



From the Principal's Desk February

Brrr! I think I speak for all of us when I say that the weather has been less than cooperative this month. All this snow and too cold to enjoy it. Well January has come and gone and with it many awesome activities. Our students have collaborated to create a Project of Heart collage. This project is a result of our work to understand and support the First Nations, Metis and Inuit traditions and is our contribution to the ongoing Reconciliation. This project will be prominently displayed in the coming months in our halls.

Don't blink or you'll miss it! The February calendar has a few breaks to be aware of so keep a close eye on your calendar. Even though it is short we will be packing lots of great learning into this month. All of our classes have complete their spell-a-thon reading challenge, so thanks to all the families that supported this cause. We will have representatives from the school attending the Young Authors Conference, Running room games relay races, Stand up to Bullying day and our annual Valentines carnival will happen on Valentine's Day. We will also be continuing with our weekly skating times. Thanks to the generosity of the town of Bruderheim our students are able to skate for free all this month.

Finally, this month we will be saying good bye to Mrs. Oviatt. She will be on maternity leave at the end of February. We wish her and her family all the best and can't wait to see the baby. In her absence we have hired Mr. Robert Mcweeny a music specialist who is very excited to continue the great work being done here at Bruderheim School.

Paul McKay
Principal
Bruderheim School



FEBRUARY 2018

Feb. 1 Skating Grades 5, 6 1:20PM
Feb. 5 BSC Meeting 5:30PM
Feb. 6 Skating Grades 1, 4 12:35PM
Feb. 6 Skating Grades 2, 3 1:30PM
Feb. 6, 7 Bonus Book Days
Feb. 7 Assembly 9:00AM
Feb. 7 Winter Walk After Assembly
Feb. 7 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM
Feb. 8, 9 Teachers’ Convention – No School
Feb. 13 Skating Grades 1, 4 12:35PM
Feb. 13 Skating Grades 2, 3 1:30PM
Feb. 14 Wear Red! Valentine’s Day Carnival 1:00PM – 2:30PM
Feb. 15 100th Day of School
Feb. 15 Skating Grades 5, 6 1:20PM
Feb. 16 School Closure Day
Feb. 17 Random Acts Of Kindness (RAK) Day
Feb. 19 Family Day – No School
Feb. 20 WISEST
Feb. 20 Skating Grades 1, 4 12:35PM
Feb. 20 Skating Grades 2, 3 1:30PM
Feb. 20–23 Book Tasting Party
Feb. 21 Running Room Indoor Games Grades 4 – 6
Feb. 22 Seniors Visit Grade 5
Feb. 22 Skating Grades 5, 6 1:20PM
Feb. 24 Young Authors Conference (YAC) 8:30 to 3:30
FR Haythorne School
Feb. 27 Skating Grades 1, 4 12:35PM
Feb. 27 Skating Grades 2, 3 1:30PM
Feb. 28 Pink Shirt Day (Focus On Cyber Bullying)

Skating:

Grades 1 & 4
February 6, 13, 20, 27

Grades 2 & 3
February 6, 13, 20, 27

Grades 5 & 6
February 1, 15, 22



MARCH 2018

Mar. 1 Dress Spacey Day (in Honor of the Bruderheim Meteorite – March 4)
Mar. 2 Professional Learning Day – No School
Mar. 5 BSC Meeting 5:30PM
Mar. 7 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM
Mar. 9 Assembly 9:00AM
Mar. 16 Report Cards Distributed at 2:30PM and Available Through CSL on PowerSchool
Mar. 17 St. Patrick’s Day – Wear Green!
Mar. 20 Kindergarten Report Cards Distributed
Mar. 20 Parent Teacher Student Conferences 5PM – 8PM
Mar. 21 Parent Teacher Student Conferences 5PM – 8PM
Mar. 20, 21 Bonus Book Days
Mar. 22 Senior Visit Grade 4
Mar. 23 Day-in-lieu – No School
Mar. 26–30 Spring Break & Good Friday – No School

Please check our website for up to date information

Bruderheim School sent overdue payment notices home via your child mid January. Thank you to parents who have paid their fees. On February 14, Central Office will be mailing overdue fees notices to parents. If you require assistance with paying your fees, payment plans are available. Contact the school directly at 780 796 3936 if you would like to employ a payment plan.

