



From the Principal's Desk...

Looking Back...

April showers are supposed to bring May flowers, but what does a massive melt bring in May? Hopefully sunny weather and lots of outside time. April was a great month at school. We saw Bruderheim school represented at the Elk Island Speech Competition. Congratulations to James, Mikka and Leah for making our community proud. We had two local authors visit to inspire all our students to read and write, and we began training next years' safety patrollers.

Presently...

May marks the beginning of our 7th Habit: Sharpen the Saw. All of our students kicked off the month with a bootcamp provided by Chantal Steel and Fitness on the Go. What a great way to learn the importance of fitness for learning. This month we will also thank our volunteers with a luncheon and our Grade 6 group begin provincial achievement test and thinking about junior high.

Looking Ahead...

These next two months fly by for both students and teachers, but there is lots of important work still to do. Keeping with routines and reading every night with our students prepares them for the days to come. Finally, please consider joining us for Bruderheim School Council this month on Monday May 7th at 5:30 in the library.

Paul McKay
Principal



MAY 2018

May 1	Kindergarten Information Night 6:00PM
May 2	LA Part A PAT Field Test 8:45 – 10:45AM
May 2	Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM
May 4	Assembly 9:00AM
May 7	BSC Meeting 5:30PM
May 8	Teacher’s Pet Grades K, 3
May 8	Volunteer Appreciation 11:30 – 1:30PM
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
May 22	Christine – Dental Hygienist Grades K, 1, 2
May 30	Teacher’s Pet Grades 1, 5, 6



JUNE 2018

June 1	Assembly 9:00AM <i>Cancelled</i>
June 4	BSC Meeting 5:30PM
June 6	Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM
June 6	Last Library Book Exchange
June 8	School Wide Picture 1:00PM
June 8	English Language Arts Part B PAT 9:00 – 10:15
June 12	Math Part A PAT 9:00 – 9:30AM
June 12	Math Part B PAT 9:45 – 11:00AM
June 12	Telus World of Science – School Wide Field Trip
June 12, 13	ALL LIBRARY ITEMS DUE BACK TO THE LIBRARY
June 13	Social Studies PAT 9:00 – 10:15AM
June 14	Science PAT 9:00 to – 10:00AM
June 19	Pizza Lunch for Library Winners
June 21	Aboriginal Day
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



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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

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:

- Breakfast program volunteers
- BSC for providing babysitting during BSC meetings
- Hot lunch volunteers Erin, Iceis, Laura, Marguerite, Melissa, Sarah, Stephanie, Thea
- Cenovus for their generous office and classroom supplies donations

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to Mrs. Danilkewich and her family for donating over 37 beautiful “like-new” books to our library shelves. They will be read and enjoyed for many years to come. Thank you for thinking of Bruderheim School library.

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 always 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!

AMA SCHOOL PATROL

Congratulations to Rory who is patroller of the month! Rory has shown great dedication and service which is greatly appreciated, especially when it’s been inclement weather! Thank you Rory!

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER WITH MISS SEREDA **Preparing Your Child for Transitions**

Our children experience so many different transitions. Perhaps they are making the big jump from kindergarten to first grade soon, switching teachers/classmates or moving from the sixth grade to a new school. Regardless of the transition, there are many ways that we can support children to prepare for change in a healthy way. As the school year nears its end, think about these ideas to help transition your child through the summer to a new school year:



- Talk about the positives of entering a new grade: new teacher(s), new friends, and new opportunities.
- Address your child’s fears. Listen to and validate these fears and don’t ignore or tell them to ‘get over it’. Let them know that being fearful or worried is normal and most people feel these things before a change.
- Begin preparations early. Start setting bedtime routines in summer earlier to help prepare for the transition back to school.
- A great way to prepare your child for their upcoming year is to build excitement about the topics they will learn and provide them with fun, relevant experiences to build on. Check out the Alberta Education Program of Studies Parent Guide online (<https://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslearning/>)

Here are some summer activity ideas to inspire you:

-**Kindergarten** students will begin to practice letters in Early Literacy. Teach them a letter and have them search for that letter on a walk or roadtrip (“Let’s see how many A’s we can spy!”). One Smartie or Skittle per letter they find can be a great motivator!

-**Grade 1** students will learn to look for geometric shapes in their surroundings in Math. Go for a walk in your community and have your child look for and snap pictures of a specific shape (Ex: see how many triangles they can find).

