

Monthly Update



Principal's Message

Thank you to all students and staff for making Read-In Week such a success. Read-In Week is celebrated in schools across Alberta in the second week of October. Any time we can celebrate and emphasize the life skill of reading it is an opportunity that we like to share!

Looking ahead we have parent teacher interviews October 28th and 29th and Halloween activities on October 30th. While students are encouraged to dress up as usual for Halloween, the mask wearing, and distancing protocols will still be in effect. The dance usually put on by Parent Council cannot take place but there will still be a student parade outside weather permitting at lunch.

I am proud of our Uncas Community and our response to the health pandemic we have been facing. Students and staff have been following the safety protocols exceedingly well and families have been doing the responsible thing keeping symptomatic persons at home and getting tested where necessary. Thank you and let's keep up the good work!

1. Allergies and Medical Alerts

If your child has a severe allergy or medical condition which could lead to an emergency during the school day, please inform the school office so that we may notify the staff.

2. Medication

If medication is to be administered to your child at school, a form must be completed by the parent/guardian. The medication must be brought to school in the **original** container. Please request a form from the office. Forms must be completed on a yearly basis, even if your child has taken the same medication during previous years.

3. Cold Weather

The cold weather will soon be upon us. It is important that children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students will go outside for all three recesses unless the temperature is below -22 C. We will also take into account the wind chill factor to determine the danger of frostbite in the colder weather.

4. Messages in the Office

Please remember that if you are calling to leave a message for your child, especially one regarding a change of plans for after school care or transport, it would be sincerely appreciated if you could call **BEFORE 2:00 p.m.** It can become very busy after this time and thus, extremely difficult to deliver messages.

Halloween Reminders

As we look to October, Halloween is fast approaching. Here are a few things to think about ... Remember that many candy and chocolate bars contain nuts, so we would ask you to remember to avoid sending these treats to school in keeping with our “NUT AWARE” policy. This will also cut down on the amount of litter in our school and on our school ground. Please be aware that any sharing of food is not allowed under protocols for COVID-19.

Please remember that we do not allow weapons or guns of any type to accompany student’s costumes. Costumes must still enable non-medical masks intended to protect our health. We also encourage “fun” costumes and do not allow violent or bloody character costumes.



Uncas Virtual Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair is returning to our school in a brand-new way!!

From October 19-30, families will be able to explore a virtual book fair from the comfort of their own homes!

Starting October 19, families will be given a link to our online fair, which will allow you to shop the Fair like any e-commerce site. Orders will then be shipped to your house, with free shipping for orders over \$35. Remember, all books sold at the fair will help our school get new books into our library.

Feel free to check out the site before it goes live. Here is the link: <https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5149067>

Let us make this the best fair yet! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Stay tuned for more information!

Happy Reading!

Ms. L. Gamache

Pay School Fees Online!

Elk Island Public Schools will be modifying school fees for the 2020-21 year to accommodate:

- the switch from on-line learning to in school learning
- the change of some schools to a quarterly semester system
- a reduction to the number and amount of refunds should schools re-close

Fees will be charged at the beginning of each of the four quarters listed below, and you will receive an e-mail notification from the school once fees are posted to the students' Power-school account each quarter.

- Sep 1, 2020 (same Entry Date for all schools)
- Nov 16, 2020 (same Entry Date for all schools)
- Feb 1, 2021 (Entry Date for Elem and JH is Jan 6)
- Apr 21, 2021 (Entry Date for Elem and JH is April 6)

Noon Hour Supervision:

- This annual fee will now be split into **four equal parts**.
- Students entering on the specified entry dates will have their noon supervision fee adjusted accordingly at the next quarter billing.

Field Trips and Extracurricular Fees (e.g. sports):

- Fees will be charged only when they are approved to occur. As of entry date Sept. 1, all such activities are currently suspended.

Fee Payment Deadlines:

- Fees will be due each quarter, 14 days after they are posted. Fees are only applicable to students attending in-school.

Fee Credits and Refunds:

If your student is registered for in-school learning at the start of each quarter, you will be assessed all applicable fees for that quarter.

Noon Supervision and Course Fees require planning and resources to operate and the costs are not easily changed to fluxes in student numbers. For this reason, refunds will not be issued after 14 days of attending in class session in the applicable quarter if a personal decision is made to switch from in-school to online learning. Should the Government make the decision to change to Scenario 2 or Scenario 3 schooling, fees will be adjusted appropriately. If you have any questions regarding fees, please contact the office at 780-922-4025.

