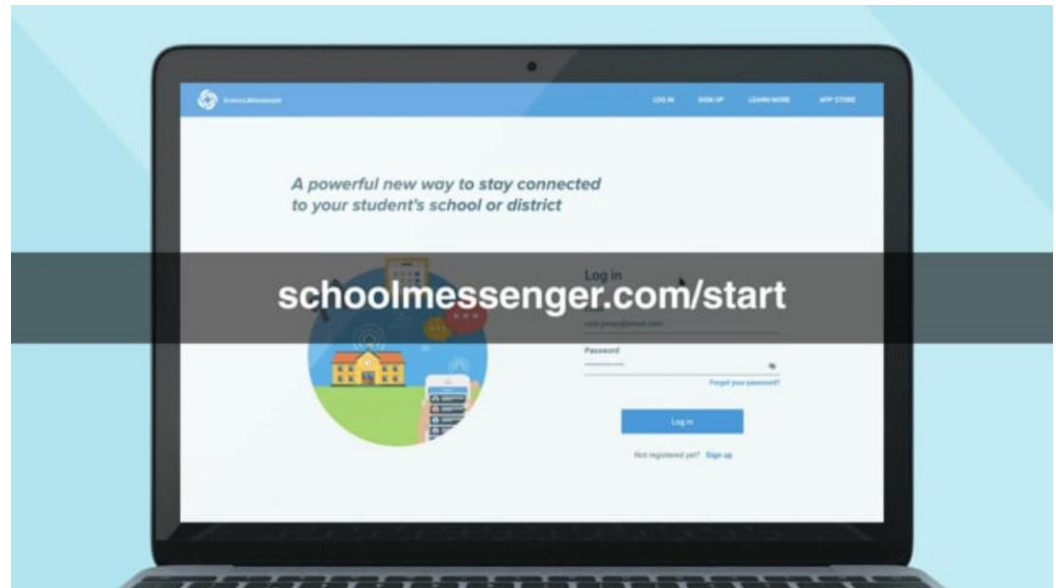
Learn more at eips.ca/parents/powerschool



SchoolMessenger

- EIPS uses the SchoolMessenger system for sending information to families by phone and email—including bus cancellations or delays, inclement weather, upcoming events, school newsletters, parental engagement opportunities, emergency notices and more.
- Families can manage their subscription preference through their SchoolMessenger account.
- Download the app to stay connected on the go.

Learn more at eips.ca/contact/subscribe



Permission Click

- EIPS uses the online Permission Click platform for many school and Division forms.
- Forms are easily accessible and fillable from mobile devices. No log in required.
- Emails will come from Permission Click.
 - Add notifications@permissionclick.com to your safe-sender list to ensure required forms aren't mistakenly directed to your junk mail folder.

Permission **CLICK**



Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure
- First day of kindergarten busing: **September 5**

Transportation fees are due June 30, 2024
Fees are paid online at [eips.ca/transportation/
transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments](https://eips.ca/transportation/transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments)



Student Transportation: Little Elk Island Adventure

Students and parents learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

Learn more at

eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure



EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2024-25

- Regular School Day
- Early Dismissal for Students
- First Day of Class
- No School – Statutory Holiday
- No School for All Students and Staff
- No School for Students – Professional Learning/Operational Day

- SCHEDULE A:**
Mondays, Wednesdays and select Fridays
- SCHEDULE B:**
Tuesdays, Thursdays and select Fridays

Important Dates

- Aug 27** Professional Learning Day
- Aug 28** Operational Day
- Aug 29** First Instructional Day Calendar B
- Aug 30** First Instructional Day Calendar A
- Sept 2** Labour Day – Statutory Holiday
- Sept 30** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 4** Professional Learning Day
- Oct 14** Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday
- Nov 11-15** November Break
- Nov 11** Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday
- Dec 23 - Jan 3** Christmas Break
- Dec 25** Christmas Day – Statutory Holiday
- Dec 26** Boxing Day – Statutory Holiday
- Jan 1** New Year's Day – Statutory Holiday
- Jan 29** Professional Learning Day
- Feb 6 & 7** North Central Teachers' Convention
- Feb 17** Family Day – Statutory Holiday
- Mar 7** Professional Learning Day
- Mar 21** School Closure Day
- Mar 24 - 28** Spring Break
- Apr 18** Good Friday – Statutory Holiday
- Apr 21** Easter Monday – Division Closure
- May 2** Professional Learning Day
- May 19** Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
- June 21** National Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 23** Last Instructional Day Schedule A
- June 24** Last Instructional Day Schedule B
- June 25-26** Operational Days

AUGUST 2024

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EIPS offers full-day programming on alternating days.

