



Uncie's Update

November 9, 2018

Important Dates

- Nov 9: Remembrance Day Observance
10:30 a.m.
- Nov 12-16: **No School** - Fall Break
- Nov 20: Hot Lunch
- Nov 22: Bus to Swim
- Nov 22: Report Cards go home
- Nov 23: Movie Night Doors: 6:30pm
- Nov 27: Hot Lunch
- Nov 28: Start of Food Bank
Christmas Giving
- Nov 29: Bus to Swim
- Dec 1: Christmas Market 10:00-3:00pm
- Dec. 5: Early Dismissal 1:31pm

Principal's Message

I would like to start off this message with a thank you to Parent Council. Just a few of the things happening last month include the Uncas Halloween Dance, parent sponsored lunch, multiple fund raisers, bus to swim, hot lunch, pizza day, milk program and the very successful Christmas card art project. The parent involvement at Uncas School is nothing short of spectacular and thank you for supporting our students!

Remembrance Day Observance will be held on November 9th. We will honor our men and women, both past and present, who sacrificed so much for us and our democratic, free way of life. We are always proud of how our children

respect the ceremony, and invite all parents to join us in our observance of this solemn occasion beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Bully Awareness Week is held in November throughout Alberta. The theme this year is "Choose Kind". Uncas School is participating in the week with classroom presentations on positive relationship skills, daily announcements and many other activities for Bully Awareness Week.

November is also report card month. We look forward to sharing and celebrating our students' progress over the past three months. Students will receive a paper copy of their report card, and it can also be viewed online via the PowerSchool Parent Portal.



Library Update

We've had quite a successful book fair this year, with a total sale of \$ 2749.54! As a result of this success, we were able to take away \$1650.00 worth of books to support the growth of our library!

I would like to thank all the families and students who came out and purchased books. A very special thanks also goes out to the parents who volunteered. We wouldn't have been able to pull it off with them.

Thanks everyone!

Ms. Gamache
Librarian



Wee Read

Thank you to the following people who are volunteering their time to help students at Uncas read: Donna Leary, Meg Lamb, Bunty Nahorney, Stephanie Leighton, Elyse Chatterton, Bliss Boivert, Pam Fitt, and Kerri Stribling. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for more volunteers to read to students. If you can spare half an hour or more a week, please contact Cheryl Hill at cheryl.hill@eips.ca, or call the school at 780-922-4025.

If children are immersed in a culture of reading, and are surrounded by engaged adults who have the will and skill to support their learning, they will learn to read with confidence and joy. Come and join our Wee Read community.

READ

Celebrating the Season of Giving
Christmas is upon us once again and the time of giving is alive.

Uncas needs your help collecting donations for the **Strathcona Christmas Bureau.**



Our Christmas Giving begins on Wednesday, November 28 and we will work together bringing articles until the final day on Friday, December 7.

Here are the items we would like to collect each day:

November 28 – Pasta and Pasta Sauces
November 29 – Canned stew and chili
November 30 – Cereals: hot or cold
December 3 – Jello and puddings
December 4 – Jigsaw puzzles and games
*If you are buying toys requiring batteries, please include them!
December 5 – Pancake mix and syrup
December 6 – Cakes mixes
December 7 – Scarves, mitts, toques and socks (one size fits all).

If possible ... please donate food in tin cans or plastic containers instead of glass jars for safety in the hampers. Thank you!

Your child is not expected to participate every day. Participation is voluntary





Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents 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 parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, “school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

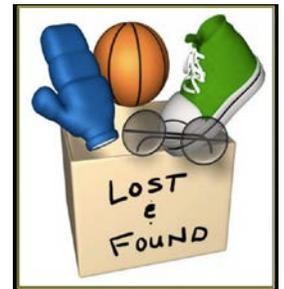
When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

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

Names Please!

We need your help in making sure students' clothing doesn't go missing or *get mixed up*. Please label your child's winter clothing because often two items of clothing can look exactly the same.

Our lost and found box is beginning to fill up, so next time you are in the school check to see if any lost items from your home have found their way into the box.



No School

Fall Break:
November 12 – November 16



Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

**New SchoolMessenger
Call-display Number**

Effective November 1, all phone calls going out through SchoolMessenger will display one of the following toll-free numbers rather than the school or Division number.

- Messages programmed from Student Transportation: 1-833-298-5234
- Messages programmed from schools and the Division office: 1-833-202-1419

With this change, parents/guardians have the ability to call back to this number to replay all recent phone messages they've received through SchoolMessenger. If you've missed a call or would like to replay a message to confirm you have all the details, simply call back the applicable 1-833 number and follow the prompts to repeat any recent messages.

