

the JAMES MOWAT Messenger

JUNE 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe it's June and the school year is coming to an end. We have a busy month planned ahead with Grade 6 PATs, Fun in the Sun, Talent Show, and the Grade 6 Farewell. We will miss our Grade 6 students and wish them success as they leave James Mowat and move on to Junior High. Remember, you will always be a James Mowat Jay!

The 2021/22 school year has been an amazing year at James Mowat. As a school, we continued to focus on literacy and numeracy. It has been exciting to see our students' growth throughout the year. It was great to be able to welcome volunteers back into our school this year.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to our Parent Council for their unwavering support and generosity in supporting our school again this year. Your contributions are truly appreciated!

We would like to wish the following staff all the best as they will be leaving James Mowat and pursuing other opportunities: Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Beck, Miss White, Miss Hess, Mrs. Watson, Miss Brown, Mrs. Lott, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Bartz, and Miss Charrois. We would like to thank them for their contributions, dedication, and commitment to making a difference in our school!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer with family and friends. See you August 30, 2022.

Mr. Stacey Boyko, Principal

Mr. John Murphy, Assistant Principal

June at a Glance:

Jun 1	Early Dismissal
Jun 2	Grade 6 Tour Rudolph Hennig
Jun 8	Fun in the Sun
Jun 10-16	Fort Saskatchewan Pride Week
Jun 13-17	Library Returns Due
Jun 15	PAT Grade 6 Math Part A
Jun 20	PAT Grade 6 Math Part B
Jun 20	Kindergarten Farewell (M/W)
Jun 21	Kindergarten Farewell (T/Th)
Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Jun 22	PAT Grade 6 Science
Jun 23	PAT Grade 6 Social Studies
Jun 24	PAT Grade 6 English Part B
Jun 24	Talent Show 1-3pm
Jun 28	Grade 6 Farewell 12:30-2pm
Jun 28	Last Day of School

Looking ahead to 2022/2023:

Jul 15	Write-On Stationery Orders Due (online)
Aug 22	Office re-opens
Aug 24-26	Write-On Stationery Order Pick-up (9am to 3pm)
Aug 30	First Day of School
Sept 5	No School - Labour Day
Sept 7	Early Dismissal
Sept 14	School Photos (K-6)
Sept 15	School Photos (Alt. K class)



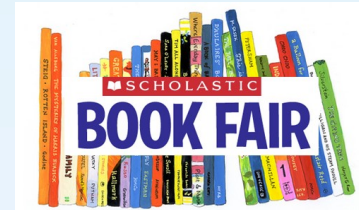
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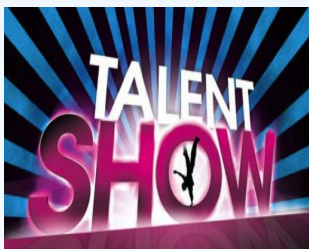
Scholastic Book Fair

The James Mowat family raised \$5,962.66 during the Spring 2022 Scholastic Book Fair! We are always amazed at your generous support!



Our librarian decided to go with the Scholastic Book Fair Credit of \$2,623.81 this time and took \$1,348.50 in product from the Book Fair before it was shipped back. That will leave us \$1,275.31 to still spend on Scholastic products next year!

It was great to have the kids in to experience the book fair again and we hope to see everyone at Book Fair during Parent Teacher Interviews next year!



Year End Talent Show

Date: Friday June 24 at 1:00pm (families are welcome to attend)

Location: School gymnasium

Application forms were sent home on May 24 and were due back Tuesday May 31. Tryouts will take place on June 13 & 14 at noon

We hope to see you join us for this annual special event, it's been a few years and everyone is excited to perform!!! If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Sikora. Thank you for your awesome support of our music program at James Mowat!

Yearbook—Order deadline June 15th

2021-2022 Yearbooks are available to order through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. The yearbook is \$20 and will arrive in September 2022. The yearbook captures all the events for the entire school year. THANK YOU to staff for taking photos throughout the year for the yearbook. A huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Fleming for compiling the photos into our yearbook!





Fun in the Sun - Wednesday, June 8th

James Mowat held its annual Fun in the Sun Day on Wednesday, June 8th. It was great to be able to do this fun event once again! Students participated in various fun events like an obstacle course, bucket brigade, disc golf, long jump, and a tug of war to name a few!



Our wonderful Parent Council treated the students to a free hot lunch. Only those students who returned their signed permission form indicating they wanted a hot dog lunch by Friday, June 3rd received this lunch. Due to allergies/dietary need/concerns, those students who didn't return the form did not receive this lunch. Students were able to purchase additional items from the concession (all items \$1.00).



Thank you to Victoria Curran from Dominion Lending Centres Mortgage Mentors, Canada Safeway, Freson Brothers, and CO-OP Fort Saskatchewan for their kind donations to our Fun in the Sun Hot Lunch.

A huge thank you to our many volunteers who made this event possible!

