

the JAMES MOWAT Messenger

June 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We've had a great year and students are hard at work with PATs, Field Trips, Fun in the Sun, Talent Show, Kindergarten and Grade 6 Farewell. We wish our Grade 6 students success in Junior High! You will do amazing things!

We wish all the best to our staff who will be leaving James Mowat: Mr. Helwig, Mrs. Dexter, Mrs. Schouten, Mrs. Langlois, Mr. Petrushko, Miss Kobelka and Miss Mephram. We will miss you! Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm and dedication with our students during your time at James Mowat.

Mr. Boyko has decided to retire after 33 years in education and we wish him all the best in his new adventures during retirement.

Next school year we have a new bell schedule and school is 8:20 to 3:09pm, with early dismissal (2:09pm) every Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Meet the Staff on August 27th from 4:30 to 5:30pm.

Have a wonderful summer!

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



June at a Glance:

Jun	<u>National Indigenous History Month</u>
Jun 2-6	<u>EIPS Pride Week</u>
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	<u>National Indigenous Peoples Day</u>
Jun 23	M/W Kindergarten Farewell - 1:30pm
Jun 24	T/Th Kindergarten Farewell - 1:30pm
Jun 25	Gr. 6 Farewell - 1pm
Jun 25	Last day of classes and Report Cards

Looking ahead to 2025-2026:

Aug 1	<u>Write-on Stationery</u> (school supply) orders Due
Aug 21	Office re-opens
Aug 27	Meet the Staff 4:30-5:30pm
Aug 28	First Day back - Classes begin (8:20—3:09)
Sept 1	No School - Labour Day
Sept 24	School Photos (Tues/Fri Kindergarten Class only)
Sept 25	School Photos (whole school)



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Fun in the Sun

'Fun in the Sun' is a highlight of the school year, jointly organized by our amazing Parent Council and James Mowat staff. This year's event will take place on June 20th and promises to be a day full of outdoor excitement and activity stations for all students to enjoy. If the weather doesn't cooperate, a smaller version will be held indoors.

This memorable day wouldn't be possible without the help of our wonderful parent volunteers! If you're able to lend a hand, please complete the permission click form at <https://permission.click/IXqNQ/ca>.

Thank you for helping make this event a success!

Year End Talent Show

When: Wednesday, June 18th at 1:00 PM

Location: School gymnasium

Thank you to all our Grade 3 to Grade 6 students who expressed interest in performing at our Talent Show. Note - Grade 1 and Grade 2 will not audition, rather, Mrs. Sikora has been teaching the classes a dance to perform. Mrs. Watson has done something special with her Kindergarten class.

Auditions will take place on June 9, 10, & 11 from 12:00 - 12:40 PM.

The audition schedule is posted outside the music room.

** 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)

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.

We hope to see you join us for this annual special event! If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Sikora.

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



Library Books

All library books must be returned to the school by Friday, June 13. Any library books/textbooks not returned or damaged will have the fee added to student accounts in late June/early July for those students not returning and in September for returning students. These fees will be included in the list sent to collections in the Fall, if they are outstanding on August 31. Please check for fees and pay through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

Yearbooks Orders—Due June 15

2024-2025 Yearbook orders are due by June 15th. To order a yearbook please go to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of September/beginning of October. Thank you to Miss Humphrey for all her time and effort in compiling and designing the yearbook again this year.

Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration!

We're so proud of all the learning and growth our Kindergarten students have accomplished this year! To celebrate, we're inviting parents to join us for a special end-of-year celebration.

Location: School Gym

Date & Time: On your child's last day of school

- **Monday, June 23 | 1:30–2:30 PM** (Schedule A—Monday/Wednesday)
- **Tuesday, June 24 | 1:30–2:30 PM** (Schedule B—Tuesday/Thursday)

Come help us recognize and celebrate a wonderful year in Kindergarten. We can't wait to see you there!

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.



REMINDER: 2024-25 school fees

School fees for the 2024-25 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 Mastercard or Visa credit or debit 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's an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2024-25 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2025.

Parent Council & Parent Advisory Association Corner...

Next Parent Council/Parent Advisory Association Meetings:

Our Annual General Meetings (AGM) take place in September. Elections for Parent Council and Parent Advisory Association executive positions take place annually at this AGM. If you have any questions about these executive positions or are interested in putting your name forward for a position, please contact jamesmowatpaa@gmail.com

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.



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.

Write-On Stationery ordering information:

- Go to 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.

2025-2026 School Supply Lists

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





Getting ready for the 2025-2026 School Year

Meet the Staff - Wednesday, August 27th – 4:30-5:30pm

Meet the Staff will be on Wednesday, August 27th, the day before school starts. Drop in between 4:30 to 5:30pm to meet your child's teacher and drop off your child's school supplies. Student class information will be posted to their [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) on the morning of August 27th.

