



CLOVER BAR KNIGHTLY NEWS

APRIL 2019

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 1, 2019	School Resumes
April 1-3, 2019	Band Trip to Banff
April 3, 2019	Early Dismissal @ 2:15 PM
	Health Day
April 5, 2019	Grade 10 Registration – SAL
April 7, 2019	World Health Day
April 7-13, 21019	Volunteer Week
April 9, 2019	Grade 7 Information Night 6:15 PM
April 10, 2019	Grade 10 Registration - BFH
April 11, 2019	Grade 9 Farewell Photos
April 17, 2019	Caregiver Series: Test Anxiety 6:00 PM – 7:30PM
April 18, 2019	School Council Meeting Agenda 6:00 PM
April 19, 2019	Good Friday (Schools Closed)
April 22, 2019	Easter Monday (Schools Closed)
	Earth Day
April 28, 2019	National Day of Mourning
April 29, 2019	International Dance Day

Click the following links to access the school calendars:

[School Calendar](#)

[HandBall](#)

[Badminton](#)

[Cheer Team](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

Staffing Changes

Sadly, we said farewell to Ms. Thorne before spring break. We would like to thank Ms. Thorne for her hard work and dedication to the students over the past year. We wish her much success in her future endeavors!

We welcome back Mrs. Blush after Spring Break! Mrs. Blush will continue with her classes being covered by Ms. Thorne.

We welcome Oana Vonu-Boriceanu, Youth Worker/Counsellor with Family & Community Services. Oana will be at Clover Bar Junior High on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning April 9, 2019 to the end of June 2019.

Grade 10 Registration

Students, please return your signed and completed forms prior to the registration date. The forms can be turned in to the office if brought in early. Copies of the registration form may be found on the respective school websites, [SAL](#) or [BFH](#)

Friday, April 5, 2019 – SAL

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 - BFH

Junior High Information Night

Open to all new students and incoming 2019-2020 Grade 7 students and parents. Join us for an evening hosted by the staff at Clover Bar Jr. High. The evening will begin at 6:15 in the gym with an introduction to our teachers and administrative team.

Connect Parent Group

This workshop gives a new perspective on relationships and adolescent development. Parents and caregivers meet in small groups with two trained leaders for 90 minutes each week. [Connect Parenting Info](#).

Each week, facilitators share practical techniques and ideas that help parents develop a better relationship with their teenager. Parents will be equipped with skills such as empathy building, reframing behaviour, conflict management, and learning how to “step back.” Through “stepping back”, parents are able to “step into” a new way of learning. The safe sharing environment enables parents to learn practical skills, while also hearing concerns from other parents.

The Connect Parent leaders strive to help the participants feel at ease by providing a safe and connected environment to share parenting struggles and successes.

Past participants have shared how Connect Parent has helped them feel a lot more at ease with their own family, knowing they are not alone with their new-found supports of other parents.

Connect Parent is provided free of charge by Strathcona County Family and Community Services. The nine-week program takes place on Thursdays from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Millenium place from May 2nd until June 25th. A light supper is provided for registered parents/caregivers.

DISTRICT NEWS

New Bus Status App Available

A new version of the Bus Status app is now available. If you haven't already, we encourage all families to download the new version from the App Store or Google Play. After downloading, make sure to delete the older version from your device.

All information from the [Division Bus Status page](#) is currently pushing out to both the old and new versions of the app, so you'll receive updates regardless of the app you're using. However, at the end of the school year, the old version of the app will no longer work. Families will need to ensure they've downloaded the new version of the app to receive updates about bus delays and cancellations in 2019-20.

The changes aren't specifically related to the overall functionality of the app—it's much the same as the current version. What is changing is it's now one unified app available for download rather than each school division having a separate app. The first time you open the new app, it will prompt you to select Elk Island Public Schools from the list of school divisions. After that, you will use the app the same way you have in the past. You can reselect your favorite routes and update them as needed. You'll also continue to receive push notifications about delays and cancellations the same way you do now.

A big *THANK YOU* to all of our volunteers

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), thank you to all of our volunteers within the Division who help make our schools and programs successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic competition, coordinating a fundraising initiative or helping at a school event, the impact you make within our school community is profound. Together, we've created a relationship that allows us to rally behind one clear vision: Providing exceptional education for all students.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 7-13, EIPS extends a heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who offer their knowledge and dedicate countless hours in our schools.

Trina Boymook
Chair, Board of Trustees

Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools remind families to be cognizant of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice. For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#). **Did you know?**

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water actually become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

Spring has sprung! The daylight, warmer temperatures and excited youth create a vibrant, positive community at Clover Bar Junior High School. We love our Clover Bar community!

I would like to thank all of our families for completing the Grade 7 Accountability Survey, CLB Grade 8/9 School Survey and the EIPS parent survey. Your feedback helps us work together to provide students with quality education. Clover Bar Staff also sincerely appreciate connecting with our families during the parent/student/teacher conferences. Please do not hesitate to contact staff if you have questions regarding your student's learning.

Let's enjoy spring and the new beginnings it brings!