

BRUDERHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
November 2018
Principal: Paul McKay

From the Principal's Desk:

November already?! Where has the time gone? It seems like it was just the beginning of the year. That must mean that we are having fun each and every day. October was a great month at our school as we began our religion and character education classes and began to focus on what individual strengths make us awesome. We are hoping to put some of those strengths on display at the end of the month, stay tuned for more details.

November marks the beginning of reporting period for our students and teachers. Classes will be demonstrating what they have been learning thus far and report cards will come out at the end of November.

Bruderheim School has been in the news as of late. Our new recess schedule has received a lot of attention over the past couple of weeks. I am so proud of our staff and students for making this a success and I know that our students are better off both physically and academically as a result of our time outside together. Check out the Edmonton Journal, City TV, or the local paper for coverage of our fabulous school.

I hope that everyone enjoys our upcoming November break and I look forward to seeing everyone during the Christmas season here at the school.

Sincerely,

Paul McKay
Principal



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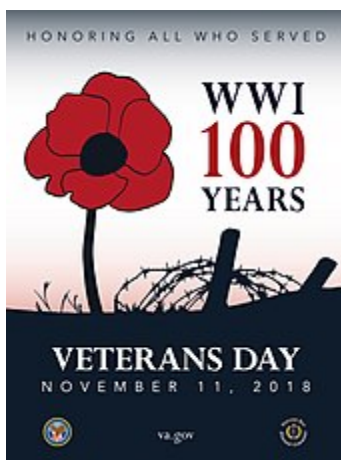
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| Nov – Jan | Mitten Tree |
| Nov. 5 | Alberta Safe Riders Vehicle Safety |
| Nov. 5 | BSC Meeting 5:30 |
| Nov. 6-8 | Bonus Book Days |
| Nov. 7 | Early Dismissal 1:55/Staff Meeting |
| Nov. 8 | Grade 4 Seniors Visit |
| Nov. 8 | School Picture Retakes 8:45 |
| Nov. 9 | Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 |
| Nov. 12 to 16 | Day in Lieu & Fall Break – No School |
| Nov. 19 to 23 | National Bullying Awareness Week (“Choose Kind”) |
| Nov. 23 | Report Cards Distributed at 2:30 and Available Through CSL on PowerSchool |
| Nov. 23 | Crazy Hair Day |
| Nov. 26 & 27 | Parent/Teacher/Student Conference 4:30 to 7:30 |
| Nov. 27 | “On Alert” Drill |
| Nov. 30 | Hot Dog Hot Lunch Fundraiser/Character Ed Assembly/BRU Spirit Day |



DECEMBER 2018

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| Dec. 3 | BSC Meeting 5:30 |
| Dec. 3 | Food Bank Begins |
| Dec. 5 | Early Dismissal 1:55/Staff Meeting |
| Dec. 6 | Grade 3 Tree Making/No Gym Today |
| Dec. 7 | Assembly Families Welcome! 9:00 Cancelled |
| Dec. 19 | Christmas Concert 1:00 and 7:00 |
| Dec. 20 | Staff Appreciation Lunch |
| Dec. 24-Jan 7 | Christmas break |

Please check our website for up to date information



REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Everyone is welcome to attend. Bruderheim staff and students would like to extend our gratitude to all of our veterans and members of the Canadian Armed Forces. We are eternally grateful for your service and dedication. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make our world a better place for us and our children.

BRUDERHEIM CHRISTMAS HAMPER

As in previous years, Bruderheim School will be collecting food for the Bruderheim Christmas hamper. Beginning after fall break, students will be encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items for the Bruderheim Christmas Hamper program.



BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE

The entire front row at the Christmas concert will be raffled off! Each \$1 raffle ticket is good for two seats. Each winner will have 2 seats with their names on them in the front row. Feel free to enter as often as you like. All money collected will go to the Bruderheim Christmas Hamper.

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
- BSC for providing bus transportation during swimming field trips

NOVEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all the families who brought in gently used books for our 6th annual **Book Swap**. Your generosity in supporting this simple but fun library event was appreciated. Many students took home beautiful new stories to read. It is a good thing to recycle and what better than books!



