



CLOVER BAR KNIGHTLY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

October 31	Halloween
November 4	Daylight Savings time ends
November 6/8	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30 PM – 7:00PM
November 7	Early Dismissal / Health Day
November 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30 AM
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12-16	Fall Break
November 13	World Kindness Day
November 18-24	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
November 29	School Council Meeting – Topic: Career Planning (Scholarships)

Click the following links to access the school calendars:

[School Calendar](#)

[Volleyball](#)

[Cheer Team](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent / Teacher Conferences Two evenings have been set aside for Parent-Teacher Interviews. This year the evenings of Tuesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 8 are when teachers will be at school between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to meet with parents and students to discuss student progress. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.ca and enter the event code **shivy** to book interviews for your student. This website will be open from Tuesday, October 30 until 8 p.m. Monday, November 5.

Parent Feedback We are nearing the end of October – it's time for some parent feedback! Please click on the link below to complete our short five-question survey and to add comments. The survey will remain open until November 9, 2018. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/63YK6T5>

Pay School Fees Online! School fees are due November 1. 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 using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the costs of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and www.clover.ca. Alternatively, contact Elaine Foote, Business Manager at Clover Bar Junior High at 780-467-2295.

Halloween We are following the early dismissal bell schedule on October 31. There are various activities planned throughout the day. Students are encouraged to dress up and show their school spirit and support their fellow students. No masks, hoodies or weapons including toy weapons, will be permitted.

12:05 PM Pumpkin carving in the gym

2:15 PM Costume parade and competition

Oil Kings Game Join the students of Clover Bar Junior High band as they perform at Rogers Place during the Edmonton Oil Kings Game on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM. A portion of each ticket purchased goes back to the school. Tickets are \$18 for students and \$22 for family/friends. Contact Mrs. Foote to purchase tickets at 780-467-2295.

Yearbook Forgot to purchase a yearbook last year? Well you're in luck! There is a limited number of yearbooks available for sale in the business office. Cost is \$31. Get one before they're all gone!!

Do you receive our emails? Have you registered your email address with Elk Island Public Schools? We may have your email on file at Clover Bar Junior High, however, your email must be registered with Elk Island Public Schools in order for you to receive emails. EIPS uses School Messenger as a method of communication with families by phone or email. Messages may include bus cancellations or delays, inclement weather, upcoming events, last-minute cancellations, parental engagement opportunities, emergency notices and more. For more information and to register your email address follow this link <http://www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe>.

Remembrance Day Ceremony Join us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 9 at 10:30

DISTRICT NEWS

Inclement Weather With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, “school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Caregiver Education Series The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students’ mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting. Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

New School Messenger Call-display Number Effective November 1, all phone calls going out through SchoolMessenger will display one of the following toll-free numbers rather than the school or Division number.

- Messages programmed from Student Transportation: 1-833-298-5234
- Messages programmed from schools and the Division office: 1-833-202-1419

With this change, parents/guardians have the ability to call back to this number to replay all recent phone messages they’ve received through SchoolMessenger. If you’ve missed a call or would like to replay a message to confirm you have all the details, simply call back the applicable 1-833 number and follow the prompts to repeat any recent messages

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Clover Bar Junior High School** is once again participating in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four and 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office **Clover Bar Junior High School**. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

Opioids Don't Discriminate: An Interactive Experience From November 5-9, Strathcona County will be hosting a public education event regarding the ongoing opioid crisis. The event is open to students, parents, teachers and community members. Using real stories and statistics from the local community, participants will learn about the science of addiction, as well as the psychology of those struggling with substance-abuse, challenging them to re-consider what they think they know about drug-use.

To learn more, or to book a large group session, click [here](#).

Event Details:

Dates: Nov. 5-9, 2018

Times: Monday, November 5: 2:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 6: 2 p.m.-7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 7: 2 p.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday, November 8: 2 p.m.-7 p.m.
Friday, November 9: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Strathcona County Community Centre's Agora
401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park

Vimy Pilgrimage Award Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 Vimy Pilgrimage Award. The Vimy Foundation created the Vimy Pilgrimage Award to recognize the actions of young people who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to volunteer work through positive contributions, notable deeds or bravery that benefits their peers, school, community, province or country. Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 17 for the entire duration of the program (April 2-10, 2019). The application deadline for the 2019 Vimy Pilgrimage Award is **Nov. 18, 2018**. [Learn more](#)

Your Future: Post-Secondary and Career Fair — 40+ Exhibitors. Together in One Place. Thinking about attending post-secondary school after graduation? Not sure on the career or sector? Plan to attend this year's Your Future: Post-Secondary and Career Fair on Nov. 22, 2018.

Hosted by Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), in partnership with the Educational Liaison Association of Alberta, Your Future is an annual educational fair that brings together more than 40 colleges, universities, polytechnic and private schools, and sector experts in one place—the largest event of its kind in Alberta.

The event is free and open to all students in grades 9 through 12 from both EIPS and Elk Island Catholic Schools. Both students and family members will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from each attending post-secondary institutions; ask question; talk to experts about various career sectors; learn about future career trends; and much more.

Event Details:

Date: Nov. 22, 2018
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre
2100 Premier Way, Sherwood Park

Visit www.eips.ca/students/your-future for a detailed list of exhibitors.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Parent, students and staff, thank you for an active, engaged month of learning. We enjoyed our first health day along with learning trips, volleyball and cheer!

Your feedback makes a difference for our Clover Bar Team. Please be sure to complete the survey and let us know how we are doing. Thank you for all that you do for Clover Bar Junior High School.