



BRUDERHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
October 2018
Principal: Paul McKay

From the Principal's Desk:

Happy Fall everyone. I hope that all our families took time to celebrate the weekend and remembering what they are truly thankful for. We rounded out September with two major events that I am very proud of. All staff and students wore Orange shirts to mark the season that Aboriginal kids were taken away to residential schools. By acknowledging this we are moving one step close to reconciliation and understanding. We also held our Terry Fox event where we raised almost \$2 per student and donated the funds to the Terry Fox foundation. Thanks to Mrs. Secrist for organizing the day for us.

October is set to be an exciting month for our Tigers. Our religion and character education options will begin. Character Ed this year will focus on the science of character. Check out the video link on our website for more information. We plan to have our monthly assemblies around this theme beginning in November.

School fees have been posted this month. You may notice that the only fee we are collecting is our noon hour supervision fee. All other fees for field trips and other events will be on a pay as you go basis. Please watch for field trip forms and payments throughout the year.

A HUGE thank you to the Bruderheim Parent Council for supporting our swimming field trip by providing the bus transportation. This opportunity couldn't happen without you. Another thanks goes out to Shirgor Enterprises for getting our basketball pole installed.

Below are some key dates to remember this month:

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| October 11 | Fire Drill @ 11am |
| October 12 | Newsletter Day |
| October 18 | Picture Day |
| October 31 | Halloween |

Sincerely,

Paul McKay
Principal



OCTOBER 2018

- Oct. 1 Swimming Grades 1 & 3 10:30 to 12:00
- Oct. 1 BSC Meeting 5:30
- Oct. 1 – 4 Read-In Week “Bringing Stories To Life”
- Oct. 2 Bus Evacuation “Little Elk Island Adventures” 1:30
- Oct. 3 Early Dismissal 1:55/Staff Meeting
- Oct. 3 Swimming Grades 2 & 4 10:30 to 12:00
- Oct. 4 Bus Evacuation “Little Elk Island Adventures”
- Oct. 5 Professional Learning Day; No School
- Oct. 5 World Teachers Day
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 10 World Mental Health Day
- Oct. 10 Swimming Grades 2 & 4 10:30 to 12:00
- Oct. 11 Fire Drill 11:00
- Oct. 11 Grade 5 Seniors Visit 10:00
- Oct. 12 Swimming Grades 5 & 6 10:30 to 12:00
- Oct. 15 Swimming Grades 1 & 3 10:30 to 12:00
- Oct. 18 Picture Day ☺ 8:45
- Oct. 19 Swimming Grades 5 & 6 10:30 to 12:00
- Oct. 23-25 Book Swap
- Oct. 24 United Nations Day
- Oct. 31 Halloween – PM activities



Swimming:

The bus will arrive at Harbour Pool in Fort Saskatchewan at 10:20 the following mornings:

Grades 1 & 3; October 1 & 15

Grades 2 & 4; October 3 & 10

Grades 5 & 6; October 12 & 19

Please check our website for up to date information



STUDENT BIRTH CERTIFICATES

It is mandatory to have birth certificates for every student to complete the school registration for your child(ren) or Alberta Education can consider your child as non-registered and therefore not attending school. Please ensure each of your child's birth certificate(s) are submitted to the school office immediately either by email (karenj.carlson@eips.ca) or by bringing it/them into the office so it can be photocopied and immediately returned.

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:

- BSC for providing babysitting during BSC meetings
- Hot lunch volunteers

2018/19 BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL (BSC)

Chair: Dawn Kotyk

Vice Chair: Nicole Kammer

Treasurer: Sarah Smith

Secretary: Allyson Braybrook

Fundraising: By Committee

Hot Lunch Co-ordinator: Sarah Smith

Breakfast Program Volunteer Co-ordinator: Stephanie Campbell

Breakfast Program Purchaser: Jacquie Senchuk

The next BSC meeting is November 5 at 5:30 in the library. There are always many important things happening and this is an excellent way to be involved in school life. All parents are welcome! Babysitting is provided!

BOOK SWAP ON OCTOBER 23-25

Students will be allowed to bring in up to 5 gently used books to exchange for others. All books should look new with no writing, torn pages or labels/stickers. Mrs. Bartz tells the students that the books should be like a gift they would want to give someone. Books can be brought in early October to homeroom teachers. The exchange will take place during your child's library period.

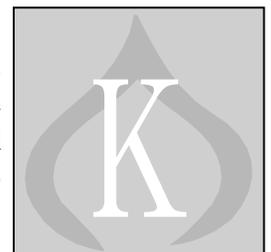
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween celebrations are just around the corner and we have many students with wonderful, creative ideas about what costumes to wear. What's important to remember is costumes that portray stereotypes about a specific group, culture or race can be hurtful. While we're confident our students wouldn't intentionally offend their classmates or teachers, we need to be sensitive to the fact that having one's background or identity depicted as a costume can be viewed as disrespectful.

