



CLOVER BAR KNIGHTLY NEWS

MARCH 2019

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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 @ 4:30-7:30 p.m.
March 20, 2019	Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4:30-7:30 p.m.
March 21, 2019	World Poetry Day
March 22, 2019	School Closure – Day in Lieu for Parent Teacher Conferences
March 25 -29, 2019	Spring Break – School closed
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

Student / Parent / Teacher Conferences

Two evenings have been set aside for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews. This term the evenings of Monday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 20 are when teachers will be at school between 4:30pm and 7:30pm to meet with parents and students to discuss student progress.

Please go to www.schoolinterviews.ca and enter the event code **qfrb3** to book interviews for your children. This website will be open from Monday, March 11 at 8 am until Friday, March 15 at noon.

Week of Inspirational Math

This week is our **WEEK OF INSPIRATIONAL MATH!!!** Great activities are scheduled organized by our math team, led by Jeff Burback! Events occurring over the noon hour all week!

- March 11-13 and 15: Google Sketch-Up Architect Challenge in the computer lab. Students will create their 3D drawing. Top drawings will be displayed the following week.
- March 11: Estimation Challenge. Using measurements of various shapes students can guess the amount of items in a variety of objects in Mrs. Gotaas' classroom.
- March 11: Integer Golf. Students will play 4 holes of mini-golf on a course designed by Mr. Canning.
- March 12: Probability Cards. Grade 9's will compete in a poker challenge. Winners of each table will move on to the finals on Friday.
- March 13: Probability Cards. Grade 7's and 8's will compete in a poker challenge. Winners of each table will move on to the finals on Friday.
- March 14: Pi Day. Students will have an opportunity to throw real whipped cream pies at their favorite teacher (or administrator). 50 cents per throw. Maybe we can invite some students to get pied too.
- March 15: Probability Cards Finals.

Student Cellphone Survey

Last week students had the opportunity to complete the EIPS cell phone survey. Students provided feedback on the use of personal devices in the classroom.

DISTRICT NEWS

Thank you for completing the Returning Student Registration!

Between **March 11-15**, schools will be following up with families that requested registration at a non-designated school to advise them of the outcome.

2018-19 EIPS Parent Survey: We Want to Hear from You

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is committed to ensuring all parents and guardians of students within the Division have a chance to share their thoughts on the overall performance of their school and the Division. One of the ways EIPS ensures its parents' voices are heard is by conducting an annual parent survey.

Clover Bar Junior High encourages all parents and guardians to take a few minutes to complete the brief online survey. It will only take a few minutes and will help to supplement the Division's Accountability Pillar Survey data. 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 school.

[CLICK HER TO TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

Survey closes **March 29**. The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the [EIPS 2018-22 Four-Year Education Plan](#) and develop strategies to better serve its students and the wider community.

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 for 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...

Now that March is here, we can count down the days to spring! It looks as if we will actually enjoy some of the lovely spring weather! March has kicked off with an AMAZING PEP RALLY on Health day this past Wednesday! What an energizing way to begin this month!

Thank you, students and parents for your invaluable input. Your completion of the grade 7 Accountability Pillar Survey and the grade 8/9 school developed survey has provided us with great insight into continually preparing our students to be life-long learning, active community members.

Staff and students are excited to share the successes of our students. We will see you on March 18 or 20 from 4:30 -7:30 p.m. Please click the [LINK](#) to book a time with our teaching staff. All students with ISPs and/or English Language Learners, please book a time to review with Mrs. Holmes.

Jacqui Holmes