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Dear Parents/Guardians:

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Good afternoon.

Welcome to another Alberta Winter! And what a winter entrance it was. Yesterday, students were allowed to stay inside due to the wind and so we could ensure students have proper winter clothing. Students will be going outside for recess unless the temperature is colder than -20°C (with or without a windchill). Therefore, students MUST be dressed warmly so that they can get outside for some fresh air and mask-free time.

Students MUST have indoor shoes. We noticed that some of our Grade 5 and 6 students were not changing shoes. We will not be allowing this any longer so that we can keep our hallways and classrooms clean and slipping-hazard free.

We hope that families were able to enjoy some time during our Fall Break. This was a trial for ECSd. Our division will be looking to see if this is something that we will continue in future school years.

There are several reminders this week. We ask that you please read through them carefully:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our next School Council meeting is tonight, Wednesday 17 November 2021, at 7:00 pm. Please join use from the comfort of your home on Microsoft Teams. We will open the virtual room at about 6:55 pm. We will be discussing a division student dress code, looking at the school's budget and other items related to your child's experiences at KT. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our first demonstration of learning is next week – Thursday, 25 November 2021. Parents/Guardians can book a 10 minute appointment with their child's teacher using this link (https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/KatherineTherrienCatholicElementarySchool@ecsd.net/bookings/). <p>PLEASE NOTE: Grade 4 parents/guardians are asked to book their appointment with Mrs. Chiarello. Both Mrs. Chiarello and Mrs. Voo will be in the appointment with you the night of demonstration.</p> <p>A one-page paper copy of demonstration of learning has been sent home with your child today. We ask that you please let your child lead you through the activities BEFORE your appointment. Students have been instructed at school what to do with this. Please let them be the leader and show their pride in their work. This demonstration will also be available in your child's Google Classroom.</p> <p>It is important that parents/guardians are looking at their child's progress regularly in PowerSchool as we do not have a formal report card anymore. The following video was created by our division to help parents navigate PowerSchool and to look at their child's progress on an ongoing basis. You can view the video here (https://youtu.be/3PH3N0tiVuw). If parents/guardians feel overwhelmed by this program, we encourage you to look at two subjects: English Language Arts and Mathematics.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to demonstration being virtual this time, we have set up a Virtual Scholastic Book Fair (https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5167340). Our book fair will run from Monday 22 November 2021 until Monday 29 November 2021. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have also arranged with <i>Education Station</i> a fundraising opportunity. Families who shop online (https://educationstation.ca/catalogue/ranges/holiday-fundraiser-2021/) with the code <i>KTHERRIEN</i> will have 15% of their purchase donated to our school. This fundraiser will run until 7 December 2021. This store is an excellent place to look for your child's Christmas gifts or other learning needs. Our staff shop there regularly! Let your family and friends know. Please see the attachment on our website (https://www.ecsd.net/8043/page/3344/weekly-updates) for more information. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our division is once again hosting a parent/guardian evening virtually – Mental Health: Parents as Partners – on Monday 22 November 2021 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information or to register for this event, please |

see our division [website \(https://www.ecsd.net/ci/p/37918\)](https://www.ecsd.net/ci/p/37918).

- Alberta weather is unpredictable in winter – one day warm and the next day cold! Therefore, it is very important that students are dressed for the weather as we do continue to go outside for fresh air and mask free time. Please ensure your children have boots and warm winter coats as well as ski-pants or an extra pair of pants to layer warmth. With the colder days, we have gone outside for 5 minutes so that students are getting safe mask free time without the fear of frostbite.

We remind parents that if you believe your child is too ill to go outside, your child is likely too ill to be at school. We do not have supervision for children to stay inside while the rest of their class goes outside.

If your child takes yellow bus, please ensure that you are checking the transportation website for the estimated time of arrival. With winter weather and bad road conditions, the buses cannot always be on time. Families can also download an app on their smartphone that will send notifications. Please refer to the division [transportation page \(https://www.ecsd.net/page/34228/transportation-services-bus-delay-notifications\)](https://www.ecsd.net/page/34228/transportation-services-bus-delay-notifications) for more information.

- An email was sent by the division to all parents regarding a survey. We ask all parents to please take time to complete the survey which can be found in PowerSchool. Parents/guardians may participate in the survey by logging into their PowerSchool Parent account (<https://powerschool.ecsd.net>) and then clicking on the EDIAR Survey icon on the left hand side. The survey is **now open** and will close on **Tuesday 30 November 2021** at midnight.

- As we head into winter, it is important to remember and follow water and ice safety, especially around stormwater locations. Please obey the posted signs and information. Stormwater facilities aren't safe for any type of recreation because the inlet and outlet pipes keep water continuously flowing beneath the frozen top layer.

There are many factors that can affect ice thickness, including location, the time of year, and environmental factors such as:

- Water depth and size of body of water
- Currents, tides and other moving water
- Chemicals including salt
- Fluctuations in water levels
- Logs, rocks, and docks absorbing heat from the sun
- Changing air temperature
- Shock waves from vehicles travelling on the ice

It's never safe to walk on the ice of the North Saskatchewan River as water is continuously flowing beneath the surface, which impacts ice thickness.

The City of Edmonton provides important information for all families at https://www.edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/be-safe-on-ice .

- Our division continues to report CoVID-19 cases to those cohorts where a positive case was identified while infectious at school. If you wish to see more information, you can also check the [division website \(https://www.ecsd.net/page/38034/covid-19-notification\)](https://www.ecsd.net/page/38034/covid-19-notification) which is updated regularly.

Please also check your email for grade specific information from your child's classroom teacher should there be any.

Have a wonderful rest of the week. We hope to see many of you tonight at our School Council meeting.

Take care, stay safe and stay warm!

Sincerely,

Ms. J. Hertlein & Ms. C. Letwin,

Administration, Katherine Therrien

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