NEW PROCESS FOR CRA STUDENT ADDRESS VERIFICATION

Historically, schools completed letter requests to verify a student's address and confirmation of attendance at the school; the letter supports parents or guardians to claim Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) child-related benefits. Effective **Feb. 1, 2018**, this process moves online and now includes a cost-recovery fee of \$25.

The parent/guardian or student requests a confirmation letter and verifies their identity [online](#); Financial Services then sets up an account for the service-request fee to be paid. Once paid, Central Administration will send a letter to the requestor via password-protected email, hold a copy at Central Administration or deliver for pick up at the child's school.

RUNNING ROOM GAMES

Our track/running team is preparing for the Running Room Indoor Games taking place on February 21 at the Butterdome.



YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE

On February 24, the Young Authors Conference will host several hundred passionate writers and artists in grades 4 to 9 from Elk Island Public and Catholic School systems at F.R. Haythorne Junior High School in Sherwood Park. This year Bruderheim School is sending Benjamin, William, Eva-Jane, Hayden, Shae-ann, Margaret, Grace, Kaitlyn, Carver, Anastasia who will show off their talents to local and international authors and illustrators.

SKATING HAS BEGUN!

Staff will be taking students skating to the Bruderheim indoor arena. Students must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet, properly fitted skates and gloves or mitts. While on the ice, students may also choose to wear elbow pads and/or ski pants. Full hockey equipment is not necessary. Parents and volunteers are always welcome!

We previously paired up with Sport Central in Edmonton to ensure all students had the appropriate CSA approved equipment. Families who need support can contact Sport Central directly at 780-477-1166 to make arrangements to get their child fitted with equipment. Should families wish to donate used equipment that no longer fit their child to other students in our school, we will try to assist with this process. Students that do not have the necessary equipment will not be able to participate in skating.



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

February 17, 2018 is Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Day and we are encouraging our students to try RAK throughout the month. Parents often ask how they can teach kindness at home so I have included a list of Random Acts of Kindness that your family can do together this month. These suggestions are meant to give you ideas but another great way to approach RAK Day is to sit down with your child(ren) and brainstorm ways that you can be kind in your house, neighbourhood and school. Performing acts of kindness as a family not only betters the world around you but strengthens the bonds within your family. Have fun being kind!

1. *Shovel a neighbour's sidewalk (especially those who struggle to do it themselves).*

2. *Bake a tray of cookies and deliver them to a neighbour or friend.*
3. *Let someone go in front of you in line at the store.*
4. *Write a thank you note to someone who doesn't get thanked enough.*
5. *Set the table for dinner and clean up afterward without being asked,*
6. *Donate gently used clothes or toys.*
7. *Pick up garbage that you see in the park or in your neighbourhood.*
8. *Write and mail "Just because" cards to an out of town family member or neighbour.*
9. *Bring hot chocolate to someone working outside.*
10. *Give flowers to someone not feeling well.*
11. *Donate food to the Food Bank.*
12. *Make a bird feeder.*
13. *Write "I Love You" notes to members of your family and hide them around the house where they will find them! (behind the bathroom mirror, behind the car visor, in a lunchbox)*
14. *Invite another family over for dinner.*
15. *Open the door for someone entering a store behind you.*
16. *Draw a picture of your local emergency responders and thank them for the work they do.*
17. *Make a list of things you love about someone and send it to them.*
18. *Offer to walk a neighbour's dog.*
19. *Make someone else's bed.*
20. *Give every member of your family a hug every day this week.*



Grade 1 News

The first month of the new year has come and gone. What a fantastic month for learning it was as well! In January, in Language arts we continued our focus on word families, phonics and the sounds we use when writing. We resumed our Literacy Centres this month as well. Students move around each day with their group and get to experience reading to self, phonics work, listening to reading, word work, journal writing and time with the teacher. We are still working on independence at these centres and not visiting so much that we don't finish our activities. If something does come home unfinished, please take the time to sit down and help your child get it done. In Mathematics, we finished Numbers to 20 and started Unit 5: Numbers to 100. January saw us finishing our Creating Colour unit in Science. Students had fun exploring colours, mixing colours, diluting colours, thickness of paint and separating light into rainbows.

