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December Newsletter

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

December is an exciting month as the holiday spirit finds us! We are really looking forward to the Christmas concert which will be on Wednesday, December 13th at Lamont High School. Doors will open at 6:30 and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. We will be having a silver collection at the door with all proceeds going to the Lamont Food Bank. The students have been working hard in preparation for the concert. We hope to see you all there!

Tis' the season for giving and helping others in our community. Mrs. Janssen and Ms. Hallier have spearheaded a campaign for Lamont Elementary to collect donations of non-perishable food items and toys from Monday, December 4th until Friday, December 15th. Whatever you are able to contribute is greatly appreciated. If you find yourselves in need of support, please contact the Food Bank directly to arrange a food hamper. The number is 780-619-6955.

We are also collecting new mittens, scarves, toques or socks until the end of January! These items will be supplied to those in need. Again, thank you for support!

Speaking of holiday spirit, our LES Ignition Team has planned for **Wednesday, December 6th** to be ***Ho-Ho Holiday Dress Up Day***. Staff and students are encouraged to dress in holiday festive gear!

Students participated in a range of activities for Bully Awareness Week. Earlier in November, Concrete Theatre made a dynamic presentation featuring strategies for students to stand up for themselves. Mrs. Wisselink, our librarian highlighted books in our library that discussed kindness toward others, being a good friend and standing up for what's right. She also created a display outside the library about how to be a friend. Ms. Sereda, our school counsellor visited classrooms to run sessions on healthy conflict resolution, "Standing up" to bullying behaviour and being an upstander rather than a bystander. A huge thank you to Mrs. Wisselink and Ms. Sereda for their efforts!

All of our students participated in Farm Safety presentations. They highlighted the importance of safety when riding motorized off road vehicles, as well as being around farming equipment and animals. We would like to thank them for visiting our school.

Report cards were recently issued and we certainly hope you found them informative! A special thank you to our wonderful teachers who put in a great deal of time and energy to provide meaningful feedback about your child's progress. Please take the time to discuss the report cards with your children and celebrate their successes.



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We have continued to receive amazing support from our School Council and we really appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our school. The next School Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 pm in the school library.

A special thank you to Mrs. Motiuk and Mrs. Richert and our AMA Safety Patrollers for braving the winter conditions and helping our students get to and from school safely. Please remember not to park in the crosswalk!

As a way of ensuring we are doing the best job we can here at Lamont Elementary, we are seeking your feedback! If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please use this [PARENT SURVEY](#) link, to share your thoughts with us. We appreciate and value your opinions.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a safe and restful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Judy Anderson M. Ed.
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 1	Report Cards published
Dec. 5 – 8	Holiday Gift Shop
Dec. 6	Early Dismissal
Dec. 6	Ho-Ho Holiday Dress Up Day (dress in holiday-themed gear)
Dec. 13	Christmas Concert @ LHS, 7pm (dress rehearsal @ 1:15)
Dec. 25 – Jan 7	Winter Break
Jan. 8	School Reopens
Jan. 10	Early Dismissal



SKATING

The following skating times have been booked for our Grade 1 – 6 students at the Lamont Arena. Permission forms will be sent home. All students will require a CSA approved hockey helmet, skates, mittens or gloves and winter clothing.

Grade 1 & 2	Dec. 18, Jan. 15, 22, 29	1 pm – 2 pm
Grade 3 & 4	Dec. 18, Jan. 12, 19, 26	10:30 am – 11:30 am
Grade 5 & 6	Dec. 22	10:30 am – 11:30 am
Grade 5 & 6	Jan. 12, 19, 26	1 pm – 2 pm



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INTRAMURALS

Intramurals are off to a strong start with indoor soccer. Students from grades 4-6 had the opportunity to sign up for this optional lunch time event that runs every day for almost 4 weeks leading up to the winter break. In addition to the over 40 students who signed up, there are 10 students as part of the NITRO team who take turns setting up and refereeing each game. Intramurals run throughout the year, with sports like floor hockey, basketball and dodge ball being set in the new year. Thank you very much to Mr. Radersma, Mrs. Richert, and Ms. Galloway for all their time and energy organizing intramurals and working with our NITRO team!

LAMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Sooner than we know it, our Christmas holidays will be here! I so look forward to spending that time with our kids, knowing we have no obligations or time limits, no strict bedtimes! The School Council hosted a presentation this past week called Cyber World. This was a parent-directed presentation intended to introduce the world of technology that our kids are faced with. We learned how easy it can be for our kids to be trapped in situations that give them very little choice, and how important it is for us as parents to be educated, so we can raise children with the knowledge of using online resources safely. The internet is a great resource, and we want our kids to know how to use it to its fullest while being the safest. This was a wonderful presentation!

By the end of the week ahead of us, our kids will all have had the chance to attend Santa's Workshop. Our kids love the chance to choose their own gifts, and it's so fun to be surprised on Christmas when we open the gifts! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who make this workshop happen.

Our next school council meeting will be held in January. Look forward to seeing you there! But before then, have a very wonderful, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lamont Elementary School Council

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION STARTS SOON!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's almost time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2018-19 school year on Jan. 15, 2018. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:

- ✓ Determine your child's designated school
- ✓ Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- ✓ Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- ✓ Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice will be sent to the given email address.



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NOTE: The online registration form is available as of Jan.15, 2018—the paper version is no longer available.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It's the holiday season once again and the winter break is just around the corner. Before we take time off to enjoy with our loved ones, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families, on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday, and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

Thank you and best wishes,
Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair

ENJOY THE WINTER BREAK

Lamont Elementary School will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 22, 2017 and will reopen on Jan. 8, 2018. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact the Central Administration office at Elk Island Public Schools.

EIPS Central Administration Office Winter Break Hours

Closed December 25-29

Open January 2-5 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

If you are in need of a Christmas Hamper, applications are being accepted from Nov. 17 to Dec. 8 only! You must call in person, 780-619-6955. Hamper pick up day is Dec. 17, between 2 – 4 pm at Lamont Rec Centre.

Happy Holidays!