-**Grade 2** students learn about water properties (floating/sinking) in Science. Take your child out to a local stream or river and see who can make the best mini-boat to float down the river.

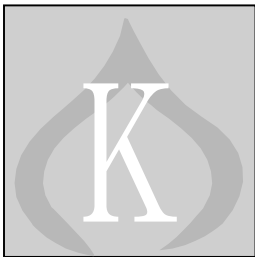
-**Grade 3** students learn about different countries in Social Studies, including Ukraine. Consider taking your child on a day trip to the nearby Ukrainian Cultural Village.

-**Grade 4** students learn about stories and perspective in English Language Arts. Tell stories around the campfire with your family.

-**Grade 5** students will learn about weather systems in Science. Take a blanket to your backyard and try to spot different cloud types and shapes.

-**Grade 6** students learn about the Alberta provincial government in Social Studies. Take a free day trip to the Legislature and watch the 4-D movie in the Pehonan Theatre.

-**Grade 7** students will learn how to add and subtract fractions. Pick out a baking recipe together and then have them figure out how to double it. Fractions never tasted so yummy!



Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten students had fun learning about Spring last month, even though we did not have much Spring-like weather. It is nice to be back to the warmer weather again. Our classroom gets very hot when it is warm outside so you might want to dress your children in layers that they can take off even if it is a bit cool outside. That way they can still wear a t-shirt or tank top in the classroom during the day.

This month’s theme is Transportation. The children are thrilled to begin our new theme and I already know the airport and train station are the most popular. We will continue to practice letters and numbers as well as beginning reading and Math skills.

We need a few more volunteers for our Safety City field trip and our Soapstone carving. Please let me know if you can volunteer. Unfortunately, we cannot have siblings come along with the parents for either of those days. Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles are welcome to volunteer if the parents are unable to attend. The Soapstone carving is in the school and will be at 9:00 on Tuesday, May 8th.

The Safety City field trip is on Tuesday, May 15th. The bus will be leaving at 9:45 and we will return at the school around 2:30pm. It is very important that all students have a helmet for the field trip.

Important dates:

Friday, May 4 - school assembly at 9am (kindergarten class is presenting) everyone is welcome

Tuesday, May 8 - soapstone carvings (volunteers needed)

Tuesday, May 15th - field trip to Safety City (volunteers needed)

Friday, May 25th - Kindergarten school day



Congratulations to our award winners: Declan and Jackson

Sincerely,
Mrs. Grumbach



Grade 1 News

April showers bring May flowers! And true to that saying, April was full of showers/snow and now I have flowers poking up through the earth to shine their colorful faces to the sun! Hopefully the warm weather will stay so we can enjoy being outdoors and stay dry while doing so. On that note, please make sure that your child has a complete extra set of clothes in their locker. We had many puddle incidents last month and many students who didn't have a change of clothes.

This month in language arts we will be looking at diphthongs like au/aw, ou/ow and oi/oy. We will continue our weekly Literacy Centres where we practice our phonics sounds, explore making words, write in our journals and read to ourselves, listen to reading and read with the teacher. Please continue to do daily home reading as we head into the home stretch of this school year. Nightly practice of our weekly spelling words is also encouraged. In math, we will finish our current unit, Adding and Subtracting to 20, and start our Measurement unit. In Science, we will continue studying plants and then compare them with animals. What do they both need to survive? We will also pick an animal to focus on as a class, and hopefully start individual reports about an animal of our choosing by the end of the month. In Social we will begin our last unit "Moving Forward with the Past: My Family, My History and My Community". In health we will be wrapping up Roots of Empathy. In gym, we will play tag games and parachute games.

Congratulations to our award winners: Dom, Seth, Aidan

Sincerely,
Mrs. Secrist



Grade 2 News

What's the Scoop this Month?

It is an expectation in grade 2 that students are reading for 15 minutes, each night. I encourage students to choose a variety of reading materials, ranging from short chapter books, levelled books, graphic novels & magazines. Home reading is important because it helps develop fluency, accuracy, and comprehension in all of our subjects. Begin

asking your child higher level comprehension questions. Some questions could include: What does this story remind you of? What is the problem in the chapter/story? How is it solved? What is the main idea in the story? Can you predict what might happen next?



Reading takes you places, and opens your imagination...

For the month of May, students will be introduced to adding/subtracting of two digit numbers. Your child should be able to answer single digit adding/subtracting questions with ease. If this is still challenging for them, please assist your child by asking them to tell their mental math strategy. You can play dice games, practice oral questions in the car or try some addition and subtraction games on the computer. Practicing these strategies are very important as the students will be applying that knowledge when adding and subtracting two digit numbers.