475 instructional hours per year

- Monday, Wednesday and select Fridays, or
- Tuesday, Thursday and select Fridays

Find the Division calendar at eips.ca/calendar

Visit the calendar page on the school's website for school specific dates and events

Staggered Entry

- To introduce new kindergarteners to school, École Parc offers staggered entry at the start of the school year.
- Children come in smaller groups for part days to learn a bit about the classroom, the school and daily routines.
- 2024-25 staggered entry dates:
 - August 29, 30 and September 3, 4.
 - We will notify families towards the end of June as to what day your son/daughter are supposed to attend.
- First day of Kindergarten busing: September 5, 2024





French Immersion Program

Our Kindergarten Day

- Bell schedule
 - Start time 8:30 a.m.
 - Lunch time 11:56 am to 12:46 p.m.
 - End of day 3:08 p.m.
- Early dismissal days
 - Start time 8:30 a.m.
 - Lunch time 11:20 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.
 - End of day 2:08 p.m.
- Parent drop off and pick up – at main entrance of the school



Typical Kindergarten Day

- ✓ Circle time/Opening activities
- ✓ Large group activity
- ✓ Centre time/Stations (Numeracy and Literacy skills)
- ✓ Clean up
- ✓ Large group snack time
- ✓ Read aloud/Book sharing
- ✓ Group activities
- ✓ Movement
- ✓ Dismissal



Also in Kindergarten we...

- ✓ do daily physical activity (approximately 30 mins)
- ✓ visit the Library/Bibliothèque for weekly book exchanges
- ✓ use iPads during centre time
- ✓ experience field trips and in-class presentations
- ✓ music class (twice a week)





School Supplies

- <https://www.ecoleparc.ca/about/school-supplies>



Tools for School is a program from the United Way that provides backpacks filled with school supplies to students in kindergarten to Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. The supplies provided may not be everything that's on your child's supply list, but it's a start.

If you would benefit from the Tools for School program, contact the school office.



Events and Field Trips

- We have a \$45.00 field trip fee for our Kindergarten students. Mme Yates will communicate field trip information throughout the school year.

