

UBPAS Newsletter April 2024

Who is UBPAS?

- The Society is a board of directors consisting of parent volunteers from each of the four schools, representing the Ukrainian Bilingual program Kindergarten to Grade 12 and members at large.
- The Mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society is to promote, advocate, and support students in the Edmonton Catholic schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program to sustain the highest quality of academic, bilingual, cultural, and religious learning opportunities and resources.

About the Ukrainian Bilingual Program:

- The Program follows Alberta Education's curriculum in both the English and Ukrainian subjects.
- Schools in Edmonton that offer the Ukrainian English Bilingual Program:
 - St. Martin Elementary
 - St. Matthew Elementary
 - St. Brendan Junior High
 - Austin O'Brien Senior High

Past Events:

- 50th Anniversary Reunion Zabava of the Ukrainian Bilingual Program Feb 10, 2024
- Casino – March 9&10
- School Open Houses:
 - St. Martin / St. Matthew Feb. 1
 - St. Brendan Feb. 27
 - Austin O'Brien Mar. 13

Our support helps:

- Scholarship Program
- School Cultural events and activities
- Farewell celebrations Gr 9 & 12
- Farewell gift and completion certificates
- Cultural Activities and Religious Celebrations
- Field trips and special events
- Transportation costs for the field trips, special events
- Classroom and Library resource materials
- Student recognition gifts

In 2022-2023 the Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society provided over \$40,000 of funding support for the Ukrainian Bilingual Program. Most of this money came directly from casino proceeds.

50th Anniversary

Pictures:

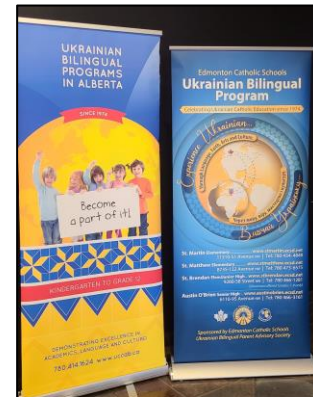


**Thank you to all
who participated
or volunteered
with all the recent
events!**

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How to get involved?

- Volunteer - Please volunteer for upcoming Casinos and other events.
- Join our Board or as a School Rep.
- We need a treasurer to join our team for the fall of 2024.



Q & A:

- Is Ukrainian heritage or previous language experience required for children to enrol in the Early Childhood or Grade 1 programs?
 - No
- Are Ukrainian Bilingual students provided with the same core curriculum as English program students?
 - Yes. Students in our program have consistently scored above the provincial average on provincial achievement tests.
- I do not speak Ukrainian. Can my child still succeed in the program?
 - Many of our students come from homes where Ukrainian is not spoken on a regular basis. The program is designed to facilitate language learning for a variety of skill levels. The results show that even non-native speaking children can achieve average to above average results.

Fun Facts:

- There are currently over 900 students in the Ukrainian Bilingual program.

Our Board Members:

- Michelle Lea-Wilson (President)
- Catherine and Chris Bawol (Treasurer)
- Oksana Gunderson (Secretary)
- Andrian Bagrinovskyy (St. Martin Rep)
- Christine Zinchuk (AOB Rep)
- Marian Gauk (Past President)
- Nadia Bayda (St. Brendan Rep)
- Oksana Yakovlyeva (St. Matthew Rep)
- Sonia McLean (AOB Rep)
- Victoriia Redko (St. Martin Rep)
- Yuliia Marcinkoski (Vice-President)

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