



From the Principal's Desk: September

Welcome back to another amazing year at Bruderheim Elementary. We have lots of things to look forward to this year and the beginning of a new year is always filled with anticipation. This year we are excited to introduce a four recess time table designed enhance student learning. We are also pleased to offer a hot lunch free of charge to all our students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all year long.

Over the summer we have seen some staffing changes at Bruderheim School. Mrs. Barmantloo replaces Mrs. Grumbach at kindergarten. Ms. Howatt is joining us in grade 2 as Mrs. Brady moves on to Wye School in Sherwood Park. Ms. Watson is in to teach music and Mrs. Taylor is teaching grade 6 while Mrs. Atchison is away on maternity leave. We would also like to welcome back Mrs. Willis, a familiar face to Bruderheim who will be an educational assistant with us this year.

As the year gets underway I look forward to continue working with the town of Bruderheim, the BSC (Bruderheim School Council) and all the families new and old to make sure that we achieve excellence for all our students. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or email me at paul.mckay@eips.ca

Sincerely,

Paul McKay
Principal
Bruderheim School



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sept. 3 Labour Day
Sept. 4 Assembly 12:45
Sept. 5 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55
Sept. 5 Early Dismissal/Staff Meeting 1:55
Sept. 6 Meet the Staff 6:00 to 7:00
Sept. 6 “What’s Up Bruderheim” 6:00 to 8:00
Sept. 6 BSC Meeting in the Library 7:00
Sept. 13 Library Orientation Begins
Sept. 13 AMA Patroller Visit – Maureen O’Brien 2:00
Sept. 17 Swimming Grades 1 & 3 10:30 to 12:00
Sept. 19 Swimming Grades 2 & 4 10:30 to 12:00
Sept. 21 Swimming Grades 5 & 6 10:30 to 12:00
Sept. 24 Swimming Grades 1 & 3 10:30 to 12:00
Sept. 26 Swimming Grades 2 & 4 10:30 to 12:00
Sept. 27 Terry Fox Assembly And Run
Sept. 28 Orange Shirt Day
Sept. 28 Swimming Grades 5 & 6 10:30 to 12:00



Swimming:

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

Grades 1 & 3
September 17, 24; October 1, 15

Grades 2 & 4
September 19, 26; October 3, 10

Grades 5 & 6
September 21, 28; October 12, 19

Please check our website for up to date information



SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

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.

BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING

We are currently looking for volunteers to run and help out with our breakfast program. The breakfast program runs from approximately 8:05 to 8:20 during school days. If you can help, even one morning a week, please call the school.

ALLERGIES ALERT: WE ARE ALLERGY AWARE

Each year we review our "Allergy and Anaphylaxis" plan. If you have children with allergies, and have not yet informed the school, please ensure you notify your child's teacher(s) and the school office as soon as possible.

Please remember that there are people in our building with severe allergies, including allergies to peanuts. For the health and safety of all students, staff and visitors to the building, including parents, please do not send food containing peanuts or other nuts or which say "may contain peanuts/nuts" to school in lunches or snacks. Many popular food products have the "no nuts" symbol on them. This is especially important for late October when Halloween approaches, and students are more likely to bring different snacks and treats. Your cooperation and assistance in minimizing or eliminating these possible sources of allergic reaction or discomfort amongst our staff and students is greatly appreciated! Some recommended safety strategies are listed below:

- *Eat only food which has been brought from home unless it is packaged, clearly labeled and approved by their parents.*
- *Anaphylaxis Canada recommends peanut butter alternatives such as "Wow Butter" or similar products not be in school. Please enjoy these products at home.*
- *Refrain from eating if they do not have their auto-injector with them.*
- *Wash hands before and after eating.*
- *Do not share food, utensils or containers.*
- *Place food in a container from home, a napkin or wax paper rather than in direct contact with a desk or table.*

SCHOOL ROUTINES

Routines are good for students and helps us as well. Assemblies will usually take place on the first Friday of each month beginning in October. However, due to holidays and school closure days, we suggest you check the calendar on our website for the exact dates of all assemblies The Friday after early dismissal is the day the newsletter is sent home. This will highlight what is happening in and around the school and our district. Be sure to check teachers' e-teacher pages for the latest class news as well.