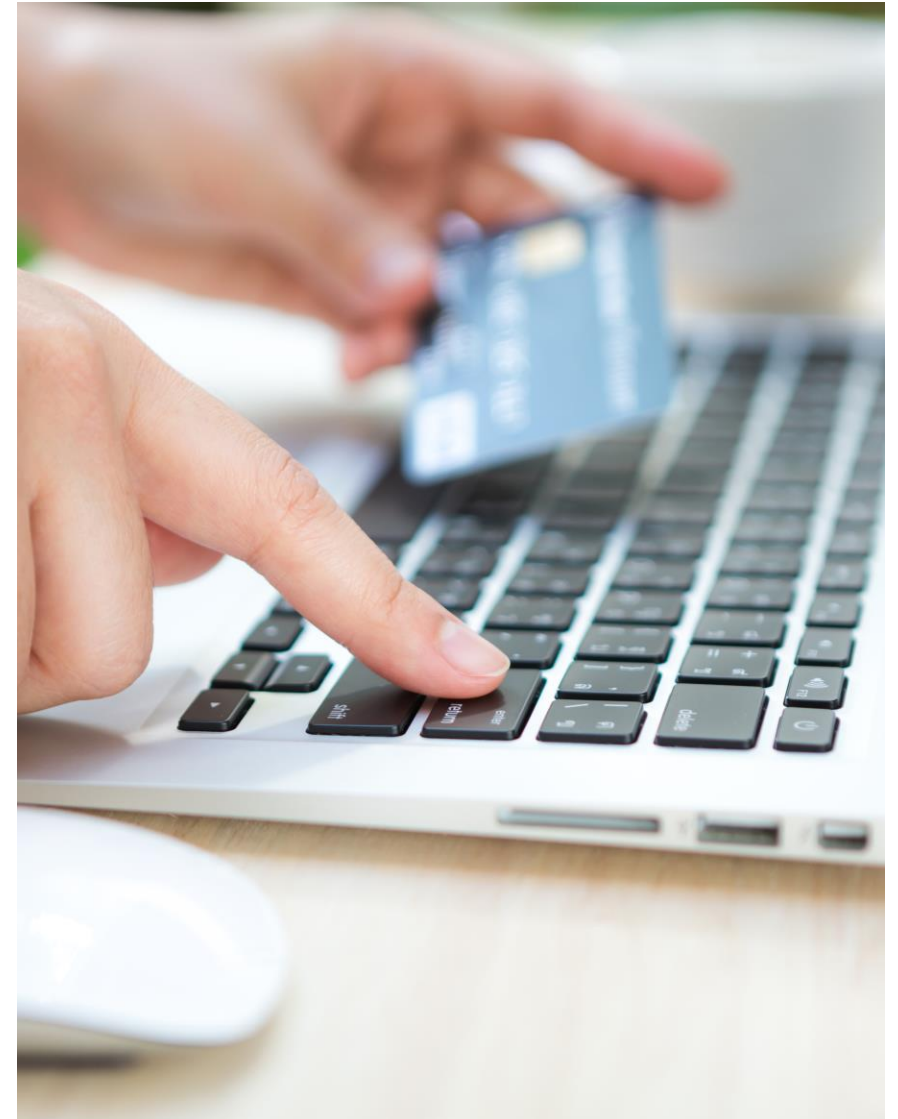
School Fees

- Paid online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Assessed at the start of the year
- Others may be added throughout the year
- Fee waiver policy

Learn more at:

eips.ca/schools/fees

eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees





Parent Involvement

- School Council and Fundraising Society
 - Participating with the Council
 - Spirit Wear
 - Hot Lunch
- Parent volunteers

Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Services

- SLPs in kindergarten provide the following services, as needed:
 - Informal classroom-based speech and language screening
 - Speech and language assessment to identify need for further services
 - Followup intervention or consultation for children transitioning from preschool programs
 - Direct intervention and consultation based on identified needs
 - Parent consultation



Occupational Therapy (OT) Services

- OTs informally screen students' participation in the classroom setting and provide universal strategies to the classroom staff.
- Service is primarily consultative, providing resources to classroom staff and parents when needed. Students with mild to moderate needs will be primarily served through these general classroom suggestions.
- OTs may have more direct involvement with children who have significant needs in the areas of self-care, regulation and motor skills.



Specialized Supports Informed Consent

School and Program Preference

Enrolling Grade required i

Kindergarten

Review Kindergarten Specialized Supports Informed Consent

I have read and understand the Kindergarten Specialized Supports Informed Consent. required

Please choose from the two options below regarding Kindergarten supports screening for your child. required

Accept Screening

Decline Screening

Refer to the [Kindergarten Calendar](#) information for the 2024-2025 schedule options, then return to this form and select your kindergarten schedule preference. The selected preference is taken into account but is not guaranteed.



Preparing for Kindergarten



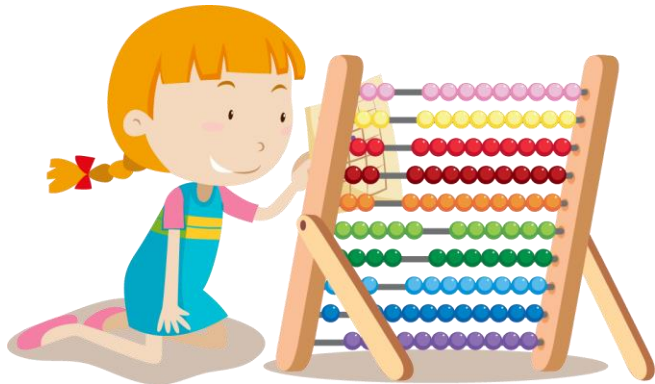
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



Social-emotional development



Numeracy



Self-help skills



Eye See, Eye Learn

Learn more at eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/kindergarten/preparing-for-kindergarten



Preparing for Kindergarten Series

- EIPS, together with local partners, is planning some opportunities for kindergarten families to help prepare for the year ahead.
- Watch for more information about these opportunities coming to you email inboxes in May.
- Follow us [@eipsearlylearning](https://www.instagram.com/eipsearlylearning) on Instagram to check out resources and what's happening in EIPS Early Learning!

Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)

- Administered in the fall
- Uses teachers' regular observations and informal assessments
- Helps determine a child's progress and development in five key areas
 - Awareness of self and environment;
 - Social skills and approaches to learning;
 - Cognitive skills;
 - Language and communication; and
 - Physical development
- Assessment findings used to help plan instruction and will be shared with parents at the first progress reporting term in November
- Parent sessions providing more details and explanation will be available in the fall



Learn more at eips.ca/download/412368



Helpful Links

- eips.ca/kindergarten
- Facebook: facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools
- Twitter: twitter.com/eips
- ecoleparc.ca
- Alberta Education curriculum: curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en



How can you help us to prepare for your student to join us? We have a survey that we will send tomorrow.

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The ABC's of
Kindergarten
2024/25





Questions?

EMERGENCY
DOOR RELEASE

CAUTION
USE DEF ONLY
(DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID)
Using any other fluid can
- Damage the vehicle
- Degrade fuel economy



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