



Uncie's Update

December, 2018

December Highlights

- Dec. 11 Hot Lunch
- Dec. 13 Last Day for Bus to Swim
- Dec. 17 Ardrossan Jr/Sr Band Afternoon Performance
- Dec. 18 Hot Lunch
- Dec. 18 Christmas Concert
- Details:
 - Morning 10:00am
 - Evening 6:30pm
- Dec. 20 Christmas Concert Back-up Day Ardrossan Band Sing-a-long
- Dec. 21 Wear Christmas Hat or Wear an Ugly Christmas Sweater
- Dec. 22 to Jan. 6, 2019 Christmas Holidays
- Jan. 7, 2019 1st day - Back to School
- Jan. 8, 2019 PAC Meeting 11:30 am
- Jan. 9, 2019 Early Dismissal-1:31 pm
- Jan. 9, 2019 Pizza Day



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 1st. This event had a gym full of fabulous crafts, amazing Catfish Coffee, wonderful soup, a lot of community participation and sleigh rides! I think this event has even

more potential, especially with more student and parent involvement. 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 18th 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 20.

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.



Uncas Christmas Concert

The Christmas season is upon us and your children are working feverishly to get ready for the Christmas concert. Here is some information that you may be wondering about:

Date: **Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

Times: **10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Location: **Uncas Elementary School**

How is my child to dress?

Everyone is to wear their Sunday best for both concerts. Please avoid wearing sweaters as it can get very hot underneath the stage lights.

Grade 6 students need to wear black clothing. Navy is acceptable but black is ideal.

If you already know that your child cannot attend, please write a note in your child's agenda so that we can plan accordingly.

Thanks so much and have a Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Hill
Music Teacher

Reminder for Christmas Concert

Parents picking up children from After School Care, please re-enter the building and line up at the front outside doors.

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 for the Christmas concert.

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!

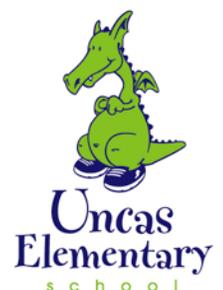


News from the Library

With Christmas break just around the corner, it's easy for books to get misplaced or damaged. The best way prevent this is by keeping library books in safe place and keeping track of them over the holidays.

But most importantly, make sure to get in some good reading time with your kids. Reading together not only helps exercise the brain, but it is also a great way to spend time together. So remember to keep reading and enjoy the holidays!

Happy Reading!
Ms. Gamache



Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2019-20 school year on **Feb. 1, 2019**.



To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at

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.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at www.uncas.ca

Elk Island Public Schools 2019-20 Registration Drive

All student registrations for the 2019-20 school year—including kindergarten registration, returning student registration and new student registration—will take place online commencing on Feb. 1, 2019.

- **Kindergarten:** Your child is eligible to enrol in kindergarten if he/she will be five years old on or before December 31, 2019.
- **Returning Students:** If your child will be returning to an EIPS school next fall, this is when you will

confirm that registration and select your requested school—whether your child will attend your designated school or will request a non-designated school, your family will complete this process.

- **New Students:** Students new to EIPS for the 2019-20 school year will also complete their registration at this time.

All registration forms will be online for families to complete. Additional information, including a list of schools with open and closed boundaries, will be posted on the Division website in the new year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Trustees

As the holiday season approaches and we prepare for the winter break, I want to take the opportunity to extend warm wishes to all our students, staff and families on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. We hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful and safe Christmas season, and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019.

Thank you and best wishes,

Trina Boymook,
EIPS Board Chair



Winter Break

Uncas Elementary will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 21, 2018 and will reopen on Jan. 7, 2019. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Central Services at Elk Island Public Schools.

**EIPS Central Services
Winter Break Hours**

Closed: December 22-January 1
Open January 2-4, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

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

Christmas Break

**December 22, 2018 to
January 6, 2019**

**Classes Resume
Monday, January 7,
2019**