BELL SCHEDULE

| REGULAR DAY | | EARLY DISMISSAL | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | | (FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH) | |
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| Warning bell | 8:20 | Warning bell | 8:20 |
| Morning classes start | 8:25 | Morning classes start | 8:25 |
| Instructional recess | 9:25 | Instructional recess | 9:25 |
| Morning recess | 10:40 | Morning recess | 10:40 |
| Lunch | 12:05 | Lunch | 12:05 |
| Lunch recess | 12:25 | Lunch recess | 12:25 |
| Afternoon classes start | 12:40 | Afternoon classes start | 12:40 |
| Afternoon recess | 1:40 | Dismissal | 2:00 |

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| Dismissal | 3:00 | | |
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CLASSROOM CONFIGURATION AND SCHOOL STAFF

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| MRS. C. BARMENTLOO | KINDERGARTEN |
| MRS. S. SECRIST | GRADE 1 |
| MS. T. MASCHMEYER | GRADE 1 STUDENT TEACHER |
| MS. K. HOWATT | GRADE 2 |
| MRS. J. VANDELANNOITE | GRADE 3 |
| MRS. A. MICHALCHUK | GRADE 4 |
| MS. T. VINCENT | GRADE 5 |
| MRS. A. TAYLOR | GRADE 6 |
| MS. K. WATSON | MUSIC |
| MRS. J. BETTAC | EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT |
| MRS. C. DESABRAIS | EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT |
| MRS. C. DEY | EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT |
| MS. C. WILLIS | EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT |
| MRS. A. NIELSEN | EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT |
| MS. S. SMITH | HOT LUNCH COORDINATOR |
| MRS. E. BARTZ | LIBRARIAN |
| MS. K. CARLSON | SECRETARY |
| MS. J. SEREDA | COUNSELLOR |
| MR. P. MCKAY | PRINCIPAL |

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming will begin with grades 1 and 3 on September 17 at Harbour Pool in Fort Saskatchewan. Please ensure your swim consent forms and payment are submitted to the school. Parent portals for payments will be available soon. Thank you for your patience

TERRY FOX RUN

For the 14th year in a row, Bruderheim School will be participating in the Terry Fox Run, which will be held on September 27 in the afternoon. We will be starting off with an assembly at 1:00pm before our run. Information will be coming home soon.

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:

- Cenovus for their donation of first aid supplies last June
- BSC for providing babysitting during BSC meetings
- Hot lunch volunteers

BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL (BSC)

The next BSC meeting is October 1 at 5:30 in the library. Advance notice: BSC's AGM elections will be in September. Please come and find out what important work BSC is up to for the 2018/19 school year. 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!

PAGES FROM OUR LIBRARY – SCHOOL START-UP LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to all our families and a special hello and welcome to families and students new to our school.

Library classes are up and running and you should see your children bringing home books to read. Please take care of our books and use the book bag provided or put them in a large Ziploc to keep them clean. Find a good place to give the books a “home” for the week. All items are signed out for 7 days and are due on your child’s next library period. Items can be renewed and a hold can be placed on something they are waiting to read. PreSchool and Kindergarten students will be bringing home one book a week. Grade 1 students will be bringing home 2 books of their choice and grades 2-6 have the privilege of 3 books a week. Upcoming library events this next month:

READ-IN Week: October 1-4

This year the theme is “Bringing Stories to Life”. We would love parents to come in to the classrooms to read to students. Please contact your child’s homeroom teacher if you are interested in volunteering. Times will be scheduled from 9:00 – 3:00 this year.

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.

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER WITH MS. SEREDA

What Is Positive Self-Talk?

Kids face new experiences all the time. The start of the school year is an excellent time to help kids to motivate themselves in the face of a new challenge by using positive self-talk. Positive self-talk is a way people can encourage themselves and have a more optimistic outlook.