Library Books

All library books must be returned by June 17. Any library books/textbooks not returned will have the fee added to student accounts in late June/early July. These fees will be included on the list for collections in the fall, if they are outstanding on August 31. Please check for fees and pay fees by logging into your Parent PowerSchool Portal (<https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html>)

Are you Moving this Summer?

If you are moving and will not be returning to James Mowat Elementary in the fall, please let the office know. It is very helpful to have this information as we plan for next year.



Write On Stationery/2022-23 School Supply Lists



WRITE-ON STATIONERY

James Mowat Elementary 2022-23 school supply lists are posted on our website (www.jamesmowat.ca/about/school-supplies).

James Mowat Elementary is once again offering families the opportunity to pre-purchase school supply packages through Write-On Stationery. 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. They will purchase, package and deliver all of your supplies for next year to your home address (new this year) or for pick up at James Mowat Elementary between August 24-26 (9am-3pm).

What is not addressed as part of the list are personal items like inside shoes, water bottles, or backpacks. The "also required" list includes items which you may already own. We do not expect parents to purchase these items every year. These need only be purchased if you do not already own them.

If you would like to purchase your school supplies through this program please order online by July 15, 2022.

Go to www.write-on.ca

Click on 'PARENTS – Order Here'

Type in and Select your School Name: James Mowat Elementary

Choose your grade(s) and select package and/or items

Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'

You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received

Write-On accepts: VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and INTERAC® Online

This will give you one less thing to worry about over the summer.





Parent Council Corner...

Next Parent Council Meeting:

The next meeting is our Annual General Meeting in September. Parent Council elections for executive positions take place annually at this AGM. There are 8 meetings (held monthly starting in September) each year. This is a great way to get involved with the school and stay informed. If you have any questions about the executive positions, or are interested in volunteering, please contact the parent council at jamesmowatpaa@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all of our Parent Council executive members and those on sub-committees (i.e. fundraising, hot lunch, outdoor sign, staff appreciation). Our school is able to have 'extras', like hot lunches and fun in the sun, because of the tremendous support of our parent council and the many volunteers who contribute their time throughout the year. Thank you also to those who participated in our fundraisers which allows us to provide extra funding to each classroom. Our school is truly an amazing place to be!



First Day Back at School - Tuesday, August 30, 2022

On the first day, staff will be welcoming students outside of the school and will be positioned near each entrance. A map will be emailed out late August to assist you in determining which entrance to drop off your children (based on their grade). Students will find out which class they are in on the first day of school.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.



SAVE THE DATE

GRADE 6 FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE

**SLIDE SHOW
SWEET TREATS
MEMORY WALL**

**GRAFFITI WALL
TEACHER TRIVIA
PHOTO BOOTH**

**Tuesday
June 28th**



**Drop-in in the Gym
12:30 – 2:00 pm**

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Your Future in MIND

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review their information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important in case there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year. All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **June 13 at noon**. After this time, EIPS will turn the form off for the remainder of the school year—available again at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) (<https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html>), contact the school at 780-992-1272.

2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,450 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: James Mowat Elementary](#)



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REMINDER: 2021-22 school fees

School fees for the 2021-22 school year are posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.



To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child’s account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child’s school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2021-22 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022.

Tools for School

James Mowat Elementary has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2022-23 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you’re a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

Alternatively, if you’d like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you’re out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, all [Staples locations](#) and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact the James Mowat Elementary office at 780-992-1272 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

[United Way Tools for School: 2022-23](https://www.myunitedway.ca/tools-for-school/) (<https://www.myunitedway.ca/tools-for-school/>)





Your Future **in MIND**

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2022-23 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date*	Time*
EIPS Central Services	August 16	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	10 a.m.
SouthPointe School	August 18	5 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 18	6:30 p.m.

* Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

** SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:

eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.





Your Future in MIND

Student Transportation: 2022-23 registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 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 returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, James Mowat Elementary is closed. It reopens on August 22 at 9:00am. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2022-23 school year. Students return to school on August 30.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 29 to August 19

Open: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed: July 1 Canada Day

Closed: August 1 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating the same hours as EIPS Central Services.





EIPS DIVISION CALENDAR 2022-23

Regular School Day

Early Dismissal for Students

First Instructional Day (Semester 1 and 2)

No School – Statutory Holiday

No School for All Students and Staff

No School for Students
– Professional Learning/Operational Day

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
- Jan 31** Second Semester Begins
- 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 – No Exams
- June 27** Last Instructional Day
- June 28** Last Operational Day

AUGUST 2022

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Summer Camp Is In Session!!

The City of Fort Saskatchewan Summer Camp Programs are back!

Choose from a variety of themes, field trips, and activities to have the best summer ever!

Register on June 7th to book your child into an adventurous, fun, and exciting experience!

Kinder Camps - Ages 4-5 years

Participate in half-day camps (morning/afternoon) for a funfilled summer!