This month is much shorter but lots of learning will still take place! We will be continuing our Literacy Centres. We will also be continuing our Writer's Workshop where we explore what writers do and produce some of our own writing. Please continue to read each night with your child and log it in their RED duotang. If you have not filled in your January Reader's Response (red pages at the back of the RED duotang) please fill them out. This is a great way for students and parents to reflect on how their reading went this past month. In Mathematics we will continue Unit 5: Numbers to 100 as we celebrate the 100th day of school on February 15th. Please start thinking of 100 things you can bring in to class to use for 100 Day activities, for example, 100 googly eyes, 100 Cheerios, 100 stickers, etc. More info about our 100 Day fun will go home soon! In Science we are beginning our Building Things unit. We will explore making different structures tied into Fairy Tales. In Social Studies we are talking about landmarks in Bruderheim and making our own postcards to show off these landmarks. We will discover the difference between rural and urban communities. We will talk learn about how belonging to groups and communities enrich our identity, and learn to appreciate multiple points of view, languages, cultures and experience we may find in Bruderheim.

For Valentine's Day, there are 18 students in the class. Please have students leave the "To" space blank or write "To: My Special Friend" and then sign their name after "From". This makes handing out the Valentines much easier! We will also do a pot luck for lunch on that day, please watch for the sign up on our Facebook group if you would like to provide something. In the afternoon we will be having our "School Carnival". Stations will be set up around the school for students to try and win tickets at. These tickets can then be turned in for prizes! We are hoping for lots of parent involvement on this afternoon so that all students can participate (Usually Grade 6 students run station on days like this but we are hoping they can participate if a lot of parents help out.) If you can help please let me know or speak directly to Mrs. Vandelannoite or Mrs. Atchison.

Our next Skating dates are February 6, 13, 20 and 27. I already have some parents who have committed to helping but more hands and skaters are always appreciated!

"Bucket Filler" award winners: Emery, Ethan, Zoe

Sincerely,
Mrs. Secrist



Grade 2 News

February so far has been very cold. Please ensure your child is dressed with lots of warm winter clothing. We are going to be celebrating Valentine's Day with a carnival and the next day will be 100s Day, where the students dress up like they think they will look when they are 100 years old. So many fun days this month!

Language Arts: Students will continue to write in their Friday journals to parents. Spelling words are stapled in agendas on Monday. This word list is to stay at home and be studied over the course of the week. I have also sent home a tic-tac-toe spelling homework sheet that will be due each Thursday. The test is given on Fridays (Thursdays if no school Friday). Your child's test may be modified so he/she will have the most success. If you see an "M" at the top of the page, your child is sitting with me or Mrs. Desabrais to do the test with three different words for the child to choose as the correct spelling before writing it down.

Winter writing will continue this month with transitional words such as first, next, then and finally. Also descriptive writing using the five senses about Winter and reading responses to a variety of books.

Math: Our new math unit is called "Measurement", where students use direct and indirect measurement to solve problems, such as calendar, length, and mass of objects. Please continue to practice adding numbers up to $9+9=18$ and subtracting numbers up to $18-9=9$. If requested, please allow your child to use a number line and/or other objects as counters to do this math. Mental math practice is strongly encouraged.

Science: "Boats and Buoyancy" is the unit we will begin this month. Students explore what sinks and what floats, and what makes an effective watercraft. Through building and testing a variety of floating objects, students learn the importance of selecting appropriate materials and the importance of workmanship. They will engage in a variety of experiments.

Social: The students are wrapping up their journey to Meteghan, Nova Scotia and are jetting off to Iqaluit, Nunavut next. Here the students will encounter the Inuit people and their traditions and culture, both from the past and present day.

"Bucket Filler" certificate recipients are: Callum, Kaydence, Thomas
Congratulations!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bochek



Grade 3 February News

The Grade 3's have been busy as usual completing many projects. In Language Arts, we are working our way through the *Sarah, Plain and Tall* novel, Rocks and Minerals, Numbers to 1000, and the study of Tunisia. We've also been busy playing volleyball, skating at the Bruderheim arena and making our own wooden office name plates in art.

