



From the Principal's Desk...

Looking Back...

March was a great month at our school. Pre enrollment process went well. Most families completed the online process with the office only having to follow up with a few families. Our basketball teams finished off their seasons and had a great time. Report cards went out and parent teacher interviews were well attended. A much needed spring break rounded out the month.

Presently...

The Lion seems to like its home in Bruderheim as the lamb like weather is staying away for now. Like many others April is a busy month at school as we are already planning for the 2018/19 school year. Pre-enrolment was a success and offers the school a better picture of what school will look like next year, so thank you for going on line and updating your information.

Looking Ahead...

April will be filled with important learning as our grade six classes approach Achievement test season, Our sixth leader in me assembly will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am with a special edition of our Leader in Me TV. We will also send representatives to the Elk Island Regional Speech Competition, good luck Tigers. As you enter the school over the next couple of weeks you will notice some changes in the entry way. Our students have been working on a "Project of Heart" which represents our work with, and understanding of, First Nation, Metis an Inuit culture. Make sure to look for this impressive art piece when you are in.

Paul McKay  
Principal



## APRIL 2018

- Apr. 13 Assembly 9:00AM  
Apr. 17 Spring School Pictures  
Apr. 18 Math Contest  
Apr. 22 Earth Day  
Apr. 23 Author Visits 1:00 – 3:00  
Apr. 26 Division Speech Competition – County Hall Sherwood Park 5:00PM  
~~Apr. 26 Kindergarten Information Night 6:00PM~~ *changed to May 1*  
Apr. 27 Professional Learning Day – No School

## MAY 2018

- May 1 Kindergarten Information Night 6:00PM  
May 2 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM  
May 4 Assembly 9:00AM  
May 7 BSC Meeting 5:30PM  
May 8 Volunteer Appreciation 11:30AM  
May 10 Legislature Field Trip Grade 6  
May 15 Safety City ECS 11:00AM – 1:30PM  
May 15 Bennett Centre Gr 6 Science Review  
May 16 Peoples of the North Grades 4, 5 Field Trip  
May 17, 18 School Closure Days  
May 21 Victoria Day – No School

## JUNE 2018

- June 1 Assembly 9:00AM  
June 4 LA Part B PAT Field Test 9:00 – 10:00AM  
June 4 BSC Meeting 5:30PM  
June 5 Math Part A PAT Field Test 9:00 – 9:20AM  
June 5 Math Part B PAT Field Test 9:45 – 10:45AM  
June 6 Social PAT Field Test 9:00 – 10:00AM  
June 6 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM  
June 6 Last library book exchange  
June 7 Science PAT Field Test 9:00 – 9:50AM  
June 12 Telus World of Science – School Wide Field Trip  
June 12, 13 ALL LIBRARY ITEMS DUE BACK TO THE LIBRARY  
June 18 LA Part B PAT  
June 19 Math Part A & B PAT  
June 20 Social PAT  
June 21 Aboriginal Day  
June 22 Science PAT  
June 22 Kindergarten Graduation 1:00PM  
June 25 Report Cards Distributed at 2:30PM and Available Through CSL on PowerSchool  
June 28 Activity Day  
June 28 Grade 6 Farewell & Awards Ceremony 1:00PM  
June 28 Last Day of School for Students  
June 29 Last Operational Day for Teaching Staff



*Please check our website for up to date information*

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Bruderheim School is a great place to be thanks to the efforts of many dedicated people. In this section of the newsletter we try to recognize the work done on behalf of the students. Thank you to:

- Walmart for their donation of school supplies
- Breakfast program volunteers
- BSC for providing babysitting during BSC meetings

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

Our volunteers are amazing! We welcome all parent and community volunteers to join us in the school May 8 at 11:30 to 12:30 for pizza lunch.

## NEXT BSC (BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL) MEETING

Please join us on Monday, May 7 at 5:30 in the library for the next BSC meeting. There are many important things happening and this is an excellent way to be involved in school life. Babysitting will be provided thanks to BSC. All parents are welcome!

## SIGNING IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

PLEASE all volunteers, visitors AND parents stop at the office to sign in. Remember to sign your child out if they are going to be arriving/leaving school premises during regular school hours. Student and staff safety is our #1 priority.

## AMA SCHOOL PATROL

Congratulations to Kaitlyn who is patroller of the month! Kaitlyn has shown great dedication and service which is greatly appreciated, especially during our brutally cold days! Thank you Kaitlyn!



