



# Uncie's Update

December 2019

## Principal's Message

What a fabulous winter we are having so far! Thank you to Parent Advisory for organizing and running the Christmas in the County event on December 7th. This event had a gym full of fabulous crafts, wonderful soup, a lot of community and student participation.

Allow me a brief safety moment. While Mr. Loren is doing a great job keeping our walkways shoveled and ice-free, our expansive school yard and playgrounds are getting pretty icy. Please use caution when accessing the grounds and join me in reminding our students to be careful and slow down to avoid slips and falls. Also we thank parents for ensuring that our students are properly dressed for the cold weather that is now fully upon us.

Lastly the whole school has been busy getting ready for this year's Christmas Concert which will be presented on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. At night, doors will open at 6:00 p.m. so please keep an eye to the weather if you are coming early to stand in line. Our weather make-up date is December 19th.

As the population of Uncas Elementary has grown in recent years, fire regulations dictate that we keep our numbers in the gymnasium at a safe size for our large events. This means that families are encouraged to keep their attendance at the evening Christmas Concert to two, or maximum three people. Extended family members such as grandparents or other loved ones are encouraged to attend our 10:00am concert as there should be more seating available. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season everyone.



### Lost and Found

Lost articles are piling up in our bin. Please remind your children to look through the Lost & Found. We have many items that will be required once the colder weather arrives. Please look through the items when you come to the school.

### Allergy Alerts!

We are a "Nut & Scent Aware School!" Let's be diligent to ensure we are refraining from sending known peanut/nut products to school or wearing perfume products if you are working as a volunteer!



### Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2020? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2020-21 school year on Feb. 1, 2020. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten)—to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

### Returning Student Registration for 2020-21

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2020-21 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2020-21 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2020-21 returning student registration takes place between Feb. 1-29, 2020.

### Access to the Returning Student:

Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2020. For more information contact the school directly.



**Winter Break**

Uncas Elementary will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 20, 2019. The school will reopen on Jan. 6, 2020. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

EIPS Central Services Winter Break Hours  
Closed: December 25 - January 1  
Open: January 2 - 3 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
\*for location and contact information visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Trustees**

For many, including myself, December is a time for reflection and gratitude. As we wind down 2019 and head into the winter break, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. I also want to sincerely thank of each you for the contributions you bring to the Division on an ongoing basis. You are our partners in education. And, because of that, we're making a difference in the learning experiences and opportunities of all students within EIPS.

We hope all of you enjoy this special time of year and have a chance to attend some of the many school concerts and special events taking place Division wide. To all of you, have a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.  
Merry Christmas and happy holidays,

Trina Boymook  
EIPS Board Chair