



Elk Island Public Schools *Tools for School* Campaign Summer 2009

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will take part in the 2009-10 *Tools for School* campaign. This United Way program provides families who may have limited resources with backpacks filled with essential school supplies to help grade-school students achieve success in their studies.

Be a part of the 2009-10 program and make a donation. Pick up a few extra supplies when you're out back-to-school shopping with your own children. Drop-off boxes will be located at various businesses in the community during the summer months. The *Tools for School* program is an opportunity to support youth and education in your community. While all supplies are welcome, some specific items required for many of the backpacks include:

- Pencil crayons
- Duotangs
- Pencils and pens
- Loose-leaf paper
- Pencil cases
- Small binders (1")
- Dividers
- Glue sticks

Would your child benefit from a *Tools for School* backpack? Talk to your school principal when you register.

Volunteer Opportunity

Parents, staff, school teams, and individuals are also invited to volunteer for the *Tools for School* campaign by stuffing backpacks. Whether you need to complete volunteer hours or just want to give back to your community, the *Tools for School* program wants you. Some supplies are already in stock, and as more donations are made there will be no shortage of volunteer opportunities throughout the summer. Gather up your friends or your co-workers and head to the InKind Centre, 16821-113 Avenue, Edmonton. The Centre can accommodate anywhere from two to 15 volunteers at a time. Volunteers can come for as little as three hours, or a full day. Call Kristy Jacklin at the InKind Centre at 780-444-5001 to volunteer today.

Talk to Karen Sand, EIPS' Communications Officer at 780-417-8205 or karen.sand@ei.educ.ab.ca, for more information about EIPS' involvement with the *Tools for School* program, or find details on the web at www.toolsforschool.ca this summer.