## GEARING UP FOR KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on May 1 at 6:00PM:

- tour the school
- meet the teachers
- gain insight on play-based learning
- see what a typical day looks like

Elk Island Public Schools has also put together an online toolkit to make the transition to school as smooth as possible. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting [www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten).

Additional information regarding Bruderheim School's kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at <https://bruderheimschool.ca/>



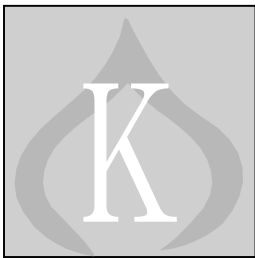
*NOTE:* To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year, children must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2018.

## **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](http://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.



### **Kindergarten News**

This theme for the month of April is Spring. We are having fun planting flowers, turning our house into a flower shop and playing bug games. Hopefully we will get to see some of the Spring weather that we are talking about soon. We will continue to practice site words and word families. Since most children are doing well with their number skills to 10, most students are beginning doing some counting and recognizing numbers to 20.

The following are important dates coming up:

April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Picture day
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten school day
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kindergarten Information Night (for children entering Kindergarten next year)
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten school day
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteer Tea
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher's Pet in school field trip (soapstone carvings)
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Field trip to Safety City



Sincerely,  
Mrs. Grumbach



### **Grade 1 News**

Spring has sprung, although Mother Nature sure hasn't noticed. I am excited for longer days, warmer weather and the return of grass, leaves and flowers. I hope each child had a fantastic break, I have already heard many stories about their adventures!

Last month we explored long vowel sounds and compared them to their short vowel sounds. We read our weekly word family poems and wrote in our journals. We continued our Literacy Centres and I am happy to be seeing some growth among most students. Keep reading each night at home to help your child meet their reading goals and continue excelling! This month we will be talking different letter blends like /l/-blends, /r/-blends and /s/-blends during phonics time, as well as continuing our weekly word

families. In Math, we finished our unit “Numbers to 100” and we started a new unit “Adding and Subtraction Numbers to 20.” I have created some fun addition and subtraction busy bins that the students have already tested out and are loving. There are so many ways to find fun math enrichment at home, Pinterest is a fantastic resource! In Science we will be continuing our “Building Things” tied to familiar fairytales. In Social Studies we will look at maps and make our own community. We will also begin to explore our community in the past.

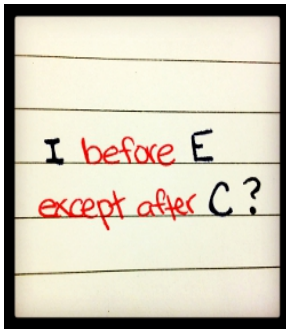
*Congratulations to our award winners: Emery, Zoe, Tanya*

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Secrist

### **Grade 2 News**

Dear Parent(s),

I am extremely excited to be returning from my maternity leave to the grade two classroom and I am looking forward to getting to know your child in the coming weeks. It will take some time for me to become familiar with classroom routines and procedures, so please bear with me as I work on making this transition as smooth as possible for your child.



### **Language Arts**

In Language Arts, we will continue with the Words of the Week and weekly spelling tests on Fridays. Reminders will be written in your child’s agenda.

For the final term, we will focus more on comprehension activities so students need to be fluent and accurate with their reading as well as understand and respond to questions about the literature. We will write responses to books read in class and they will start to reflect on the stories they have read. This is another indicator of how well your child can comprehend meaning in a story.

For writing, we will be working on organizing our thoughts, using description and adding “voice” to our writing; our own personal flair. Students are encouraged to use the word wall and their own dictionary to correct misspelled words. For this month, we are doing a mini unit on Fairy Tales.

### **Math**

Throughout the next 3 months we will be working hard to learn how to add and subtract numbers to 100. This is a difficult concept and will require practice at home. If you require any more practice sheets, please just let me know. I will continue to use strategies taught from their previous unit such as: counting on, recognizing doubles, doubles +1, making ten, and thinking addition for subtraction.

*Habit 5 Award Winners: Anna, Cooper, Brooklyn*

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Brady

### **3V April News**

I hope you’ve enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break with your family and created many memories. During April, we will continue to have Miss Wiklund in our class completing her Introductory Field Experience. The grade 3’s are enjoying learning nouns, poetry, and the patterning unit in math with Miss Wiklund. Fun games and activities have taken place to intrigue your child’s learning. Be sure to ask what they did at school today!