Our next library event will be to begin the purchasing and gathering of warm winter mittens to hang on the library **MITTEN TREE**. Mittens must be new and can range in size from child to adult. This continues to be one of our most successful outreach projects.

Please purchase thick, warm mitts to help Bruderheim School warm the hands of Edmonton's inner city residents. The mittens will be collected until January and then taken in to the Mustard Seed Group or Bissell Centre. Any questions you may have can be directed to Mrs. Bartz in the library.

SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

It is mandatory to have birth certificates on file for every student 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 them into the office so it can be photocopied and immediately returned.

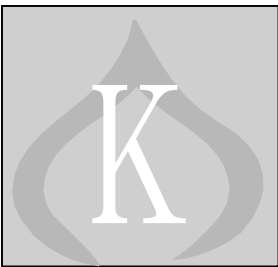
COUNSELLOR'S CORNER WITH MS. SEREDA

10 Things To Know About Reading at Home

1. Your children watch you! Let them see YOU reading and talking about what you read.
2. Practice! Practice! Practice! We all get better at something by doing it regularly and often. Reading is no different. Readers get better at reading by doing lots of reading.
3. Have your child read to different people. Read to a grandmother, uncle, neighbor, sister, babysitter, brother. Encourage them to read to every visitor to your home.



4. Have books in your home for your child to read. Borrow from the public and school libraries. Give books as gifts. Make sure you have both story books and factual books available.
5. Encourage children to read the print that is all around them as store signs, road signs, labels on food containers, recipes, flyers.
6. Read other types of text such as game instructions, a recipe, a children's magazine, a comic book, a website.
7. Reading a book or text more than once is a great way to boost confidence and improve the speed of reading.
8. Discuss and talk about what your child reads. Some things you might say are: Can you make a prediction? What is a question you have? What do you think that word means? Can you tell me what has happened so far? Does that remind you of something that happened to you?
9. Tell your children what they did well while reading. Some things you might say are: You read well today. You told me what happened in the story. Your questions were interesting. You learned a new word today. You did a good job on figuring out words that you didn't know. You concentrated well. You listened well when I was reading to you.
10. Read regularly. Have fun!



Kindergarten News

BRRR! The temperature has dropped and the snow has blown in. This means that Kindergarten will be learning how to ADAPT to the new weather, along with some of our furry friends. We won't HIBERNATE or MIGRATE this winter like the bears or geese!



Kindergarten will continue to blow the socks off our family by reading emergent readers. We will use our eagle eyes and zig zag zebra to find patterns in our books, and use picture clues to help figure out the words. Stretchy snake will be introduced as a reading strategy, as more letters sounds are taught.

We continue to deepen our understanding of numbers, by playing card and domino games. We will also continue to practice creating and extending patterns, as well as, sorting various objects.

We continue to explore how we are all unique through writing and art activities. It is very busy in the Kindergarten Den.

Mrs. Barmantloo



Grade 1 News

October was packed full of laughter and learning in grade one. We finished reviewing the letters of the alphabet and moved into snap words, phonics, writing and reading. We started to look at the numbers 1-10 and explored different ways to represent them. In science, we finished looking at the fall season and started investigating with our five senses. We talked about how they send messages to our brain, about how we use them and about how they keep us safe. In social we finished talking about the groups we belong to and how we identify those groups.



This month is a little shorter but will still be full of learning. We have started out Literacy Centres and will continue these throughout the year. During these centres students get to write in their journals, work on sounds, practice spelling, read independently and they get small group time working with the teacher. This has been a hit so far and the students are showing great responsibility at these centres while they work! We will continue to learn a weekly word family poem that gets sent home every Friday. Remember to send the duotang back so we can put our new poem in on the following week. In math we are looking at the teen numbers and how to represent them. We will finish exploring our five senses in science and move onto creating colour. I love when science and art can mix! In social we will talk about our roles and responsibilities in the groups we belong to. I also have some beautiful poppy art planned for the month of November!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Secrist

Grade 2 News

In grade 2 we are beginning our new science unit on hot and cold temperatures. As the weather outside changes we will be following the temperature drops closely to learn how it works and understand the tools we use to measure temperature. We are wrapping up our discussion on communities and culture. We love learning about new places and in the coming months will begin to take a closer look at some important Canadian culture. We will learn about our northern territories, the Maritimes and the prairie provinces. We will explore what sets us apart and brings us together as Canadians. In math we are learning about numbers and the ways they are represented in the world around us. We have learned different ways to show numbers from tally's to number lines, ten frames, hundred blocks-even money! We are continuing to build resiliency through our writing and reading. We are taking a look at letters, studying their structure and understanding their purpose in everyday life. Please remember to send your child with warm winter clothing as the seasons change.



