



CLOVER BAR KNIGHTLY NEWS

MARCH 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

February 28, 2019	Deadline to complete Returning Student registration
March 6, 2019	Early Dismissal @ 2:15 PM Health Day
March 7, 2019	School Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM
March 8, 2019	School Closure – Professional Learning Day International Women’s Day
March 12, 2019	Basketball Semi-Finals
March 14, 2019	Basketball Semi-Finals Pi Day
March 18, 2019	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 20, 2019	Parent Teacher Conferences
March 21, 2019	World Poetry Day
March 22, 2019	School Closure – Day in Lieu for Parent Teacher Conferences
March 25 -29, 2019	Spring Break
March 27, 2019	World Theatre Day

Looking Ahead

April 1, 2019	School Resumes
April 1-3, 2019	Band Trip to Banff
April 3, 2019	Early Dismissal @ 2:15 PM Health Day
April 9, 2019	Grade 7 Information Night 6:00 PM
April 11, 2019	Grade 9 Farewell Photos

Click the following links to access the school calendars:

[School Calendar](#)

[Basketball](#)

[Cheer Team](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Feedback Requested

Clover Bar is also seeking input from our **grade 8 and 9** families. Your input helps us to continually program for student success. For **grade 8 and 9** feedback, please click on the link to complete the Clover Bar survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZK8P7QT>. Thank you in advance for creating a positive, learning focused school for our students!

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Two evenings have been set aside for Parent-Teacher Interviews in March. Teachers will be at the school between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019 and Wednesday, March 20, 2019 to meet with parents and students to discuss student progress. Further details coming soon.

DISTRICT NEWS

Complete the Returning Student Registration: **February 1-28**

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Returning Student Registration Process is opening soon. On February 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend and apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. **All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2019.**

Don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account: Follow the instructions below to set an account up:

1. Go to <https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/>.
2. Choose "Create Account."
3. Enter the parent or guardian information—only one parent account is required regardless of the number of children you have attending EIPS schools.
4. Create a username and password of your choice. You'll need both the username and password to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
5. Enter your school-provided Access ID and Access Password for each student being added to the account.
6. Then, select "Enter."

For more information or assistance, contact your child's school.

Measuring our Success: **Accountability Pillar Survey**

Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check-up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grade 7 students and all teachers at Clover Bar Junior High are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in **grade 7** are also being surveyed, which can be done online or by mail—information about the survey was mailed to these families in mid-January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in **grade 7**, we highly encourage you to participate. The survey must be completed and mailed by February 22 or completed online by March 8, 2019. Clover Bar and Elk Island Public School will use the data you provide to meet school and district goals to ensure continuous improvement. For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar.

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 11

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2019 Parent Survey—open from March 11-29.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes questions about cellphones and personal devices. Your feedback will help the EIPS Board of Trustees develop a policy about cellphones and their use within the classroom.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey opens March 11, 2019

Survey closes March 29, 2019

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Saving for Your Child's Education

It's no secret, post-secondary education comes with significant costs. In fact, many families wonder how much they need to save and how soon they need to begin. To help get started, the Government of Canada offers families two education savings incentives.

- *Canada Education Savings Grant*: The government contributes up to 20 per cent on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a Registered Education Savings Plan.
- *Canada Learning Bond*: Available for eligible children from low-income families born in 2004 or later. The government provides an initial payment of \$500, plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000—personal contributions are not required.

Once that child enrolls in post-secondary education—an apprenticeship program, trade school, college or university—the money saved can be used to pay the associated expenses. These include tuition, housing, transportation, textbooks, equipment and supplies. So, while it's never too late to begin saving, just a small contribution each year can translate into substantial saving later.

For more information visit the Government of Canada's [Education Savings](#) website.

Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Youth Camps: Registration opens March 11

There's something for everyone

Summer School: Open to students entering grades 10-12

With more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

- CALM, Physical Education 10, and Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English, math, social and all the sciences at the 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience

Summer Youth Camps: Open to participants in grades 5-9

From sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.

Camps include:

- sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball—new

Registration opens on March 11.

A FINAL THOUGHT...