In Science, Mr. Brown hired us and the grade 3's have decided to call our company, "Mr. Brown's Construction Kids". We've made a phone call to check in with him on our job progress but unfortunately he was not in during that time. Building is sure to be a hit as we write reports, hypothesis and experiment. Each afternoon, Mrs. Burton will be teaching health, gym, and social studies, as I will be working directly with Leveled Literacy Intervention. This intervention provides intensive, small group instruction, which supplements classroom literacy teaching for students grade 1-6.



As our year winds down, please continue checking your child's agenda daily and ensure they are reading nightly for 30 minutes! Any other homework brought home is a result of being unable to finish it at school and is required back the next day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns be sure to come see me!

*Congratulations to this month's award winners: Flynn, Owen, Matteo*

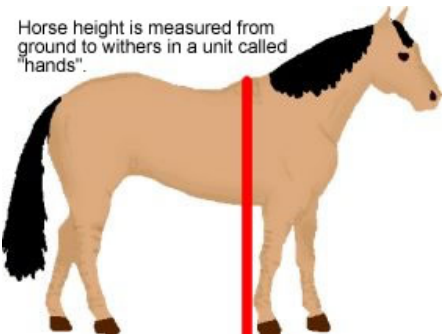
Mrs. V and the Grade 3's ☺  
[janice.vandelannoite@eips.ca](mailto:janice.vandelannoite@eips.ca)



### **Grade 4 News**

✓ Language Arts: Our focus this month will be on poetry writing and appreciation, as well as continuing to build on our strategies of good writers!

✓ Grade 4 Math: We are wrapping up our measurement unit and moving into learning all about fractions. Students will name and record fractions for the parts of a whole or a set, compare and order fractions, and provide examples of where fractions are used in everyday life.



✓ Science: We are continuing our exploration of waste and our world. We learn about wastes produced through natural and human processes, and that some waste is biodegradable, recyclable, reusable and even toxic. Students will engage in personal action to decrease the amount of waste we accumulate.

✓ French: In April, we will look at vocabulary and phrases relating to numbers and clothing.

✓ Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Wednesday
- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch is Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.

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

*Congratulations to our April classroom award recipients: Kyran, Heidi and Cameron*

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Michalchuk  
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[ashley.michalchuk@eips.ca](mailto:ashley.michalchuk@eips.ca)



## **Grade 5 News**

Hello!

I hope everyone had a great Easter break! In April, the grade 5's will be exploring weather, fractions and decimals, as well as beginning a novel study. It will be a busy month! There will be spring pictures Tuesday, April 17 and a math contest on April 18. No studying required!

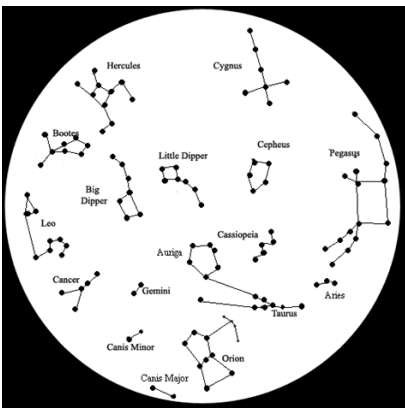
FRACTIONS



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](mailto:Emily.burton@eips.ca).

*Our April award winners are: Hayden, Evelyn, Summer*

Sincerely,  
Emily Burton



## **Grade 6 News**

March is gone and April came in still carrying winter on its back! We are almost finished our Book Club Mystery in language arts, and we are continuing to work on narrative and newspaper writing. Sky Science has included constellations, the solar system, and the reason for the seasons. Students enjoyed researching and creating their own constellation. The Iroquois Confederacy is our next democracy to study in social after finishing provincial government. In math we've learned about angles, and are moving onto geometry next! Be sure to ask your child to find the area of your kitchen! We are working away at finishing



curriculum to be sure to prepare for our Provincial Achievement Tests. Our class will be writing PAT Field Tests as well, be sure to check the calendar for those dates!

*This month's award winners: Margaret, Jordan*

**Lynsay Atchison**  
**Bruderheim School**

# **In and around the District**

## **Watch for Thin Ice**

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, want to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during 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 on ice safety, visit [www.lifesaving.org](http://www.lifesaving.org).

