

# the JAMES MOWAT Messenger

May 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are hoping Spring has finally arrived and we can begin enjoying some warmer weather as we move through these last few weeks of school.

The staff of James Mowat Elementary continue to be extremely proud of the work our students are doing both in school and during at home learning. While this school year has presented some unique challenges, what is clear is that our James Mowat Staff, Students, and Parents are more than up to these challenges.

With changing guidelines to in school learning and COVID protocols, we encourage all parents to watch for School Messengers with important information regarding upcoming events and activities as this will likely be the best source of up to date information.

Please check the online calendar regularly to stay up to date on what's happening at the school.

## May 2020

Here's what's happening in May:

May 3-7 Education Week

May 3-9 Mental Health Week

May 5 Early dismissal

May 5 Hats On! for Mental Health Day

May 7 Professional learning day (all schools closed to students)

May 18 Kindergarten Virtual Information Night (5:30)

May 21 School closure day (all schools closed)

May 24 Victoria Day (all schools closed)

Please note the following school closure days this month. There will be no school on:

May 7 Professional Learning Day

May 21 School Closure Day

May 24 Victoria Day



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## **Student Transportation: 2021–2022 registration is now open**

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation).

**NOTE:** Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the



## **Yearbooks— Order Deadline is Friday, May 20**



Work is currently underway to complete the 2020-2021 yearbook. The yearbook will be the same format as in previous years. Orders can be placed online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The order deadline is Friday, May 20, 2021. A tremendous THANK YOU goes to Mrs. Fleming for all her time and effort in producing this year's book!



### **THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day was May 3**

On May 3 we recognized and thanked our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We hope you, and your children, took a moment to say thanks to our bus operators - who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students. On behalf of James Mowat School **THANK YOU** to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

### **Kindergarten Information Night**

Families who have a child registered to begin kindergarten in September 2021 are invited to attend our Kindergarten Information Night with their child on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Here is the schools [Google Meet](#) link.

If you are unable to attend the **Kindergarten Information Night**, please contact the school office after June 4 to sign up for one of the **Orientation Days in September**.



### **EIPS Launches new Blog: tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk, welcome!**

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team has launched a new blog entitled, [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk](#), welcome! The monthly blog offers readers information and resources about Indigenous education and related events taking place throughout the Division.

During the recent parent engagement sessions, families of both Indigenous students and those who attended the general foundational knowledge series said they wanted more information about the projects, activities and initiatives happening at schools across EIPS. So, the Division delivered and created [tawâw, miyoonakishkatoohk](#), welcome! Make sure to visit the blog often for the latest news and information about what's happening throughout the Division.



### **Write On Stationery**

James Mowat School has chosen to offer the parents of children planning to attend James Mowat next year the opportunity to pre-purchase their school supplies. Write-On Stationery will purchase, package and deliver all of your children's school supplies for the next year.

**THIS IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM** but one that we are sure will be of value to you as it ensures that students will be provided with quality school supplies that meet the student's exact needs.

**All orders placed online by July 15, 2021, will be packaged, returned to the school and available for pick up August 26, 27 and 30.** This will give you one less thing to worry about over the summer.

School supply lists for 2021-2022 school year are now available on the James Mowat School Website at [www.jamesmowat.ca](http://www.jamesmowat.ca).



### **Reminder About Class Requests**

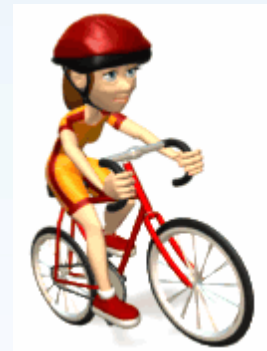
We strive to provide the optimum classroom conditions for all students. To achieve this goal we revisit our class lists each year and make changes based on a number of factors. Staff carefully reflect on creating classes which are balanced and provide the best conditions for all students. This encourages students to make new friendships, become more independent and experience various teaching styles. We appreciate and thank you for supporting these changes. Thank you for working with us.



## **Education Week 2021: May 3-7**

Education Week took place May 3-7. Throughout the week, students and staff from James Mowat, showcased and celebrated the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta Education, the annual event was celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week at James Mowat is Learning is a Journey highlighting the progression and growth of students over time and the multiple facets of an educational experience—including core subjects, fine arts, school teams, citizenship education, extracurricular activities and more.



## **Bicycle Reminder**

Summer is almost here... With summer comes the bicycle season. For safety reasons, we request that students follow these guidelines:

1. Students should ride their bicycles up to the school grounds area, dismount and walk their bikes to the rack.
2. Bicycles should be locked to the rack immediately.
3. Bicycle racks are out of bounds during school hours.
4. At noon or after school, when you are going home, students should walk their bikes to the end of the school grounds area and then proceed home.
5. No bicycles should be ridden through the parking lot or the student pickup area.
6. Bicyclists must wear an approved helmet at all times.

We often have well over one hundred bicycles at the racks. It does get crowded. Please follow the above guidelines to stay safe.



### Looking Ahead to June:

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| June 2    | Early Dismissal                 |
| June 7-11 | All Library Books Due this Week |
| June 18   | Fun in the Sun Day              |
| June 23   | Grade 6 Farewell                |
| June 24   | Grade 6 Farewell                |
| June 24   | Last Day for Students           |



# Scholastic Book Fairs

## Time to Shop!

Dear families,

It's here! Our school's Scholastic SUMMER READING Book Fair will be open from May 18-31, 2021.

Experience the joy of the Book Fair by joining us at our Family Event! Come together as a family to view the fun, exciting and inspiring titles on WEDNESDAY May 19&26, 2021.

- Here is your school's unique [Virtual Book Fair link](#) -

Thank you for participating in our Scholastic SUMMER READING Book Fair!

Happy reading!