When Can Kids Use Positive Self-Talk?

One of the best times is when something seems too hard or makes them nervous. When doubt creeps in, teach them they can do something about it.

How Do You Recognize Negative Self-Talk?

Negative thoughts tend to be sweeping, all-or-nothing statements that jump to conclusions. There are certain words that are flags for negative self-talk. Listen for “I can’t,” “I never” or “I always.” When your kids say things like this, stop and talk to them. You can help them find more positive things to say instead which will result in a more positive thought process as well.

How Can You Help Your Kids Come Up With Positive Thoughts?

When you hear them say something negative, take a three-step approach: Find out what's wrong, reassure them, and help them choose a positive statement to say instead. Modelling positive self-talk is also important. If your children see you having an optimistic attitude, they will often adopt a more positive outlook as well.

Some example of positive vs. negative self talk:

| Negative | Try this instead... |
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| “I won’t be able to pass this test. Math is too hard.” | “If I study and prepare, I will feel better about the test. I will do my best.” |
| “No one likes me.” | “I will keep trying to make friends by being kind to kids in my class.” |

“I’ll never make the team.”

“I will work hard in the tryout and be a good teammate. If I don’t make the team this year, I can keep practicing and try again next year.”



Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is off to an exciting start! Our theme for September is Apples, so picking apples and making apple pie in our dramatic play center keeps us busy. In math, we are working on numbers 1-5 and patterning. A few of our literacy activities include printing our names and starting to identify letters and their sounds. I am enjoying getting to know all of my kindergarten students. They are the apples of my eye!

Mrs. Barmantloo

Grade 1 News

Welcome to grade one! I am looking forward to a fantastic year of growing and learning. Here is a little preview of what we will be doing this year in grade one...



Language Arts

Are you ready for your writers and readers to emerge? I sure am! We will be reviewing the letters of the alphabet and their sounds, and using those sounds to begin writing and reading. We will look at poems and find the rhymes. We will make our own poems and our own rhymes too! Our writing will improve as we focus on spelling and the conventions of writing. We will work on reading with increased independence and accuracy.

Math

There are 7 units in Grade One Math, which are:

- Patterning
- Numbers to 20
- Addition and Subtraction to 12
- Measurement
- Numbers to 100
- Geometry
- Addition and Subtraction to 20

They may not be taught in this exact order.

Science

There are 5 units in Grade One Science, which are:

- Seasonal Changes
- The Five Senses
- Creating Colour
- Building Things
- Needs of Plants and Animals

I am excited for all the hand-on activities we will explore this year! We are scientists in the making!

Social Studies

There are 4 units in Grade One Social Studies, which are:

- Belonging in My World
- Taking Part in a Community
- My World: Home, School and Community
- Moving Forward with the Past My Family, My History and My Community

These units will help expand your child’s knowledge of who they are. Be prepared for some family involvement as they discover!

Remember you can find us on Facebook “Bruderheim Grade One Class” and make sure to follow our classroom on Twitter @SecristSara

Sincerely,
Mrs. Secrist



Grade 2 News

Grade Two’s have been experimenting with magnets to learn how they are used in our world and the effects they have on our environment. We are also extending our knowledge in pattern making to create more complex sequences with increasing amounts of attributes. We are learning how maps help us get around and in art we are studying line and the essential role the element plays in artistic creations. Come check out our 3D line sculptures in the hall!

Ms. Howatt

September 3V News

Welcome or Welcome back to Bruderheim School! I am hoping you and your family were able to create many memories this summer! To begin the year, in Language Arts, we are working on sentences and sentence structure along with comprehension packages, various writing activities, and weekly spelling and phonics units. Our Social Studies class is beginning with mapping skills and discussing what ‘Quality of Life’ means and will discover differences around the world. In Science, we are studying “Animal Life Cycles” and investigating the life cycle of isopods in our class. In Math, we are busy identifying various shapes in our first unit, Geometry and focusing on speed and accuracy in our math facts.