Elk Island Public Schools is committed to providing welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and working environments. It is important that celebrations being held at our school can be enjoyed by everyone. Please help ensure Halloween is fun for all our students. If you have any questions about whether or not a costume would be appropriate, please contact Mr. Paul McKay to discuss.

Kindergarten News

October is a month full of picking pumpkins and raking the falling leaves in our dramatic play center. Through our theme of fall, kindergarten students will be working on the phonemic awareness skills such as rhyming, and letters vs. words. We continue to build number skills for number 1-5 and create fall themed AB and ABB patterns. We continue to learn sight words and read emergent books! It's fall fun in Kindergarten.



Mrs. Barmentloo



Grade 1 News

It's hard to believe we are already one month into Grade One! Where has the first month gone? October is set to be full of loads of learning and fun!

In language arts we are finishing our letter review and continuing our writer's workshops. We will be starting home reading later in the month. We will also start discovering word families and phonics.

In math we have started unit 2 "Numbers to 20". In this unit we will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards starting at different numbers, recognizing groups up to 10, exploring numbers to 20, looking at all the ways to represent number (tallies, dice, ten frames, etc) and much more! How can you explore numbers at home?

In science, we are finishing talking about Fall and have started our Five Senses unit.

We have been talking about the groups we belong to in social studies. We will start discussing what our right and responsibilities are in these groups. We have a right to learn in our school group, but it is our responsibility to work hard and complete all our tasks.



In art we will do some fall painting and maybe even some spooky pictures to decorate our classroom and hallways!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Secrist

Grade 2 News

October is upon us and we are so thankful to be learning and having fun in grade 2! We have enjoyed learning about magnets and building our understanding of the rules of magnetism. We have also discovered patterns in our day to day learning. We have also taken a look at maps during our social time and learned how compasses and symbols help us find where we are going. Next time you need directions ask your grade 2 student! They know how to read and develop maps of their own.



As the leaves fall outside we are turning our attention towards a few new things in our classroom. We have begun analyzing and sharing about communities big and small. We are learning how communities differ from one another and what brings every citizen within the community together. In math we are looking at numbers and the different forms they take, from number lines to equations and even money! In health we have been learning about what makes us strong both emotionally and physically. We have learned what food is healthy and how much of it we should be eating to make our bodies strong! We are continuing to build our reading stamina and enjoy looking and new books within our classroom each week.

As always feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your students learning. Please remember to send warm clothes as our weather continues to get cooler and cooler. Enjoy your autumn!





October 3V News

The first month of school has flown by and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your child. We have completed one Math and Science unit already and are close to completing Social and Language Arts units. You may have noticed a “study buddy” folder comes home when we have an assessment coming up. Please take the time to review the study guide and package sent home.



Each day, your child’s agenda and reading duotang is checked. Thank you for the time you are reading with your child each night! They will receive prizes for their accomplishments, but best of all they will learn to read more fluently, comprehend materials easier, and learn to love reading.

With the change in weather, please ensure you send proper outdoor clothing and even a change of clothes they can keep in their locker. Mitts, toques, neck warmers and snow pants should be sent in daily.

Upcoming units in October/November we will be studying:

- Science-Hearing and Sound
- Math-Measurement
- Social-Quality of Life
- Language Arts-“Sarah, Plain and Tall” novel study
- Physical Education-Basketball

As always, be sure to contact me if you have any concerns (janice.vandelannoite@eips.ca).

Mrs. V. and the Grade 3’s ☺

Grade 4 News

We are off to a wonderful start in Grade 4! Students are settling into our routines and have adjusted well to taking on the new responsibilities of Grade 4! Here is a sneak peak at what’s to come this month:



- ✓ **Language Arts**: This month we will focus on writing complete sentences and personal narratives. We will look at how to arrange our writing so readers can understand it, while selecting ideas that are clear, focused and interesting.
- ✓ **Science**: We are continuing our exploration of wheels, levers and pulleys. Students will be constructing and testing simple machines in order to appreciate how they make our work easier!
- ✓ **Math**: We are beginning our unit on patterns and equations. In this unit, your child will investigate and describe patterns in tables and charts, extend number patterns, use patterns to solve problems, and write and solve equations. If you’d ever like extra math practice for your child to work on at home, please don’t hesitate to ask!



- ✓ **Social**: We will begin our “Travel Alberta” unit exploring each of Alberta’s unique natural regions, enjoying traditional treats and participating in activities that relate to each region along the way! Please ask your child where we’ve travelled so far!
- ✓ **Art**: We will focus on representing fall using various mediums and techniques.

Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Thursday

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michalchuk

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Grade 5 News

Language Arts- Reading we continue to focus on strategies to make us better readers and building our stamina up. Attention in writing, is to make our paragraphs more descriptive by adding in relevant adjectives, using our five senses, and knowing how word choice can alter our writing.