November 3V News

October ended with a fun Halloween afternoon of "Under the Sea" games. Some of the games consisted of fish memory, treasure dig, clam chucking, sea twister, walk the plank, crab walk, and octopus hockey shoot. All students participated well and found each station to be exciting.

To begin November, we've had an exciting start! Our class had the privilege of having reporter, Rachele Elisufi, from City TV News in our classroom video taping our class in action. What an exciting time for students to see how a reporter works and showing off the amazing things our school is doing. I hope you were able to watch it on TV and had a chance to talk to your child about the additional recesses and if they are finding themselves to be more alert, focused and motivated to learn.

Report cards are approaching fast, we've been finishing up many tasks to get marks in and have taken extra time to ensure we are doing our best work. We are midway through our novel study and students are focusing on



answering questions with complete sentences. In Math we are finishing our measurement unit where we practiced measuring, perimeter, and weight. In Science, our hearing and sound unit is closing with creating our own musical instrument. In Social we are learning about our quality of life compared to others around the world.

Each day, students work on the leveled literacy intervention program. I am so pleased with each student's growth as we practice sounding out words and learning reading and writing rules. Please ensure you are reading your child's leveled book with them **each night**. It is important that they have an adult present to assist them when they come to a difficult word and to ensure they are reading accurately and fluently. Most students are achieving the "gold" status in their home reading, check to see that you child is either in gold or on their way to achieving this to become a better reader. We work hard throughout the day so that very little or no homework is being sent home and reading is their number one obligation, however if your child is bringing work home then this is a good indication that they require additional assistance and time to get their work completed.

I look forward to meeting with each one of you during interviews (Nov. 26 & 27) to discuss how we can work together more effectively so your child has the most successful year learning in grade three.

Sincerely,
Mrs. V and the Grade 3's ☺

Grade 4 News

- ✓ **Language Arts**: This month we will focus on writing interesting leads for our stories and personal narratives. We will experiment with several strategies to draw our reader's attention and hook them into our story so they want to read more! We will also look at our story arc, ensuring our story has a rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.
- ✓ **Science**: We have continued to work on our Wheels and Levers unit, now focusing our attention on pulleys. Later this month, we will begin our Building Devices That Move unit. The students will design, build, test, evaluate and improve upon the design of their own go-kart.
- ✓ **Social**: In our continued study of Alberta, we will begin to investigate Alberta's natural resources, including what they are, how we use them, and how they have helped communities in Alberta grow.
- ✓ **Math**: We are beginning our whole numbers unit where we will represent, describe and compare numbers up to 10 000, add and subtract 3-digit and 4-digit numbers, as well as practice our estimation and mental math skills.



Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Thursday
- We are visiting the Senior Center on November 8th, 2018.

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

It's hard to believe two months of school has already passed and the holiday season is just around the corner.



Language Arts- Students continue to show their descriptive writing skills both in narrative writing and poetry. We continue to sharpen our editing and grammar skills throughout our writing. We are still working on reading strategies, focusing on recalling information that we have read.

Math- Is all about numbers to one million. Our focus has been on recognizing and reading numbers; reading and writing numbers in standard, expanded, and written forms; and using place value to represent numbers. We will begin looking at estimating sums and differences and solving problems using whole numbers.

Science- Mechanisms using electricity is our focus in science. Students continue to learn to build electrical devices, making circuits, switches, and a burglar alarm. Through these tasks students learn to further their problem solving and teamwork skills.



Social- Students continue to race around the regions of Canada; completing roadblock and detour questions, and completing pit stop projects to show their understanding and research of each region. Students are showing some great research skills and creative projects

Important Dates: Library is every Tuesday, November 5- picture orders due, November 7- early out, November 8- picture re-takes, November 9- Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:45, November 12-16- fall break, November 23- Report cards go home, and November 26 and 27- Parent Teacher Interviews.

