

PINE STREET SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Administration

Principal:

Tracey

Arbuthnott

Assistant Principal:

Kerri Williams

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"A TRADITION OF PRIDE & EXCELLENCE"

Principal's Message

Hello, my name is Mr. Tracey Arbuthnott, I am your new principal at Pine Street Elementary. I come to this amazing school with 25 years of experience in education with over 17 of those being a school administrator. I have been a principal with EIPS for the past 10 years, serving the past 5 years as the principal of Glen Allan Elementary. With the pandemic, we are in unique times and this year is certainly going to be quite different than in the past. Together, we will get through these challenges and hopefully sooner than later get back to normal where we can all meet in person, socialize to get to know each other better. Thank you for entrusting your children to us as we do our best to serve their educational needs.

Welcome to Pine Street Elementary. If you are returning to the school, we are thrilled to welcome you back, and a huge Pine Street welcome to our many new families as well. Our staff is excited about beginning the new school year and are looking forward to working with you and your children. Although it is hard to meet in person right now, I am looking forward to getting to know all of you during these unique times. By working together, we can ensure that all of our students, your children, receive an excellent education and have a wonderful experience during their time at Pine Street.

We have had a busy summer getting the school ready for the return of our students. We have new time-tables in place with cohort groups of students and teachers to ensure Pine Street is a safe and welcoming space during the pandemic. Everything has been cleaned, sterilized and the classrooms have been reorganized to get ready for our amazing students and make sure they are safe.

September is an exciting time for children, especially this year coming back from the emergency online learning in the spring. Teachers are incredibly excited to see their students again in their classrooms. All of us are embarking upon a new school year with a lot of changes, but also with the eagerness and anticipation to be back. We are looking to forge new friendships, meet new teachers and learn new routines. Pine Street is a safe and caring learning community that values parental input be that in person, electronically or virtually. We work together with our parents to make sure we are making the absolute best educational decisions for all our students, and of course, your children. Teachers will keep you informed of classroom activities and you can stay up-to-date on school activities by visiting our [website](#) and by following us on Twitter [@PNESchool](#). Online newsletters and posts will also keep you informed of school news, events, and meeting dates. As well, please feel free to phone or email your child's teacher to share your ideas on how to best help your child be successful, or with any questions from within the classroom. Thank you for partnering with us to make Pine Street Elementary such a wonderful place to learn, grow and prepare our students to have amazing futures.

We would also like to encourage all our parents to be part of our (SAC) Pine Street School Advisory Council. All parents are automatically part of this parent group and are welcome to attend the SAC meetings to share in the development of School Advisory Council business, fundraising or just sharing how to make our school a better place.

I look forward to meeting all of you. Again, welcome to Pine Street Elementary and thank you for entrusting your children to us! I am looking forward to having a great year of learning with all of you.

Mr. Tracey Arbuthnott
Principal
Pine Street Elementary School

Nut AWARE School

Pine Street School is a nut aware school because some students and staff have severe life-threatening reactions to nuts. Therefore, we ask that you **do not send** any food that may contain or have come into contact with peanut butter, peanuts, tree nuts and/or sesame seeds. Thank you in advance for helping keep everyone safe!



Medication / Personal Care of Students

If your child has a medical condition that may require medication or personal care during his or her school day at Pine Street School you are required to fill out medical forms. Anytime medication is sent to school, a form must be completed. You can find these forms on our website by going to <https://www.pinestreet.ca/parents/health-link>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office at 780-467-2246.

Pine Street School Council & Pine Street Volunteer Parent Society

Pine Street School is very fortunate to have the generous support of our School Council and Volunteer Parent Society. Thank you to the following individuals who have been elected to serve on our School Council and Parent Society for the 2020-2021 school year:

School Council Executive:

Chair -Lesley Bowman
Vice Chair -Cara Kern
Secretary -Lorena Ellsworth

Volunteer Parent Society Executive

Chair -Lesley Bowman
Vice Chair -Jamie Wells
Secretary -Lorena Ellsworth
Treasurer - Cara Kern

Daily Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire

Our families will play a crucial role in ensuring everyone's safe return to school. Some key elements of our school re-entry plan include:

- Completing the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire every morning.
- Keeping children home if they show any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Sending only necessary items to school, such as snacks and lunches, labelled water bottles, a minimum of two face coverings stored in a paper or cloth bag and tissues. Students are not to bring any unnecessary items (i.e. toys).
- Ensuring your child's Emergency Contact Information is up-to-date with someone who can be at the school within an hour if required.
- Practicing social distancing, donning a mask, proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette with your child at home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 7- Labour Day
No School

Sept.8- School Council Meeting
6 p.m.

Sept. 29-Terry Fox Run

Sept. 30 -Orange Shirt Day

Oct 5 - Picture Day
kindergarten and grades 1-3

Oct 6 - Picture Day,
kindergarten and grades 4-6

Oct 7 - Early Dismissal (2:15 p.m.)

