

Kindergarten Information Night 2022





**Welcome to
KINDERGARTEN!**

MISS UHRIG AND MRS. LAURENT





Literacy-rich, play-based programming



Learning Areas

- Early literacy
- Mathematics
- Citizenship and identity
- Environment and community awareness
- Personal and social responsibility
- Physical skills and well-being
- Creative expression

New Kindergarten Draft Curriculum

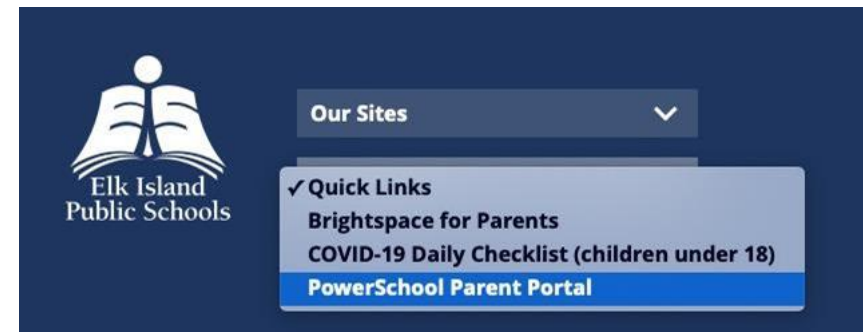
- In April 2022, Alberta Education will release the final curriculum for:
 - mathematics – kindergarten to Grade 3;
 - English language arts and literature – kindergarten to Grade 3; and
 - physical education and wellness – kindergarten to Grade 6.
- All elementary schools, provincewide, will implement the new curriculum for the start of the 2022-23 school year
- [Learn more at curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en)



PowerSchool Parent Portal

- Online access to your child's end of the year report card, attendance and school fees
- One Parent Portal account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

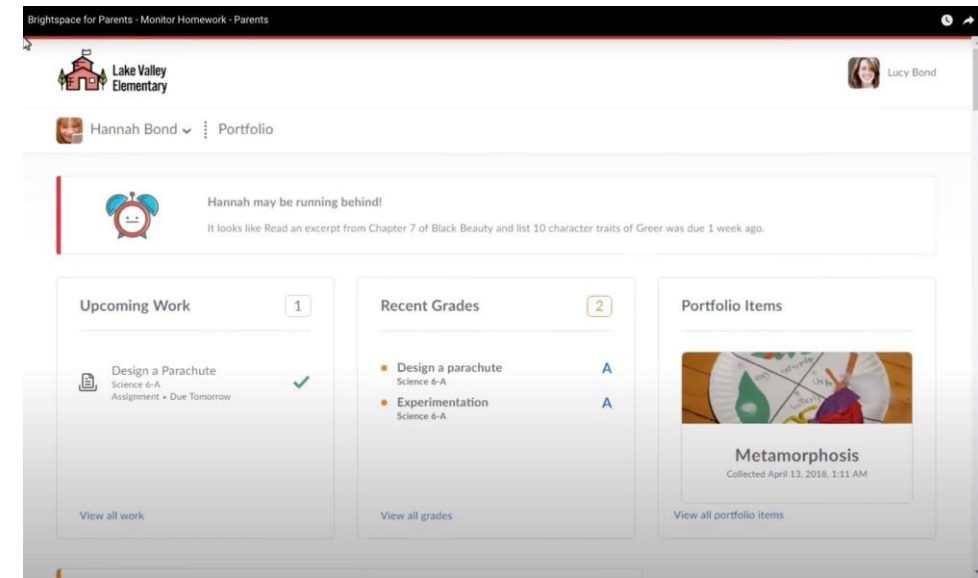
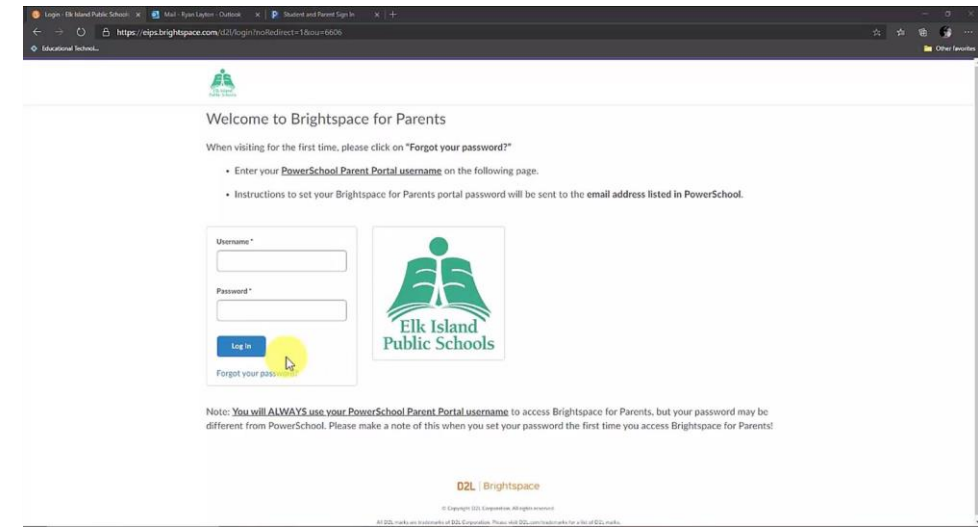
Learn more at eips.ca/schools/powerschool



