

# the JAMES MOWAT Messenger

May 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to May! We hope you've been enjoying the warmer weather and longer days!

This time of year always goes by so fast with student learning, activities, Grade 6 PATs and various field trips.

Thank you to our Parent Council and Parent Advisory Association for all you do for our students and school!

Please check the [calendar](#) on our website regularly to stay up to date on what's happening at our school.

Mr. Stacey Boyko, Principal  
Mrs. Lana Romanowska, Assistant Principal



## May at a Glance:

May 2	No School - PL Day
May 5	<a href="#">Bus Driver Appreciation Day</a>
May 5-11	<a href="#">Mental Health Week</a>
May 7	Early Dismissal
May 12	Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meetings - 6pm
May 13	Class Photos & Grade 6 ind. photos
May 14	Class Photos (Alt. Kindie)
May 14	<a href="#">Educational Assistant Appreciation Day</a>
May 15	<a href="#">Moose Hide Campaign Day</a>
May 16	Favourites Day
May 16	Volunteer Appreciation 2:30-3:00pm
May 19	No School - Victoria Day
May 23	Crazy Hair Day
May 28	<a href="#">Red Shirt Day</a>
May 28	Gr. 6 PAT: English Part A - 9am

## Looking ahead to June:

Jun 4	Early Dismissal
Jun 12	Gr. 6 PAT: English Part B - 9am
Jun 13	Gr. 6 PAT: Math (Part A) - 9am
Jun 15	Yearbook Orders Due
Jun 17	Gr. 6 PAT - Math (Part B) - 9am
Jun 18	Gr. 6 PAT - Social Studies - 9am
Jun 18	Talent Show - 1:00pm
Jun 20	Fun in the Sun
Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Jun 23	M/W Kindergarten Farewell
Jun 24	T/Th Kindergarten Farewell
Jun 25	Gr. 6 Farewell
Jun 25	Last day of classes and Report Cards



## **THANK YOU! Bus Driver Appreciation Day is May 5**

Join us on May 5 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take 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 Elementary *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

## **School Fees**

If you have outstanding school fees, please submit payment at your earliest convenience. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay them online. Note: School Fees are not available in the Mobile App.

Remember to log into the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) regularly and whenever you receive a permission click form as field trip fees and library fines are added throughout the year to cover the costs.

## **Earth Rangers**

We are excited to have been selected to have the Earth Rangers Assembly at our school through the generous sponsorship of Pembina.

The Earth Rangers School Assembly is a dynamic and interactive presentation for Grades 1 through 6. Through the power of live animal demonstrations and positive, science-based information, our program educates students about the threats facing animals and the environment, highlights real conservation initiatives across Canada, and motivates them to want to get involved.

During the 2024/2025 school year, the Earth Rangers School Assembly will take students on an exciting ‘choose your own adventure’- style narrative that will highlight the important roles that different fields of science play in protecting animals and the environment. The show also discusses the important role of species conservation in protecting the planet, taking a holistic view on how sustainability – including the small actions and decisions we make daily- can profoundly impact Earth’s biodiversity.



## **Class Photos**

Class photos are on May 13 (whole school & Gr. 6 individual photos) and May 14 (alternate Kindergarten class).

A flyer including a digital group photo download code will be distributed to students once the group photos have been processed. Love your group photo? Your group image is also available to purchase online!

## **Reminders**

- ◇ Please be respectful of our neighbours during drop off and pick up.
- ◇ Students are not to use cellphones or personal devices during the school day, including during breaks and the lunch hour. There is a phone in the office students can use, if needed.
- ◇ All volunteers are required to fill out the [Volunteer Declaration Form](#) each school year and sign in and out at the office.
- ◇ We are a nut aware school. Please do not send any nut or peanut products to school.
- ◇ Students are to walk bikes/scooters when on school property and to lock bikes/scooters on the racks provided outside.
- ◇ Please send extra clothing in your child's backpack—it's that time of year when there are puddles on the playground!

## **Educational Assistant Appreciation Day is May 14!**

On May 14, we recognize the dedication, hard work and compassion of educational assistants in our school community and across Elk Island Public Schools. Educational assistants play an integral role in education, from one-on-one student support to larger classroom dynamics. Thank you to all our educational assistants—you make a difference in the lives of students every day, and we are so grateful to have each one of you in our school.

This Educational Assistant Appreciation Day and beyond, we encourage students, families and staff to take a moment to tell an educational assistant how they've impacted you and to share your appreciation with them.



## **Year End Talent Show**

When: Wednesday June 18 at 1:00pm

Location: School gymnasium

Application forms will be sent home to Grades 3 - 6 on Tuesday May 20 and are due back Tuesday May 27, 2025 to students that would like to audition. Note - Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will not audition, rather, Mrs. Sikora will be teaching the entire class a dance to perform.