Sincerely,
Ms. Vincent



Grade 6 News

Math- Students are now moving into the world of DECIMALS! Working with numbers less than one thousandth, multiplying and dividing decimals as well as estimating will be the focus in this unit. This unit will also kick off our "Problem of the Week" routine which involves students independently using their problem solving skills to solve a math word problem.



WHY FIT IN
WHEN YOU WERE BORN
TO **STAND OUT?**

-Dr. Seuss

Language Arts- We are wrapping up our novel study on Wonder and are very excited to compare the book to the movie. Our next novel study is Hatchet, which involves a young boy who finds himself stranded, alone, in the Canadian wilderness after a plane crash. In writing, our focus is "organization" which focuses on proper paragraph format. We will also be learning how to create meaningful peer conferences in order to take our writing to the next level. Please have a look at your child's digital journal in our Google Classroom to see what they have been working on.

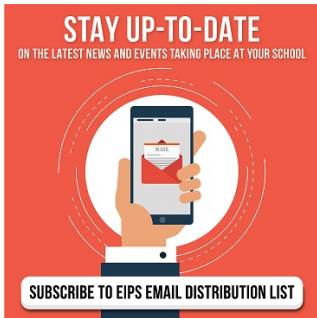
Science- We have wrapped up our Air and Aerodynamics unit and are onto Flight! This unit has us flying paper airplanes, dropping parachutes and blasting rockets!

Social- In Social, we are focusing on the municipal government, how local governments work, taxes, bylaws and what needs this level of government provides for the citizens. Our class is very excited to be holding our first election in which a mayor and 3 councillors will be elected.

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Taylor

In and around the District



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Opioids Don't Discriminate: An interactive experience

Strathcona County Family and Community Services invites you to join the Community Drug Strategy Committee in their launch of [Opioids Don't Discriminate: An interactive experience](#). The no-cost event is for anyone interested in learning more about opioids, the crisis or ways to obtain information on the topic.

When: Nov. 5 to 9, 2018
Times: 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Where: County Community Centre's Agora
Cost: Free
Class bookings: contact [Keith Gibson](#) at 780-464-4044

* The event is open to the public and may be of interest to families, parents and youth aged and up.

Asking for volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering for the event, email [Jean Bell](#). There are two-hour shifts available over the course of the week.

Great Kids Award

The Government of Alberta has opened nominations for the [Great Kids Award](#). Teachers, administrators and others are encouraged to nominate some of the great kids they know who have helped to change the lives of others and to build stronger communities.

The nomination deadline is **4 p.m. on Nov. 30**.

If you have any additional questions, please [email the Great Kids Award Team](#) or contact them by phone at 780-422-2165.

Lamont Hamper Society

Lamont Hamper Society O/A County of Lamont Food Bank is accepting applications for the 2018 Christmas Hamper from November 12, 2018 to December 6, 2018. Please call 780-619-6955 between these dates to apply for a Christmas Hamper. Applications will not be accepted after December 6. Hamper pick up day is December 16 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Hamper assembly and distribution will be Sunday, December 16, 2018 starting at noon. All volunteers are welcome.

Thank you!

P.S

If your school would like to have a toy or Food drive please contact Jody at 780-914-2116.

Kids Write 4 Kids Short Story Writing Contest

The Ripple Foundation is holding a short story contest for students in grades 4 through 8. This year's winning story will be published on Amazon, Apple iBookstore, Google Play and Overdrive. Net proceeds are donated to the winner's charities of choice. In addition, the winner will be part of the judging panel for the following year's contest. **Submission deadline is March 31, 2019.** [Learn More.](#)

National Ballet of Canada YOU dance Registration Open

The National Ballet of Canada is open for registration for the 2019 YOU dance livestream performance. The goal of YOU dance is to give grades 4-6 students across the country an opportunity to be exposed to ballet as an art form through a free live-streamed viewing. The next live stream takes place on **May 12, 2019** from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Learn more](#) | [Register](#) | [The National Ballet of Canada's Education Programmes](#)





Be Your Best!