Brightspace

- Online access to classroom updates, upcoming assignments, feedback from teachers and communication from the school and teacher, as applicable
- Separate portal access for parents and students
- One Brightspace for Parents account to link all children in the family together
- Your account follows each student as they move through the Division

Learn more at eips.ca/downloads/298577





Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure

Transportation fees are due June 30, 2021
and are paid online at [eips.ca/transportation/
transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments](https://eips.ca/transportation/transportation-fees/student-transportation-online-payments)



Student Transportation: Little Elk Island Adventure

Students and parents learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

Learn more at

eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure

Typical Kindergarten Day

- Bell schedule
- Early dismissal days
- Parent drop off and pick up





EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2022-23

☐ Regular School Day
☐ Early Dismissal for Students
☐ First Day of Class
☐ No School for Students – Professional Learning/Operational Day
☐ No School – Statutory Holiday
☐ No School for All Students and Staff

SCHEDULE A:
Mondays, Wednesdays
and select Fridays

SCHEDULE B:
Tuesdays, Thursdays
and select Fridays

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Important Dates

Aug 26 Professional Learning Day
Aug 29 Operational Day
Aug 30 Classes Begin
Sept 5 Labour Day – Statutory Holiday
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Division Closure
Oct 7 Professional Learning Day
Oct 10 Thanksgiving Day – Statutory Holiday
Nov 7-11 November Break
Nov 11 Remembrance Day – Statutory Holiday
Dec 21 - Jan 3 Christmas Break
Dec 25 Christmas Day – Statutory Holiday
Jan 1 New Year's Day – Statutory Holiday
Jan 4 Classes Resume for Students
Jan 30 Professional Learning Day
Feb 9 & 10 North Central Teachers' Convention
Feb 20 Family Day – Statutory Holiday
Mar 3 Professional Learning Day
Mar 24 - 31 Spring Break
Apr 3 Classes Resume
Apr 7 Good Friday – Statutory Holiday
Apr 10 Easter Monday – Division Closure
May 5 Professional Learning Day
May 19 School Closure Day
May 22 Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
Jun 23 Last Instructional Day Schedule B
Jun 26 Last Instructional Day Schedule A
June 27 - 28 Operational Days

EIPS offers full-day programming on alternating days. 475 instructional hours per year

- Monday, Wednesday and select Fridays, or
- Tuesday, Thursday and select Fridays