## **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, co-ordinating a fundraising initiative or helping at a school event, the impact you make within our school

community is profound. Together, we've built a positive relationships that has allowed us to rally behind one clear vision: Provide exceptional education for all students.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 15-21, EIPS extends a heartfelt thanks and celebrates the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who dedicate countless hours of their time in our schools.

Trina Boymook  
Chair, Board of Trustees

### **Data Defenders Game**

[Data Defenders](#) is designed not just to entertain children but also to teach them how to protect their privacy. It shows kids how ad brokers try to collect their personal information and offers strategies to keep that information private. Using a tile-matching format, the game integrates educational content with fun activities. In the first round, children are offered the opportunity to earn more moves and improve their game score by answering questions about themselves—a common tactic of 'free' games and services that make money by collecting and selling user data. Unbeknownst to the players, by providing this information they are lowering their hidden privacy scores. In the second round, players have the opportunity to protect their privacy scores by completing quizzes about various privacy tools.

The online game is accompanied by parent and teacher guides and a lesson plan for grades 4 to 6 that further reinforces privacy learning. All materials, including the game, can be accessed free of charge on the [MediaSmarts](#) website.

### **NAIT Summer Camps**

Registration is now open for NAIT Summer Camps. [Summer camp brochure](#)

Register: [Online](#)

Call 780-471-7713 (Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

In person to office O117

### **Rock Jungle Fitness**

Rock Jungle Fitness and Rock Jungle Boulders, two premium climbing and fitness facilities in Edmonton, provide a unique and fun experience for students and staff.

#### **Rock Jungle Boulders (10505 107 St NW)**

Edmonton's first bouldering-only facility. More than 6,000 square feet of premium bouldering on Walltopia walls (the leading international climbing wall manufacturer). Onsite Cafe offering a variety of food and drink options.

- Able to support groups up to 35 students, grades 7-12
- 1, 1.5, and 2-hour bookings available
- Personalized bookings which can include climbing and fitness

To book or for more information, email [rjfbookings@gmail.com](mailto:rjfbookings@gmail.com) or visit [www.rockjungleboulders.com](http://www.rockjungleboulders.com).

#### **Rock Jungle Fitness (10247 184 St NW)**

Edmonton's largest indoor climbing facility and Canada's only climbing, CrossFit, yoga, and strongman facility. Over 28,000 square feet of climbing, CrossFit and yoga space.

- Able to support groups up to 100 students, kindergarten to Grade 12
- 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 4 and 5-hour bookings available
- Personalized bookings which can include any one or more: climbing, fitness, yoga and CrossFit

To book or for more information, email [rjfbookings@gmail.com](mailto:rjfbookings@gmail.com) or visit [www.rockjunglefitness.com](http://www.rockjunglefitness.com).

### **Sharing Circles with Elder Wilson**

We have two final sharing circles with Elder Wilson this school year, both with special add-ons.



- The [April 24 circle](#) includes an opportunity for interested parents to join us and there may also be a special guest. If you have parents who would like to meet Elder Wilson, please encourage them to [sign up here](#).
- The [May 22 circle](#) will include a smudge and tobacco tying time.

### **Sherwood Park Great Canadian Trade Fair & Sale: Kids' passes**

The Sherwood Park & District Chamber of Commerce has free kids' passes for the Great Canadian Trade Fair & Sale which takes place **April 13-15**. Schools can order/pick up the free passes by contacting Allyson Froland at 780-416-5501 or in person at the Sherwood Park & District Chamber of Commerce, 100 Ordze Ave. (Monday-Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

### **Agricultural Poster Contest**

Strathcona County invites entries for its 2018 Agricultural Poster Contest: How does your garden grow? The contest encourages students to think about the importance of agriculture in their lives, regardless of where they live. Draw a picture depicting how you get your garden to grow. The contest is open to all students in grades 3-5 in Strathcona County and Fort Saskatchewan. Prizes will be presented to three winners from each grade. Entry deadline is **April 20**. Contest winners will be announced in May 2018. [Learn more](#)

### **Family Fun Festival**

There are 2,000 days between the time a baby is born until they head off to kindergarten. Join Strathcona County for the [Family Fun Festival](#) to celebrate the first 2,000 days of life. This fun, free festival is for families of preschool children ages zero to five. The festival features interactive play experiences for children. There will be professionals from the community available to discuss a variety of early childhood topics including:

- building better brains
- nutrition
- play

**When:** April 14; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Ardrossan Recreation Complex  
 80 - 1 Ave., Ardrossan



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**Be Your Best!**