

# Uncie's Update



March 7, 2019



## March Highlights

Mar. 5	Hot Lunch
Mar. 5	PAC Meeting 6:15pm
Mar. 6	Early Dismissal
Mar. 7	Thursday Bus to Swim
Mar. 8	<b>No School</b> - PD Day for staff
Mar. 10	Daylight Savings Spring Ahead
Mar. 12	Cross-country Skiing Strathcona Wilderness Grade 1 Wyllie in the am and Grades 1-2 Chabot in the pm
Mar. 12	Hot Lunch
Mar. 14	Last Bus to Swim
Mar. 15	Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 18	Cross-country Skiing Strathcona Wilderness Grade 2 Stokes in the am and Grade 3 Wiley in the pm
Mar. 19	Uncas Speech Competition 8:30-10:30am
Mar. 19	Hot Lunch
Mar. 20	Grades 4, 5 & 6 Ski or Snowboard Trip to Snow Valley
Mar. 20	Report Cards Sent Home
Mar. 23	<b>No School</b> - Day-in Lieu
Mar. 24 – 31	Spring Break
April 1	School Resumes

## Principal's Message

February was certainly an action packed month for Uncas School! March looks just as exciting.

Six of our Uncas students (Marshall (4H); Nate (5H), Brooklynn, Julia (5/6S); Kenna and Haley (6R) had an opportunity to pursue their passion and enhance their writing and illustrating skills during the Young Authors' Conference held for EIPS students at F.R. Haythorne Junior High School in Sherwood Park on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to Mrs. Hart for organizing our participation during this 2019 Y.A.C. event.

Our Running Club competed at the Running Room Games at the University of Alberta Butterdome in February. The students practised hard under the direction of coaches Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Soltys, and did a wonderful job representing our school at the event. Our school did very well and based on time placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 70 teams.

Congratulations to our relay team (Jevan P, Judah P, Harry M, Marshall E, Dawson H, Quinn N, Jenna M, Haley K, Daylen G, and Abigail M) for a job well done! We also had a number of students compete in individual events and have 3 moving on to compete in the semifinals on March 16! Go Uncas!



February was Kindness Month at Uncas! Some of the activities included participation in the International Pink Shirt / Anti-Bullying day this year with excellent representation from students and staff. All month long staff gave out kindness tickets for students caught doing acts of kindness. There was a daily draw where students got to choose a prize. The younger grades discussed and watched the Ant Bully while the older grades did the same with the film Wonder. A "Caring Tree" was put on the bulletin board outside the office with each student in the school contributing a leaf representing strategies for kindness. Many thanks to all Uncas staff and students who work to develop and support positive relationships at our school each and every day.



### News from the library!

Thank you to all the families who came out and supported our book fair! With your help, we were able to sell \$2,077 worth of books, which in turn will help the library get more great books! Thank you also to the amazing volunteers who help make this book fair a success.

Also, reminder to all families to make sure that all library books are brought back on time. We will be having a contest this month that students can only participate in if their books are all returned on time and all fines for damaged or lost books are paid for.

Happy Reading!  
Ms. L. Gamache

### Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

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.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www.uncas.ca](http://www.uncas.ca).

Happy Spring Break

March 22 – Day-In-Lieu  
March 23 – March 31  
First day back is April 1



### Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 11

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2019 Parent Survey—open from March 11-29.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes questions about cellphones and personal devices. Your feedback will help the EIPS Board of Trustees develop a policy about cellphones and their use within the classroom.

#### VISIT [WWW.EIPS.CA](http://WWW.EIPS.CA) TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey opens March 11, 2019

Survey closes March 29, 2019

**NOTE:** The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

### Saving for Your Child's Education

It's no secret, post-secondary education comes with significant costs. In fact, many families wonder how much they need to save and how soon they need to begin. To help get started, the Government of Canada offers families two education savings incentives.

- *Canada Education Savings Grant:* The government contributes up to 20 per cent on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a Registered Education Savings Plan.
- *Canada Learning Bond:* Available for eligible children from low-income families born in 2004 or later. The government provides an initial payment of \$500, plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000—personal contributions are not required.

Once that child enrolls in post-secondary education—an apprenticeship program, trade school, college or university—the money saved can be used to pay the associated expenses. These include tuition, housing, transportation, textbooks, equipment and supplies. So, while it's never too late to begin saving, just a small contribution each year can translate into substantial saving later. For more information visit the

Government of Canada's [Education Savings](http://www.education.ca/savings) website.

Wear Green for  
St. Patrick's Day  
Friday, March 15



**Next Step Continuing Education****Summer School and Youth Camps: Registration opens March 11****There's something for everyone**

**Summer School:** Open to students entering grades 10-12 with more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

***Courses include:***

- CALM, Physical Education 10, and Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English, math, social and all the sciences at the 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience

**Summer Youth Camps: Open to participants in grades 5-9**

From sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.

***Camps include:***

- sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball—new

**Registration opens on March 11.**