Discovery Camps - Ages 6-8 years

Specialty Camps - Ages 8-11 years

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Full day camps for your summer-loving kids! New themes for every camp!



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Registration begins June 7th, 2022 at 8:00am!
For more information, visit fortsask.ca/GoLeisure

LEADERS IN TRAINING

(L.I.T) AGES 12 -15 YEARS OLD

Register now and join our team!
The Leaders in Training Program
provides an excellent opportunity
for teens 12 – 15 years old.

Your Leader in Training experience includes
a training session and volunteer time in
a summer program setting.
You will be able to put your new skills to work while
committing to work as a LIT for a minimum of 35
consecutive hours (one full week of camp) in our
awesome summer programs;
which run from Jul 4th – Aug 26th

In addition to having fun and gaining valuable
experience, you will be given mid- and end- week
feedback to help build on your new found skills,
as well as, receive a swag bag full of amazing goodies,
for each week that you participate in our summer
programs, a certificate for the training you completed
and a reference letter.

Can't wait to meet you this summer!

Registration Starts: Jun 07 8:00am

TRAINING SESSIONS:

FORT SASKATCHEWAN GOLF & CURLING CLUB

WED | JUN 29

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

COURSE CODE 11951 | \$25.00

FORT SASKATCHEWAN GOLF & CURLING CLUB

THU | JUN 30

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

COURSE CODE 11952 | \$25.00



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Hearts in Action Summer Camps

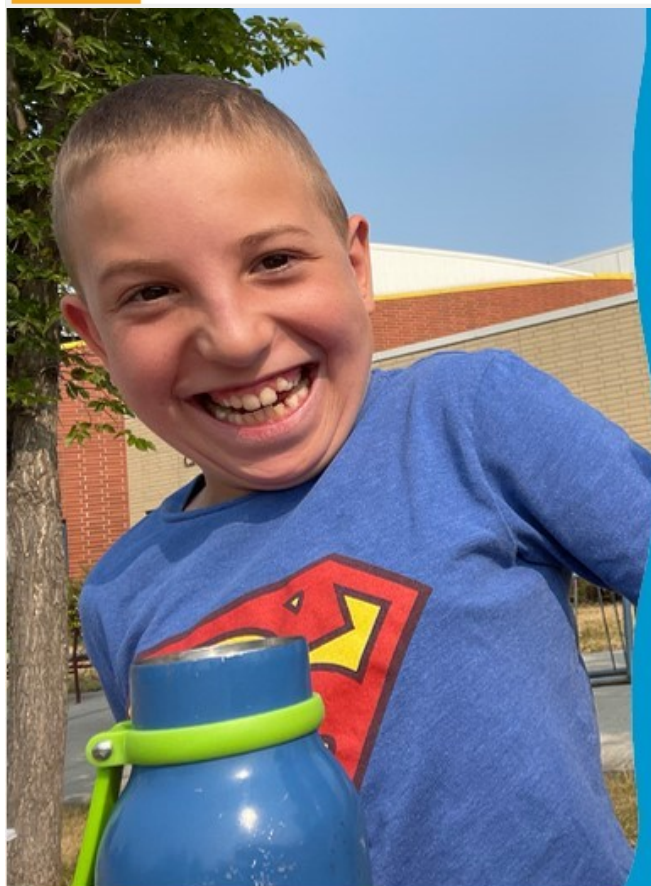
JULY 4 - AUGUST 26

AdaptAbilities summer camps create amazing possibilities for a non-stop summer of fun! We nurture belonging, exploration and fun, while providing a safe camp experience.

Our summer programs are designed for children, youth and young adults with special needs such as:

- Autism
- Down Syndrome
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Learning Disabilities
- Anxiety Disorder
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Cerebral Palsy
- Tourette's Syndrome
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Other special needs

Hearts in Action Summer Pledge



Did You Know?

AdaptAbilities offers year-round support for families!

This includes after-school care, social nights, centre or in-home respite, high school transition, drop-in sensory gym and more.



REGISTER NOW!

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Team Fort Sask



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ALBERTA

WE WANT TO BE CROWNED CANADA'S MOST ACTIVE
COMMUNITY AND NEED YOUR HELP!

June 1- June 30 2022

WHEN?

HOW?

Download the
participACTION App on
your smartphone, create
an account and start
logging activity minutes!

Everyone is
eligible to
participate and
any/every
movement counts!

WHO?

Follow us on Facebook for daily Tips, Tricks and
Resources throughout the month

WHY?

Only 16% of adults and 39% of children and
Youth meet the national physical activity
guidelines

**FIND YOUR DOSE
OF BETTER**

Breathe Better, Coach Better, Lead better, Laugh
better, Create Better, Think Better, Energy better,
Friend better, Family better, Unwind better

Stay Tuned for Fort Saskatchewan specific facts,
activities, events and progress reports.

**NEED
IDEAS?**

**THE TIME IS
NOW**

Let's Kick this Summer off Right!

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