Tryouts will take place on June 9, 10, & 11 at noon

\*\* If students are performing a dance routine, please bring in your costume, lyrics and music either on an iPad, phone or email Mrs. Sikora ([megan.sikora@eips.ca](mailto:megan.sikora@eips.ca))

Note: USB stick's are no longer permitted. If your child is using a digital device it must come with the cable that connects to the USB port. If students are singing please have lyrics and music ready just like the dance routine requirements.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Sikora.

Thank you for your awesome support of our music program at James Mowat!

## **Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT)**

May and June are when the Grade 6 PATs take place. Please check the [calendar](#) for the specific exam writing dates.

Students are expected to remain at school for the entire day as there are regular classes on these days.

## **Yearbook Orders - Due June 15**

A reminder to order your 2024-2025 yearbook by June 15 through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). The yearbook is \$16 and will arrive in September 2025. Thank you to Miss Humphrey who is compiling the yearbook and staff for taking photos throughout the school year.

## **2025-2026 School Bell Schedule**

The school bells are changing in 2025-2026 and our school day will run from 8:20am to 3:09pm on regular days and 8:20am to 2:09pm **every** Wednesday. The division calendars are found at <https://www.eips.ca/about-us/documents#category/4721>



## **Fun in the Sun**

'Fun in the Sun' is jointly organized by Parent Council and James Mowat Staff. This memorable event would not be possible without our many parent volunteers!

This year 'Fun in the Sun' will take place on June 20th. This is an outdoor event with stations for students to participate in various activities. If the weather doesn't cooperate, a smaller version of the event will be held indoors. It's a fun day for all!

Watch for more information on 'Fun in the Sun' closer to the event and how to volunteer, whether you're able to volunteer for the whole day or 1/2 of the day we appreciate everyone!

## **2025-2026 School Supplies**

James Mowat Elementary is once again offering school supply packages through Write-On Stationery. Write-On will purchase, package and deliver all of your supplies for next year to your home address over the summer.

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.

Those not purchasing through Write-On Stationery, 2025-2026 school supply lists are posted on our website.

Write-On Stationery ordering information:

- Go to [www.write-on.ca](http://www.write-on.ca)
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: James Mowat Elementary School - FORT SASKATCHEWAN
- Choose your grade 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
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac On-line.

To pre-order your school supplies from Write-on Stationery, please order by August 1, 2025.

Note: Late orders are accepted and orders can be placed throughout the school year



## **Parent Council & Parent Advisory Association Corner...**

### **Next Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meetings:**

Meetings are held at 6pm. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

- ♦ May 12, 2025 at Boston Pizza
- ♦ June - no meeting

### **Parent Advisory Association Fundraising:**

**COBS Bread Dough Raiser Program:** Mention James Mowat Elementary when you shop at the COBS Bread Fort Saskatchewan location and we will receive a 5 % donation of the total sale.

**Boston Pizza Fundraiser Program:** Bring your Boston Pizza receipts (dated from January to June 2025) to the school office and we will receive a 5% rebate as part of their Operation Education Program.



Your Future in MIND

## **2024-25 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers – Results now available**

The results of the 2024-25 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers 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 close to 2,400 responses from parents and caregivers across EIPS. The Division, 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:

[2024-25 Parent and Caregiver Survey results: EIPS](#)

2024-25 Parent and Caregiver Survey results: [James Mowat Elementary](#)

## **EIPS Annual Education Results Report**

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's *Four-Year Education Plan*, growth opportunities and how it supports students in achieving the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2023-24](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

## **April Spotlight: Enhancing public education through effective engagement**

[Rules of engagement](#): Using a collaborative approach to improve student achievement and success

[Driving change](#): Strengthening public education through Board advocacy

## **RELATED INFORMATION**

[Annual Education Results Report 2023-24: Overview](#)

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2026-29](#)

## **Did you know?**

Each school has a School Education Plan on its website. Annually, these plans are updated for the next school year to reflect schools' goals, strategies and measures—all based on priorities found in the [EIPS Four-Year Education Plan](#). School administration update their plans after reviewing school-specific results from the EIPS Annual Feedback Survey and consulting with staff, families and school councils in April. A School Education Plan helps a school community focus on what's most important in its own specific context from year to year. To view your child's School Education Plan, visit your school's website and find the relevant home page block.





# JR. NBA YOUTH BASKETBALL

Jr. NBA Youth Basketball (JNYB) is the official national youth basketball program developed in partnership with Canada Basketball and NBA. JNYB is geared towards youth between the ages of 5-12 with a focus on developing fundamental skills, sportsmanship, and a love for basketball.

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May 1 - July 15, 2025

Registration Details

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