Next we are going to delve into fables, addition and subtraction math unit, Ukraine, and testing with a variety of materials in science. To help your child throughout the large addition and subtraction unit in math, working with math facts at home to 18 would be helpful, as this unit will include multi step problems as well as using two and three digits. To add and subtract with ease would be beneficial for them in achieving answers accurately and efficiently.

Thank you to the many mom's who came out and assisted during our first skating (Mom's of Max, Liam L., Brogan, Justine, Liam E., Cooper, and Matteo). The kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Another fun activity upcoming in our school is the Valentine carnival on February 14th. If you are interested in supervising a station for a short time, let me know via agenda or filling out the form sent home. We would love to have your help and have you spend some time with your child as well. As a class we will be enjoying our taco supreme lunch and dessert bar before the carnival begins. Please let me know if your child will not be participating in the luncheon.

Please ensure you are checking your child's agenda nightly. This is good practice for them to see that their obligations are complete and also cash in on some Monster Money. Be sure to write to me if you have any questions or concerns. Monthly reading prizes are also awarded, so if your child is reading, a parent must sign it in order to qualify for bronze, silver, or gold awards.

Lastly, I would also like to inform you how lucky we are to have a student teacher work in our class. Miss Kira Wiklund will be joining our class for a few observation days in February and then work with us daily from March 19th-May 1st. It will be nice to have an extra set of hands in the classroom and be able to show her how great our class is. Welcome Miss Wiklund, I hope your time at Bruderheim Elementary will be very rewarding and memorable for you.

Congratulations to our award winners this month: Brogan, Cooper, Xavier

Wishing you a wonderful Valentine's Day and Family Day!

Mrs. V and the Grade 3's ☺



Grade 4 News

✓ Language Arts: Our focus for the month of February will be on writing, revising, editing, publishing and practicing our speeches for the Elk Island Public Schools Speech Competition. Early March, each student from Grades 4, 5, and 6 will present their speech to their fellow division 2 students. Our top 3 students from each grade will compete in front of 3 judges from outside the school to determine who will attend the finals in Sherwood Park! Good luck to all of our students!

- ✓ Math: We are continuing our unit on multiplying and dividing larger numbers. Students will estimate products, multiply 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, and solve division equations with 1-digit divisors and 2-digit dividends.
- ✓ Science: We began our Light and Shadow unit this month. Students will learn about light by studying the effects of light on things within their environment. They learn about light sources, about materials that light can pass through and about what happens when a material blocks or changes the path of light. They discover that mirrors, prisms and a variety of other materials can affect that path by reflecting and refracting light and splitting it into colors.

Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Wednesday
- Weather permitting, we are skating each Tuesday afternoon in February. Please remember to bring a CSA approved helmet, gloves, and skates!

Have a wonderful month and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

"Bucket Filler" award winners: Ricky, William, Mackenzie

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michalchuk

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Grade 5 News

January was a busy month and we are all looking forward to a quiet February. Over the past month, we have begun two new units in Science and Math. We recently completed a Survivor Challenge in Science and have been working hard on our speeches in Language Arts. In Math, we have begun working on mental strategies to multiply and will work towards multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers and dividing 3-digit by 1-digit numbers. I encourage that all students practice their multiplication and division skills at home.

Speeches are quickly approaching and we have been working diligently in class to complete them. I highly encourage that students work on them at home. They all have access to their work via Google docs. Parents with Gmail or Outlook accounts can also ask their child to "share" their work so you can view their progress as well as help them at home

Congratulations on the hard work that went into the Spell-a-thon! It paid off! We will be skating on most Thursday afternoons and will be visiting the Senior's Center on February 22nd. Don't forget to have your child check Google Classroom for upcoming events, assignments, or upcoming school closure days.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school, 780-796-3936, or via email, Emily.burton@eips.ca.