Bell schedule Group A (ECS, Grade 3 and Grade 4)

Regular Day

Early Dismissal

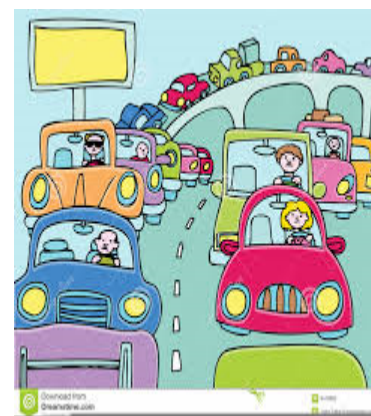
Entrance Bell	8:30		Entrance Bell	8:30
Period 1	8:35 - 9:07		Period 1	8:35 –9:01
Period 2	9:07 - 9:39		Period 2	9:01-9:27
Period 3	9:39 - 9:56		Period 3	9:27 –9:53
RECESS	9:56 - 10:11		RECESS	9:53 -10:08
Period 4	10:13 - 11:00		Period 4	10:10 –10:36
Period 5	11:00 – 11:32		Period 5	10:36–11:02
Lunch	11:32 -12:32		Lunch	11:02 –12:02
Period 6	12:32 - 1:04		Period 6	12:02 –12:28
Period 7	1:04 -1:36		Period 7	12:28 –12:54
Period 8	1:36 –2:08		Period 8	12:54 –1:20
INTERNAL BREAK	2:08 –2:11		INTERNAL	1:20 –1:23
Period 9	2:11 –2:43		Period 9	1:23 –1:49
Period 10	2:43 - 3:15		Period 10	1:49 - 2:15
DISMISSAL	3:15		DISMISSAL	2:15

Traffic Safety

To ensure that all children arrive at school safely we have a 30 second student drop off/pick up zone conveniently located at the front doors of the school. Vehicles are to move steadily through this area to keep traffic flow optimized. For this reason, parking is NOT permitted in the drop off zone.

Should you wish to park and walk your child to their designated door, parking is located across the street beside Cottonwood Park with additional parking available on Conifer Street and Evergreen Street.

Parking lots are for specialized transportation, busses, and staff use only. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe!



Bell Schedule Group B (Grades 1 & 2 / Grades 5 & 6)

Regular Day			Early Dismissal		
Entrance Bell	8:30		Entrance Bell	8:30	
Period 1	8:35 - 9:07		Period 1	8:35 –9:01	
Period 2	9:07 - 9:39		Period 2	9:01-9:27	
Period 3	9:39 - 10:11		Period 3	9:27 –10:08	
RECESS	10:11 –10:26		RECESS	10:08 –10:23	
Period 4	10:28–11:00		Period 4	10:25 –10:36	
Period 5	11:00 – 11:32		Period 5	10:36 –11:02	
Lunch	11:32 -12:32		Lunch	11:02 –12:02	
Period 6	12:32 - 1:04		Period 6	12:02 –12:28	
Period 7	1:04 -1:36		Period 7	12:28 –12:54	
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Pay School Fees Online!

Information regarding school fees will be posted on the *PowerSchool Parent Portal*, which can be found on our school website, by the end of September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information please log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees”. You can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard, or INTERAC Online. It is highly recommended that you log in to the *PowerSchool Parent Portal* regularly throughout the year as fees are added to cover costs for various activities such as field trips, class projects, team fees, etc. Please contact [Lisa Waselenkoff](#) in the school office at 780-467-2246 if you have any questions.

NOTE: If circumstances exist whereby you are unable to pay your student fees you can apply to EIPS to have the fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees by December 15, 2020. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Face Masks

Wearing a mask can be a challenge. Please click [here](#) for a great resource with tips for students on returning back to school wearing a face mask.



EIPS School Bus Quick Facts:

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? Video surveillance and equipment helps to:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

Enhancing Literacy and Numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR and Math Intervention Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools for all in-school learners in the 2020-21 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal is to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

At three points throughout the year, EIPS in-school students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and is administered on a digital device. At least once throughout the year, in-school students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes, and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results offer the teacher a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments aren't used toward a student's grade, and there is no need to study ahead of time. The tools simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR and MIPI assessment tools, contact EIPS Supports for Students at 780-464-3477.

Update Your PowerSchool Information

The "Correction and Verification Form" is now available online through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Families can use the form to access and update their child's information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and any medical information. Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. In particular, please pay close attention to all phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. We will undoubtedly continue to have important information to communicate with families throughout this school year—whether your child is registered in in-school or out-of-school learning—and we want to ensure you receive this information. If you haven't already done so, we ask all Pine Street families to review their child's PowerSchool information by **September 20, 2020**.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form, contact the school directly at 780-467-2246.



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