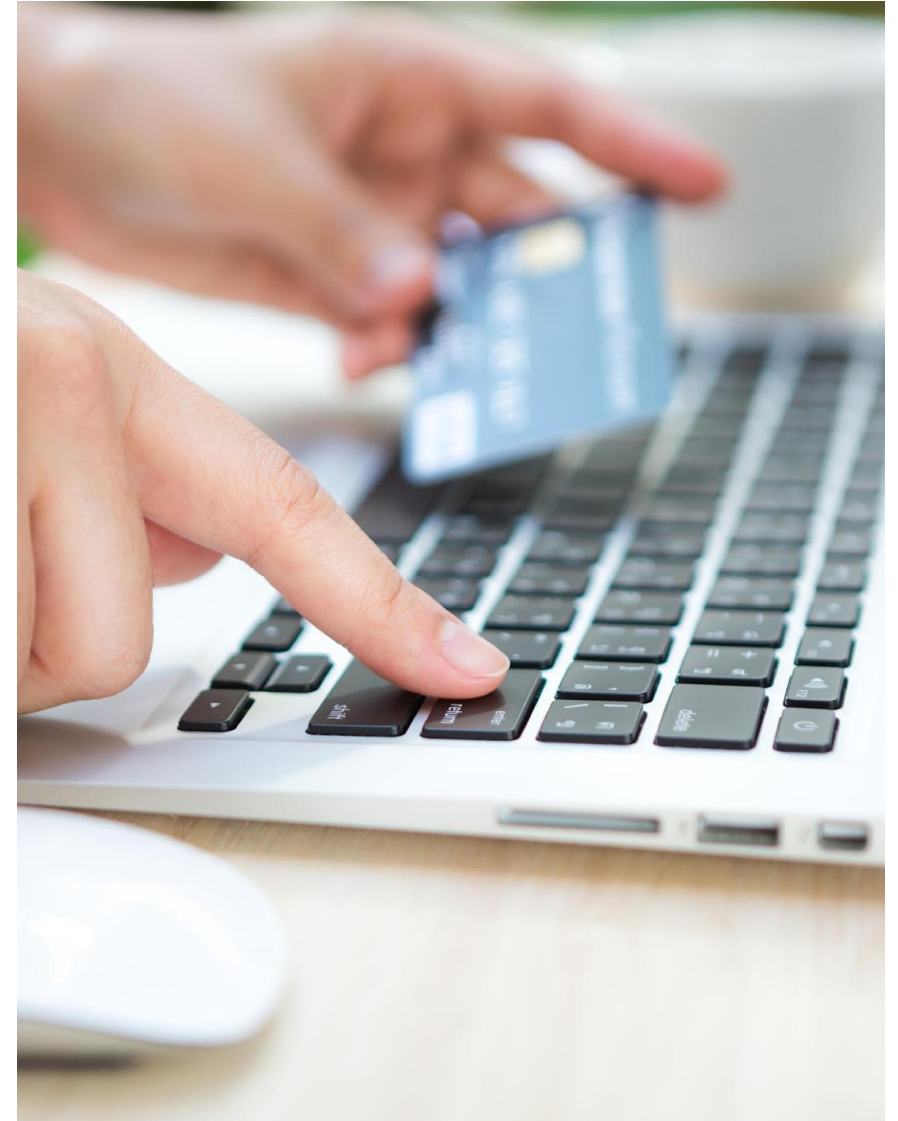
Find the Division calendar at eips.ca/calendar

Visit the calendar page on the school's website for school specific dates and events.

School Fees

- Paid online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Assessed at the start of the year
- Others may be added throughout the year
- Fees are generally due within 30 days of being assessed
- Fee waiver policy

Learn more at eips.ca/schools/fees





School Supplies

- School Supply List will be posted on school website



Parent Involvement

- School Council
- Parent volunteers

Early Years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA)

- Administered in the fall
- Uses teachers' regular observations and informal assessments
- Helps determine a child's progress and development in five key areas
 - Awareness of self and environment;
 - Social skills and approaches to learning;
 - Cognitive skills;
 - Language and communication; and
 - Physical development
- Assessment findings used to help plan instruction



Specialized Supports Informed Consent

School and Program Preference

For the 2022-23 school year, it is anticipated that all students will attend school in person.