"Bucket Filler" award winners: Hayden, Logan, Zandon

Sincerely,

Emily Burton



Grade 6 News

January is already gone! We are moving onto hopefully warmer weather and another exciting month of Leader In Me, classroom activities, as well as building skills. We're continuing with our Evidence and Investigation unit in science, learning about a variety of ways crimes are solved. Likely you'll see shoeprints, fabric and even handwriting being examined. Be sure to ask your child about The Charter of Rights and Freedoms, such as examples of rights, and why we have the Charter! We are almost finished this unit in Social Studies, and are looking forward to learning about the Provincial and Federal levels of government. Division and Multiplication are our focus in Math, and we have begun to practice for the PAT exam as well. Remember to increase accuracy of basic math facts by practicing nightly! In Language Arts we have been focusing on building

and writing speeches. We will also be starting a book club that ties in with our Science unit. Our class is also skating in February, we have another cooking adventure in the works, and Valentine's Day Carnival.

"Bucket Filler" award winners: Isabelle, Kaitlyn, Carver

Lynsay Atchison
Bruderheim School

In and around the District

Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grade 1 to 6 students and teachers at Bruderheim School are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7, and 10 are also being surveyed—the province mailed the surveys in January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The completed survey must be returned to Alberta Education by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its three-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division's *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar.

Kindergarten Registration

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten! Kindergarten registration is now open 2018-19 school year. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice is sent to the given email address.

NOTE: The online registration form is now available—the paper version no longer exists. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding Kindergarten can be found on our school website at <https://bruderheimschool.ca/>

EIPS Launches New Pre-Enrolment Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information, and manages requests to attend a non-designated school. The pre-enrolment process allows the Division to verify all student information for every child prior to the start of the new school year.

Each spring, EIPS families will receive an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year using a secure online pre-enrolment form. By logging in to PowerSchool, families can indicate which school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts. If circumstances change, families also have the ability to update their child's data throughout the year.

The pre-enrolment process for the 2018-19 school year takes place from March 1-15 of this year.

Applying to attend a non-designated school?

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have closed boundaries because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. These schools will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

NOTE: Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit www.eips.ca.

Stay Connected: Subscribe to EIPS email news

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice. Once subscribed you'll begin receiving Division- and school-related news—newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent- and community-engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

NOTE: Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.

Orange Shirt Contest

The Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities invites Alberta students to design the logo for the 2018 Orange Shirt Campaign and share their vision for respect, remembrance and reconciliation! Students are asked to submit designs that:

- Reflect their interpretation and understanding of Orange Shirt Day
- Show creativity and originality
- Presents the topic in an interesting way that can help others understand Orange Shirt Day

Entries are due **May 15, 2018**

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Project Ideas and Resources

- [Cindy Blackstock's](#) new children's book, *[Spirit Bear and Children Make History](#)*, teaches in a gentle way about [Jordan's Principle](#) and human rights. This book is best suited for grades 3-5 but a nation-wide [Bear Witness Day](#) can be explored by any age. The 2018 Bear Witness Day will be **May 10**. You can learn more about the [Spirit Bear plan](#) here. [Spirit Bear](#) is also on twitter if you'd like to follow and learn more
- Have you heard about [#ImagineACanada](#)? Three EIPS students and their submissions were recognized last year. The deadline is **March 1, 2018** so there's still time to submit student visions for a Reconciled Canada. [Learn more](#)
- [Advancing Reconciliation in Schools Toolkit](#) to help students get curious about what colonization means and how social justice can be explored.
- Safe and Caring Schools [Orange Shirt Day lessons](#) to keep in mind for next fall.
- [Elder in the Making](#) is now available on YouTube.



Your Future **in MIND**

In and around Bruderheim



Family Day 2018

Brought to you by The Bruderheim Recreation and Culture Board

February 19th

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Family activities at the Karol Maschmeyer Arena, Outdoor Rink and Community Hall



Family Day Unplugged at the Community Hall sponsored by FCSS Lamont County Region: indoor games & activities



Public Skating, foam ball dodge ball, "snowball fight"



Marshmallow roast, hot chocolate & S'mores Behind Infinity centre hosted by The Bruderheim Fire Department
Wiener roast at the Outdoor Rink sponsored by Bruderheim Lions & Lioness Clubs



events subject to change



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Be Your Best!