First Day Back at School - Thursday, August 28th

Our first day of school for students is on Thursday, August 28th at 8:20am to 3:09pm.

Parents can find out their child's class information on their [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you were unable to join us at our "Meet the Staff" and your child is unsure where to go for their classroom, please direct them to go to the office.

2025-2026 Bell Schedule

Our school day now begins at 8:20am and ends at 3:09pm. Every Wednesday will be early dismissal with school ending one hour earlier at 2:09pm.

Regular School Day

8:20 Warning Bell
8:25 Period 1
8:58 Period 2
9:31 Period 3
10:04 Recess
10:19 Period 4
10:52 Period 5
11:25 Period 6
11:58 Lunch/Recess
12:43 Period 7
1:16 Period 8
1:49 Recess
2:04 Period 9
2:37 Period 10
3:09 Dismissal

Early Dismissal (Every Wednesday)

8:20 Warming Bell
8:25 Period 1
8:52 Period 2
9:19 Period 3
9:46 Recess
10:01 Period 4
10:28 Period 5
10:55 Period 6
11:22 Lunch/Recess
12:07 Period 7
12:34 Period 8
1:01 Recess
1:16 Period 9
1:43 Period 10
2:09 Dismissal



Your Future in MIND

Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing identified developmental delays or challenges with speech-language—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in five of its elementary school locations. Applications are now open for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2021 or 2022, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit eips.ca.

Student Transportation: 2025-26 registration

Planning to use [Student Transportation](#) in the 2025-26 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, 2025.

For those students who did not indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, complete a Busing Setup form through the [Transportation Service Desk](#).

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school closure days.

Did you know?

When schools are closed during the summer, many EIPS staff are still hard at work. School staff create lesson plans, engage in professional development and take part in other activities to help enhance student success. Several staff will also support EIPS Summer School. Additionally, Central Services staff work through the break to prepare for the upcoming school year, from staff recruitment to school repairs and more. In mid-August, school staff return to their schools to get ready to welcome students back to class.



Your Future in MIND

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.

June Spotlight: [*EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26 \(Year 4\)*](#), which details the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes over a four-year period.

Priority 1: To promote the growth and success of all students.

Priority 2: To enhance high-quality learning and working environments.

Priority 3: To enhance public education through effective engagement.

The plan also outlines the performance measures, key insights and strategies the Division will use to meet each priority, goal and outcome in the 2025-26 school year.

RELATED INFORMATION

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

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

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

Notification Emails from your PowerSchool Parent Portal

Through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), parents and guardians can subscribe to receive email updates from the school and about their child, as well as the frequency for receiving the updates. These PowerSchool notifications are separate from the emails you receive from the Division and your child's school sent through SchoolMessenger.

In June, Elk Island Public Schools is updating the domain configuration where these PowerSchool emails come from to support more cost effective and efficient modernization of technology within the Division. As the updates take place, notifications may come from one or the other email address. By June 13, when the update is complete, messages from the PowerSchool Parent Portal will come from only the new email address:

Current email sender: powerschool@eips.ca

New email sender: DoNotReply@powerschool.mail.eips.ca

We encourage you to add this new email address to your safe-sender list to avoid missing any updates you're subscribed to. At any time, if you'd like to update your subscription settings within PowerSchool, simply log in to the [Parent Portal](#) and click the "Email Notifications" tab in the left-hand menu.

SAVE THE DATE

GRADE 6 FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE

SLIDE SHOW
SWEET TREATS

TEACHER TRIVIA
PHOTO BOOTH

LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES
BY 6R & 6D AT 1:15

Wednesday
June 25th



Drop-in in the Gym
1:00 – 2:00 pm
LIVE PERFORMANCE @ 1:15



**BRING
YOUR BIKE,
YOUR HELMET,
AND A PARENT!**

June 8, 2025
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Taurus Field
Parking Lot

Join us for a
wheelie good time at

BIKE RODEO

and learn how to
ride safe!

Check out important bike
safety tips and demos, then
show what you've learned
on the Skills Course!



Sponsored by



- ▶ Free Hot Dog Lunch!
- ▶ Helmet Giveaways!
- ▶ Fire Truck, Peace Officer,
and RCMP Vehicle Tours!



CITY OF
FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Hosted by our awesome Fort Sask
Municipal Enforcement and RCMP teams



Bring your gently-used sports gear and bikes (ages 4-17)
to donate to Sport Central and help kids get in the game!





EIPS DIVISION CALENDAR 2025-26

Regular School Day

No School for All Students and Staff

Early Dismissal for Students
– one hour early every Wednesday

First Instructional Day – semesters 1 & 2

No School for Students
– Professional Learning Day/Operational Day

Important Dates

Aug 26	Professional Learning Day
Aug 27	Operational Day
Aug 28	Classes Begin
Sept 1	Labour Day – holiday
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
Jan 29	Second Semester Begins
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
Jun 23	Last Instructional Day
Jun 24	Operational Day

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