Math- We are finishing up unit one on patterns and equations and moving on to whole numbers. In this unit students will be able to: recognize and read numbers to 1 000 000, read and write numbers in all forms, use place value to represent numbers, estimate sums and differences, and solve problems using whole numbers.



Science- Our class has completed the unit on electricity and magnetism. Students have begun looking into electricity in more detail, with our new unit mechanisms using electricity. A few experiments we will be conducting are: making a simple circuit board, making a bell ring, and making an alarm – students will require a small box for this, a shoebox would be perfect.

Social- We have moved on to exploring Canada's regions more in depth by participating in The Amazing Canada Region Race. Which will challenge students to find information and complete a final project for each of our regions.

Important Dates: Swimming Friday October 12 and October 19. Math test October 17, Picture Day October 18

Sincerely,

Ms. Vincent



Wow! What a busy and exciting month we have had. It has been wonderful getting to know each other and creating our classroom community.

Math- We continue to build our Number Sense by working with numbers over one million, multiples, factors, order of operations and integers. Please encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts on a regular basis by using games such as snap, prodigy or multiplication.com.

Language Arts- Our class is really enjoying reading the book Wonder by R.J. Palacio, taking a deep look into our own actions and how we can "Choose Kind." Students have also started participating in Daily 5 which involves Reading to Self, Word Work, Reading to a Someone, Working on Writing and Listening to Reading. The Word Work Bingo was a HUGE hit and students enjoyed writing in a variety of ways.



Science- We LOVE experiments in grade 6! Students have completed many experiments to discover the properties of air, how to achieve lift and what air is made up of.

Social- In Social, we continue to learn about the Canadian Government and Democracy. Students recently created slideshows to share their understanding of the steps involved in becoming a Canadian Citizen.

Google Classroom- where you can find all major assignments, projects and rubrics.

Classcraft- The class is LOVING this tool! Each day students work hard to earn AP points. These points can be used for special privileges like working in the hall, free time, or listening to music. Students have to make sure they are keeping their character healthy by earning these points or else they can “fall into battle!” Falling into battle means facing a consequence such as an extra homework assignment or having to turn in homework a day early. Ask your child to show you their Classcraft to see what it is all about!

Have a great October and as always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Taylor

In and around the District

Request for Christmas and holiday-themed artwork

We are seeking submissions of Christmas and holiday-themed artwork to be used for the Board of Trustees official greeting cards and to be sold in sets to interested EIPS employees. We’re looking for seasonal and winter images in the unique, creative style only students can provide. Those whose work is selected will be advised and a free set of cards provided to them.

Guidelines and information for art submission:

- Finished card size will be 5” x 7” but larger art may be submitted (standard letter-sized, for example).
- Artwork may be vertical or horizontal.
- Artwork may be created on any paper and with any medium as long as it can be properly scanned—thick 3D art or art larger than 8.5” x 11” may not work.
- Avoid including words of any kind—let the art tell the story!
- Avoid including the student’s name on the art. If included, first name only.
- Submit the full name, grade and school along with the artwork when sending it in the courier. Note: Only the first name and grade will appear on the back of the finished cards in conjunction with the EIPS logo.
- Originals are needed for scanning; they will be returned to the school.

*NOTE: Art may be resized and cropped to fit the cards and best display the art.

The deadline for artwork submissions is **October 31**. Send artwork to EIPS Central Services via the courier, attention Laura McNabb. For more information, contact [Laura McNabb](#) at ext. 8204.

Lives that Make a Difference Essay Contest *Grades 5-12*

Students can enter the A&E Canadian Classroom’s Lives that Make a Difference Essay Contest, based on someone they think made the biggest impact on Canadian society in 2018. The entry deadline is **Dec. 31, 2018**. A&E also has scheduled programs that complement curriculum in the areas of history, literature, performing arts, science and social studies, including a free resource guide. [Learn more](#)

REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!

Head lice is one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, head lice are tiny, greyish-brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp—itching is the main complaint. Lice don’t jump from head to head nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it’s essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. To prevent the spread of head lice, we strongly encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If head lice are found on your child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit www.eips.ca/programs-services/healthy-schools/head-lice. Alternatively, you can contact the school at 780 796 3936.

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, Bruderheim School continues to be registered in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four of 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at 780 796 3936. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

Read In Week takes place October 1-5

Read In Week 2018 returns on October 1. The theme for this year is Bringing Books to Life. Through various activities, students will spend the week learning how stories live on, even when the book is finished.

Read In Week is a Division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us either by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community. And, don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag *#eipsreads*. We hope you discover some amazing stories.

School Bus Safety Week: October 22-26

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 22-26. The theme: School Bus...Bully Free Zone, which is all about promoting the importance of healthy relationship among students, staff and school bus operators. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/transportation or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don’t forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child’s account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <http://bruderheimschool.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Karen Carlson at Bruderheim School 780 796 3936.



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Be Your Best!