



# Pine Street School Newsletter

## June 2020

### Administration

Acting Principal: Shelby Hines

Acting Assistant Principal: Kerri Remeika

**“ A TRADITION OF PRIDE AND  
EXCELLENCE ”**

### From the Principal's Desk...



I hope this school newsletter finds everyone doing well and staying safe. The purpose of this newsletter is to share about staffing for the upcoming school year, as well as provide you with important information about what is happening from both a school and Division perspective.

With regards to staffing, I am pleased to announce Tracey Arbuthnott as the principal of Pine Street Elementary School for the 2020-21 school year. 'Mr. A', as he likes to be called, brings with him many years of experience, a deep passion for educating children, and a wonderful sense of humor. Kerri Remeika will be staying on as assistant principal and we are committed to working collaboratively to ensure this transition is as seamless as possible. I would like to share my intense gratitude and appreciation to the entire Pine Street community for allowing me the honour and privilege of serving you as an administrator over the past five years. I am so proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together by working in partnership to carry on the tradition of pride and excellence that Pine Street is so well known for. It is my sincere wish our paths will cross again one day.

Despite its challenges, this crisis has also gifted us with many things that we might not otherwise have been able to experience. It has allowed staff to work more closely and collaboratively with our students and families. The professional learning that has occurred in an incredibly short amount of time is unprecedented and it provided our staff the opportunity to support each other in many more ways than would have otherwise been possible. There is also a new degree of empathy and understanding, along with a renewed sense of commitment to the partnership between home and school, that has brought our Pine Street School community even closer together. I would like to thank our Pine Street families for their dedication and support in playing a vital role in the important work we do with and for children every day.

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times together, I must share how grateful I am to our students and their families for your patience and I want you to know that we remain dedicated to providing the best education possible for our students. We will get through this together.

To those of you who will be moving on to junior high or other schools next year, I truly wish you the very best. For those of you staying with us, it gives me a great sense of calm and confidence to know that I am leaving you in the competent and capable care of 'Mr. A'.

Warmest regards,  
Shelby Hines, M. Ed.  
Acting Principal

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**June 9** –School Council  
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**June 19** -Last day of  
online classes

**June 21** -National  
Indigenous Peoples  
Day

**June 22 & 23** –  
Collection of loaned  
materials  
(by appointment)

**June 25** -Grade 6  
Celebration  
(by appointment)

**June 26** - Report Cards  
published online



## Classroom Configuration & Staffing 2020-21

Spring is the time when we are making plans for the upcoming school year. As with any planning process, projections can change greatly between now and the fall so please understand these are **tentative** projections. Based on our projected enrollment, our anticipated class configurations & staffing are as follows.

Grade/ Class	Staff
PALS	Mrs. Rachelle Gagnon
PALS	Mrs. Shannon Robinson
Kindergarten – Group A	Ms. Jennifer Appleby
Kindergarten – Group B	Ms. Jennifer Appleby
Grade 1	Mrs. Jocelyne Kavalinas
Grade 1 / 2	Mrs. Lorna Magnan
Grade 2	Mrs. Wendy Forbes
Grade 3	Mrs. Heather Ferguson
Grade 3 / 4	Mrs. Susan Woodbeck & Mrs. Deneen Zielke
Grade 4	Mrs. Debbie Bessette
Grade 5	Mrs. Heather Weber
Grade 5 /6	Mrs. Heather Lockwood
Grade 6	Mrs. Cheryl Hawryluk & Mrs. Deneen Zielke
Music (ECS – Grade 6)	Ms. Michelle Vetro
Counselor	To be determined
Assistant Principal	Ms. Kerri Remeika
Principal	Mr. Tracey Arbuthnott



### Educational Assistants

Mrs. Janet Alty
Mrs. Janelle Caldwell
Mrs. Denise Conrad
Mrs. Keltie Herzog
Mrs. Tracy Kent
Mrs. Linsey Marwick
Mrs. Leanne Rosko
Mrs. Nikki Rufenack
Mrs. Leanne Strong
Mrs. Mellissa Willisko
Mrs. Louise Wall

### Office & Library Staff

Mrs. Darlene DeMarco (Library)
Mrs. Lisa Leitch (Office)
Mrs. Lisa Waselenkoff (Office)

### Student Placement

As we have done in the past, staff is planning to contact all families at the end of August to introduce themselves and let you know which class your child will be in. Parent requests can be submitted for consideration no later than **June 4** via email to [shelby.hines@eips.ca](mailto:shelby.hines@eips.ca). Please note requests cannot be guaranteed as there are many factors that go into creating classes that are balanced and equitable.

