

KINDERGARTEN  
INFORMATION NIGHT  
2025





**Welcome to  
KINDERGARTEN!**





**Literacy-rich, play-based programming**





# Curriculum Areas

- English Language Arts and Literature
- Mathematics
- Physical Education and Wellness
- Science
- Social Studies
- Fine Arts

# New Kindergarten Draft Curriculum

New kindergarten curriculum implemented:

- Mathematics (2022-23)
- English Language Arts and Literature (2022-23)
- Physical Education and Wellness (2022-23)
- Science (2023-24)

Future kindergarten curriculum implementation:

- Social Studies (anticipated 2025-26)
- Fine Arts (to be determined)

Learn more at

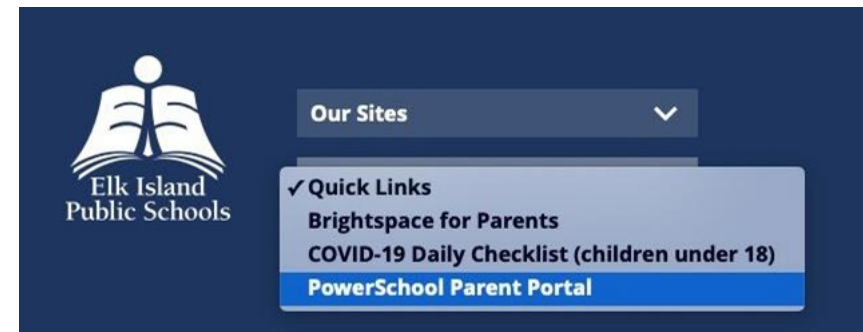
[curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en)



# 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](https://eips.ca/schools/powerschool)





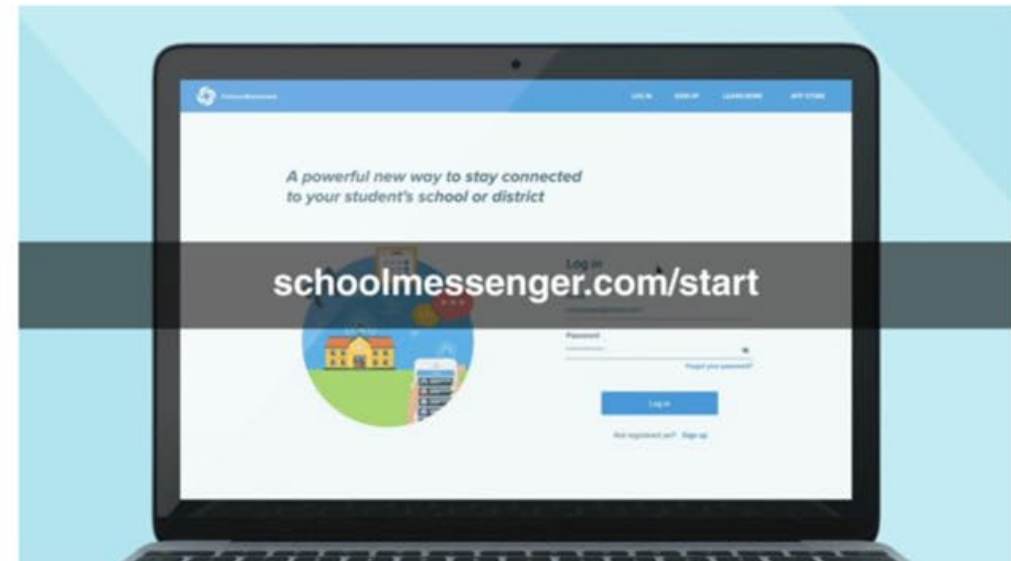
# SchoolMessenger

- EIPS uses the SchoolMessenger system for sending information to families by phone and email—including bus cancellations or delays, inclement weather, upcoming events, school newsletters, parental engagement opportunities, emergency notices and more.
- Families can manage their subscription preference through their SchoolMessenger account.
- Download the app to stay connected on the go.

Learn more at [eips.ca/contact/subscribe](https://eips.ca/contact/subscribe)



SCHOOLMESSENGER®



# Permission Click

- EIPS uses the online Permission Click platform for many school and Division forms.
- Forms are easily accessible and fillable from mobile devices. No log in required.
- Emails will come from Permission Click.
  - Add [notifications@permissionclick.com](mailto:notifications@permissionclick.com) to your safe-sender list to ensure required forms aren't mistakenly directed to your junk mail folder.







# Student Transportation

- Bus routes
- Bus passes
- Transportation fees
- Little Elk Island Adventure
- First Day of Kindergarten Bussing is September 4. No Busing for Staggered Start Days

Transportation fees are due June 30, 2025  
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](https://eips.ca/transportation/little-elk-island-adventure)



# Typical Kindergarten Day

- Bell schedule on the website
- Early dismissal days – Every Wednesday
- Parent drop off and pick up – Front Doors





## EIPS KINDERGARTEN CALENDAR 2025-26

■ No School for All Students and Staff  
○ Early Dismissal for Students  
– one hour early every Wednesday

☆ First Day of Class  
■ No School for Students  
– Professional Learning Day/Operational Day