Enrolling Grade required i

Kindergarten



Review [Kindergarten Specialized Supports Informed Consent](#)

☐ I have read and understand the Kindergarten Specialized Supports Informed Consent. required

Please choose from the two options below regarding Kindergarten supports screening for your child. required

☐ Accept Screening

☐ Decline Screening

Refer to the [Kindergarten Calendar](#) information for the 2022-23 schedule options, then return to this form and select your kindergarten schedule preference. The selected preference is taken into account but is not guaranteed.

Supports Available

- Occupational Therapist – Fine Motor Skills
- Speech Language Pathologist





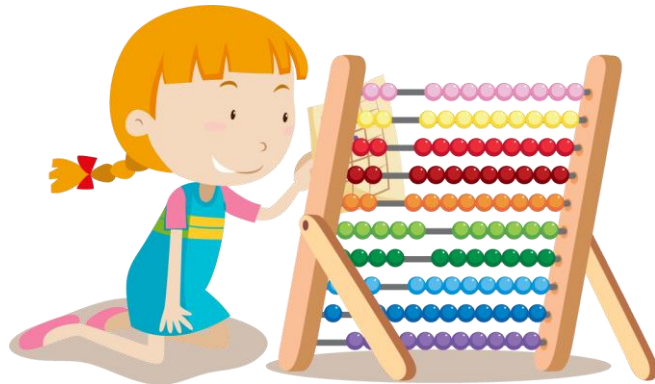
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



Social-emotional development



Numeracy



Self-help skills



Eye See, Eye Learn

James Mowat Kindergarten



Helpful Links

- eips.ca/kindergarten
- Facebook: facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools
- Twitter: twitter.com/eips

- **Facebook:**
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Elementary-School/James-Mowat-Elementary-1384973211740885/>

- **Twitter:**
https://twitter.com/jmw_elementary?lang=en

Kindergarten Hours

- Our school day runs from 8:25am- 3:05pm.
- **The first Wednesday of every month** is Early Dismissal. The day ends at 2:05pm.
- Supervision begins at 8:20 every morning by the drop off zone
- Loop- Buses only. Please park on the street





Kindergarten Entrance

- The main doors located at the front of the school will be the **only doors** children will enter and leave the school by
- It is at this entrance where students and parents must wait until 8:25 where we will greet you and welcome students inside. Students will be dismissed at 3:05pm.

Snacks/Lunch

- provided by you each day for your child
- We encourage healthy options and **no peanuts as we are a peanut aware school.**
- Please be aware of food allergies
- Easy to open independently
- Please send food that does not require heating as we do not have microwaves





A Typical Day In Kindergarten

- Large Group Time – calendar, story, read-alouds, discussions etc.
- Structured Activities – journal drawing /writing, shared reading, fine motor activities
- Small group centers
- Play Centers
- Daily Physical Education .

Centers



- Exploration and learning through hands on activities
- Small group or individual instruction with a teacher or parent volunteer
- Free choice with some mandatory activities
- Learning social skills and curriculum
- Students rotate through small centers

Odds and Ends

- Mailbags will be provided. Please send to school each day and check after school each day. All important forms, etc will be sent home in mailbags
- Absences/illness- Please email or call the school as well as the teacher.
- Please send extra clothes for accidents/spills to keep at school in a labeled bag
- Label outdoor clothing (boots, mittens, hats etc.) A lot of children have the same items.
- Indoor shoes (Velcro-non-marking)
- Please label all school supplies (Pencils, crayons, etc). This helps us to keep track of supplies.
- Library- Students go to library once a week to choose 1 book to bring home

What Can We Work On At Home?

- Practice alphabet (lower and upper case)
- Recognizing and writing first name
- Scissors skills e.g. model and practice proper grip, non-dominant hand turns the paper etc.
- Dressing- aim for independence! E.g. zippers, putting shoes on etc.
- Read. You can read together at home. Talk about the author, pictures, look at the words, discuss the 5 W's (Who, What, Where, When, Why)