## Retirement

Congratulations to Ms. Stevens who is on to a new adventure as she is retiring! We thank her for her dedication and commitment to the staff, students, and families over the years she served our school community. She will be truly missed. We wish her all the best in her future adventures!



## Fees

EIPS is currently reviewing school fees and transportation fees for the 2019-20 school year. Once the amounts owing are determined, families will see a credit on their child's PowerSchool account under "fees." For some families, the full credit will not appear until the end of the year—**when all loaned materials are returned to the school**, such as technology equipment and library books. Families can use the credit toward fees for the 2020-21 school year or request a refund. More information will be coming soon.

## Collection of Loaned Materials

To safely facilitate the return of any loaned materials we will be sending out information shortly so families may sign up for a time to send one person to drop off any Chromebooks, charging cords, mice, iPads, library books, text books, home reading books, chairs or tricycles that they may have. Loaned materials collection days will be on Monday, June 22, 2020 and Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

## Grade 6 Celebration

**Save the date: Thursday, June 25, 2020!** We are excitedly making plans for our Grade 6 Celebration to commemorate our grade six students' time at Pine Street. Obviously, this takes more planning than usual to ensure our Pine Street Bears get their send off in the safest way possible. More information specific to this event will be coming out very soon.



## Write-On Stationery Fundraiser

Our fundraiser through Write-On Stationery is still underway for school supply orders for the 2020-21 school year. Click [here](#) to be directed to our website for information on how to order. This optional service offers free delivery to the school. For a small fee per household, supplies can get shipped directly to your home!

## Report Cards

Each student will receive an end-of-year report card directly on PowerSchool on June 26, 2020. The report card is slightly different from previous reporting periods. Instead of the CSL Report Card, students will receive a new report card, with final grades and comments directly on PowerSchool.



## Assessment

While in-school classes are cancelled, students are still expected to continue with their studies, to the best of their ability. Next year, the subjects and courses students take will rely on the skills and knowledge developed this year. So, it's important to keep up with the lessons offered through alternative learning. That said, all who were on track to progress to the next grade, before the cancellation of in-school classes, will do so.

### Assessing students in Kindergarten to Grade 3:

- For language arts and mathematics, students will receive a single, cumulative mark, using the [CSL Achievement Scale](#), based on learning throughout the school year.
- For science and social studies, students will receive a single, cumulative mark, using the [CSL Achievement Scale](#), based on learning from the beginning of the school year to when in-school classes were suspended on March 15, 2020.
- For all other subjects, students will not receive a mark.

### Assessing students in Grades 4 to 6:

- For language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, students will receive a single, cumulative mark, using the [CSL Achievement Scale](#), based on learning throughout the school year.
- For all other subjects, students will not receive a mark.



## Community Partners

### Boston Pizza

Do you ever eat at any Boston Pizza location? If so, please ask your server for an extra copy of your receipt and send it to school with your child to hand in at our school office. The Pine Street Volunteer Parent Society will submit these which then means Boston Pizza will donate 5% of purchases back to the school. Thank you for your support!

### Cobs on Wye Road

Thank you to Calvin, the owner of Cobs on Wye Road, who has kindly offered a wonderful fundraising opportunity for us that is SO simple. Just mention you are with Pine Street Elementary School before you place your order and they will donate 5% of the value of your order to us. Be sure to tell all your friends and family too, as every little bit helps!

### Save –On Foods on Wye Road

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS! We are so grateful to Rane, the Store Manager at the Save-On Foods on Wye Road, who has generously offered to donate 5% of the value of any grocery purchases back to the school. All you need to do is shop at the Save-On Foods on Wye Road and save your receipts. Then send all those receipts to school with your child labelled ATTENTION: PINE STREET VOLUNTEER PARENT SOCIETY. Your support of our fundraising efforts is greatly appreciated!

## New Registrations

Pine Street Elementary will continue to accept new student registrations for students in kindergarten to grade six. To register, please go to [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). If you need any assistance, please call our school. We are here to help you!



## Tools for Schools Campaign

Pine Street Elementary has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2020-21 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 are a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We will discretely provide the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you are out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Lisa Waselenkoff at 780-467-2246 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

## Summer Hours



Pine Street Elementary will be closed throughout the summer break and will reopen on August 27 at 9:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns during this closure, please feel free to contact the Elk Island Public School Central Office between 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at 780-464-3477. The Student Transportation Department will also remain open during the summer months during these times. Central Office, including Student Transportation, will be closed during the statutory holidays on July 1, 2020 and August 3, 2020.



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## Student Transportation

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2020-21 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 registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).



For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation).

**NOTE:** Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

## Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run 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 is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus 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 and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2020-21 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 18	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.

**NOTE:** Date and time may change depending on the phase of the province's relaunch strategy.

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park [Register Now](#)  
**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.**

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:  
[www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).