I am looking forward to seeing the students in class continue to demonstrate improvement and trying their very best each day☺

Congratulations to our Habit 6 winners: Samantha, Jack, and Narelle

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brady



3V May News

We've enjoyed our time with Miss Wiklund, and unfortunately had to say, "Goodbye" on May 1st. She was a terrific addition to our class and our students absolutely loved her!

Now, as we have very few days left in grade 3, we plan on being super busy in class with hopes of heading outside for some fun and sun when our work is done. In language arts, the Grade 3's are excited to begin the novel study, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, by Roald Dahl. It is the story of Mr. Fox and his wild ways of hen heckling, turkey taking, and cider sipping instinctive adventures. When our study is completed, the Grade 3's will be able to view the movie in class and find the similarities and differences between the book and movie. We also are continuing to study verbs and adjectives, practice our cursive writing, and read stories for enjoyment while clarifying our comprehension.

In Math, we have delved into multiplication with a variety of games. Students are impressed with their ability to figure out higher multiplication facts and love the challenge. In Science, we continue to do testing of materials for our boss, Mr. Brown. Their Science books have been shipped off for assessment by Mrs. Brown and students will see how their writing hypothesis and testing reports are viewed. They are extremely eager to see their results! If you have some building materials (margarine containers, small boxes, tin cans, etc.) at home you would like to donate for our testing and building unit, please send them in anytime.

Congratulations to our award winners this month: Maxim, Liam L. and Micah



Wishing you a wonderful month of May & a Happy Mother's Day!

Mrs. V and the Grade 3's ☺
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Goodbye, Miss Wiklund....we will miss you!



Grade 4 News

Wow, only two months of school left!

- Language Arts: This month we will continue to practice and improve our poetry writing. Each student will also complete a reading response project on their favorite book that they will share with the class!

- Science: We are starting our new unit called *Plant Growth and Development*. We will look at the parts of a seed and their adaptations, the life cycle of plants, pollination and bees, as well as plant and care for our own individual plants.
- Math: We will continue to work on naming and recording fractions for the parts of a whole or a set, comparing and ordering fractions, and providing examples of where fractions are used in everyday life.
- Social: We are continuing to learn about how treaties in Alberta were created, why they were made, and their impact.



- ✓ Important dates to remember:
 - Library is on Wednesday
 - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch is May 8.
 - Peoples of the North Saskatchewan field trip is on May 16. If you are able to volunteer, please let me know!

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

Congratulations to our May award recipients: Wyatt, Ashley and Isac

Sincerely,
Mrs. Michalchuk
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Grade 5 News

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Our year is winding down quickly, and the grade 5's are still hard at work. In May, we will be attending the Peoples of the North field trip and Teacher's Pet will be wowing us with a presentation. Congratulations to those who competed in the EIPS district speech competition. If there are any concerns, please contact me via email (Emily.burton@eips.ca) or at school 780-796-3936.

Teacher's Pet



Our 7 Habits monthly award winners are: Alex, Anna L., Alexis

Sincerely,
Ms. Burton



Grade 6 News

May is here and it's full steam ahead! We are wrapping up our curriculum and preparing for Provincial Achievement Tests. We will be writing field tests prior to the actual PATs to help prepare, as well as have the Bennett Centre come for an all-day science review on May 15. If you are interested in helping for a half or all day please let me know. Students are encouraged to be reviewing and practicing regularly as these exams cover the entire year.

Our class will be visiting the Legislature on May 10, and parents are welcome to join us as well on that day. As always thank you for signing your child's agenda and ensuring they are reading and practicing their math facts nightly.

This month's award winners: Kile, Anastasia

Lynsay Atchison
Bruderheim School



In and around the District

Alberta Education: Student Transportation Survey

Alberta Education is inviting feedback from all Albertans on what changes should be made to the current student transportation eligibility criteria. An [online survey](#) is now available to help determine potential changes to the distance criteria, the mandated service levels and what safety considerations should be included in the criteria. The survey closes on **June 15**. [Learn more](#)

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is **May 7-11, 2018**. A focus on positive mental health for students, families, schools and communities contributes to building a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. Students who are mentally healthy are resilient and better able to learn, achieve success and build healthy relationships. [Learn more](#) about supporting positive mental health in schools.



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