**SCHEDULE A:**  
Mondays, Thursdays  
and select Wednesdays

**SCHEDULE B:**  
Tuesdays, Fridays  
and select Wednesdays

### Important Dates

Aug 26 Professional Learning Day  
Aug 27 Operational Day  
Aug 28 First Instructional Day Schedule A  
Aug 29 First Instructional Day Schedule B  
Sept 1 Labour Day – holiday  
Sept 4 First Day of Kindergarten Busing  
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Division closure  
Oct 3 Professional Learning Day  
Oct 13 Thanksgiving Day – holiday  
Nov 10 - 14 November Break  
Nov 11 Remembrance Day – holiday  
Nov 17 Classes Resume  
Dec 22 - Jan 2 Christmas Break  
Dec 25 Christmas Day – holiday  
Jan 1 New Year's Day – holiday  
Jan 5 Classes Resume  
Jan 28 Professional Learning Day  
Feb 5 - 6 North Central Teachers' Convention  
Feb 16 Family Day – holiday  
Mar 6 Professional Learning Day  
Mar 23 - 27 Spring Break  
Mar 30 Classes Resume  
Apr 3 Good Friday – holiday  
Apr 6 Easter Monday – Division closure  
May 1 Professional Learning Day  
May 18 Victoria Day – holiday  
June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day  
June 22 Last Instructional Day Schedule A  
June 23 Last Instructional Day Schedule B  
June 24 Operational Day

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# EIPS offers full-day programming on alternating days.

- Mondays, Thursdays and **select** Wednesdays, or
- Tuesdays, Fridays and **select** Wednesdays
- Students are dismissed one hour earlier **every** Wednesday

475 instructional hours per year

Find the Division calendar at [eips.ca/calendar](https://eips.ca/calendar)

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



# School Fees

## ▪ School Fees

- Paid online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal
- Assessed at the start of the year
- Others may be added throughout the year
- Fee waiver policy

Learn more at:

[eips.ca/schools/fees](https://eips.ca/schools/fees)

[eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees](https://eips.ca/schools/fees/waiver-of-fees)



# Staggered Entry

To introduce new kindergarteners to school, James Mowat offers staggered entry at the start of the school year.

Children come in smaller groups for a whole day to learn a bit about the classroom, the school and daily routines.

2025-2026 staggered entry dates will be emailed out.

**First day of kindergarten busing: September 4**








# School Supplies

- School Supply List will be posted on school website





# Events and Field Trips

- Safety City Field Trip is booked for June
- Christmas concert every 2 years. Next year is our Winter Family Fun Night





# Parent Involvement

- School Council
- Parent volunteers

# 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.



# Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Services

- SLPs in kindergarten provide the following services, as needed:
  - Informal classroom-based speech and language screening
  - Speech and language assessment to identify need for further services
  - Followup intervention or consultation for children transitioning from preschool programs
  - Direct intervention and consultation based on identified needs
  - Parent consultation



# Occupational Therapy (OT) Services

- OTs informally screen students' participation in the classroom setting and provide universal strategies to the classroom staff.
- Service is primarily consultative, providing resources to classroom staff and parents when needed. Students with mild to moderate needs will be primarily served through these general classroom suggestions.
- OTs may have more direct involvement with children who have significant needs in the areas of self-care, regulation and motor skills.







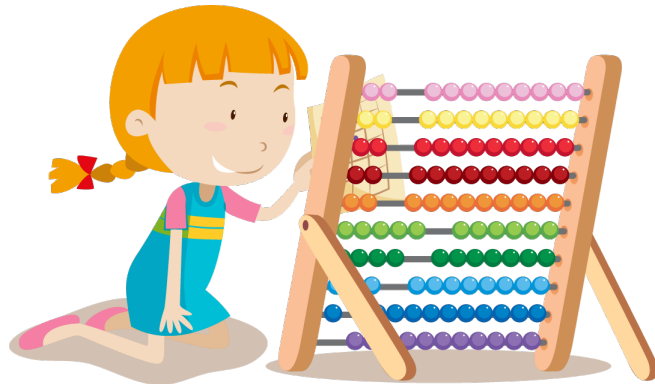
Communication and literacy



Motor skills



Social-emotional development



Numeracy



Self-help skills



Eye See, Eye Learn



## Preparing for Kindergarten: A Team Effort!

- **Preparing for Kindergarten email series:**  
EIPS will send a series of emails with fun activities to help you prepare your child for their kindergarten year.
  - Look for these emails and a special contest in May and June.
- **Welcome to Kindergarten questionnaire:**  
School and kindergarten teams are also busy preparing for your child. Families will receive a questionnaire where they can share important information about their child.
  - Watch for this form by the end of June and take a few minutes to fill it out.



# James Mowat Kindergarten



# Kindergarten Hours

- Our school day runs from 8:20am- 3:09pm.
  - **Every Wednesday** is Early Dismissal. The day ends at 2:09pm.
  - Supervision begins at 8:15 every morning by the drop off zone
  - **Loop- Buses only.**
- Please park on the street if you are picking up or dropping off your child.







# 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 wait outside until 8:20 where we will greet you and welcome students inside. Students will be dismissed at 3:09pm.

# Snacks/Lunch

- provided by you each day for your child
- We encourage healthy options. We are a nut aware school (**no peanuts or nuts**)
- 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
- Gross Motor and Fine Motor Activities

# 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.
- ★ Library- Students go to library once a week to choose 1 book to bring home
- ★ Supplies: Shared supplies ( Caddies at the tables). Pencil cases are not needed.

# What Can We Work On At Home?

- Practice alphabet ( lower and upper case)
- Recognizing and writing first name, knowing letters in 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.
- Opening lunch container and snacks
- 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)







# Helpful Links

- [eips.ca/kindergarten](https://eips.ca/kindergarten)
- Facebook:  
[facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools](https://facebook.com/ElkIslandPublicSchools)
- Twitter: [twitter.com/eips](https://twitter.com/eips)
- <https://www.jamesmowat.ca/>
- Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Elementary-School/James-Mowat-Elementary-1384973211740885/>
- Alberta Education curriculum:  
[curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en](https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en)