Each day, please read and sign your child’s agenda and reading duotang and ensure they are sent back each school day. In the agenda you will find reminders, spelling words, important updates or events. I will be checking these each morning for parent notes/signatures and hope that this will be a great source of communication between home, school, students and parents. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through e-mail or by calling the school.

*A quick glance of work we do weekly and **due dates**...

| Subject | Assigned | Due |
|--|-----------------|--|
| Spelling | Mondays | Wednesdays (Tests the following Monday) |
| Phonics | Mondays | Fridays |
| Handwriting | Thursdays | Mondays |
| Daily Homework-if not finished during class time | Current Day | The following day unless otherwise written |
| Home Reading | Daily | Last day of the month-prizes awarded |

Looking forward to a fantastic year of learning with your child!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Vandellannoite



Grade 4 News

Welcome back to another school year. Our class will always be a safe place to learn and I look forward to getting to know each student better!

September:

Language Arts: This month we will focus on writing complete sentences and organized paragraphs. 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 beginning our exploration of wheels, levers and pulleys. Students will construct and test simple machines in order to appreciate how they make our work easier!

Math: We will begin our first unit on data analysis. Students will construct and interpret pictographs and bar graphs, and analyze data to solve word problems. If you'd ever like extra math practice for your child to work on at home, please don't hesitate to ask!

Social: We are reviewing mapping skills and practicing the provinces and territories of Canada and their capital cities. I encourage students to practice this at home!

Important Dates:

- Our Library is scheduled on Thursday.

Agenda Books: The primary purpose of the agenda book is to help students develop good work habits and organizational skills. It also serves as an excellent means of daily communication between the school and home. Please feel free to write down any questions, concerns or comments you may have in the agenda book. Each day, as a class, we will discuss assignments and reminders that need to be written down in their agenda. Please review and sign the agenda daily. I will check the agendas for parent initials every morning. Thank you!

Contact Information:

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On our Remind App!

I look forward to working as a team to make this year a huge success for each and every student!

Grade 5 News

In language arts we are sharpening our skills by working on reading by building our stamina and comprehension skills. In writing we have been focusing on conventions and grammar but moving into narrative writing. Science has been electric, as we learn about electricity. We have been busy building and testing circuits and constructing simple circuits. We are working to learn that an electric current can affect a nearby magnet and looking at electromagnets and small motors. In social we are working on enhancing our mapping skills and learning about land forms. At the end of this students will be creating their own island with what they have learned about landforms and mapping. We will then be moving on to looking at Canada and its regions. Math has been all about patterns and determining the pattern rule to continue the pattern. We also continue to work on building our basic math skills.



Tabitha Vincent

Grade 5

Bruderhiem School

Grade 6



Welcome to Grade 6! My name is Mrs. Taylor and I am very excited to be your child's teacher this year. It's going to be a year full of fun, learning, and growth! As your child's teacher, it is my personal goal to create a learning environment where each student feels capable, confident, and comfortable to share their gifts and talents within our classroom. I look forward to the many fun things to come this year in Grade 6. I hope you and your child are excited, too!

This year, I will be using **Remind** to stay connected with you. This is a texting/emailing program that lets me send out information quickly. You will need to sign up for **Remind** to receive notifications for important reminders, projects, field trip information, etc. These messages are very short and are intended for you to **OPEN a discussion** with your child about the tasks. Remind also allows for longer, individual communication. Please follow these steps to sign up:

- a) On your SmartPhone: Open a web browser such as Safari or Google Chrome.
- b) Go to the following link: <https://www.remind.com/join/8g8e9b>
- c) Input your STUDENT'S First and Last Name and your phone number or email address

What are we exploring and learning?

Social- The big question this month is “Why is it important for people and the government to work together in a democracy?”

Language Arts- We began our year by working through the writing process while creating our own versions of “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.”

Science- In Science, we are exploring “Air and Aerodynamics” by carrying out daily experiments.

Math- We are working with numbers in the MILLIONS! Within this unit we focus on representing, reading and writing large numbers. Have your child read numbers when you see them in newspapers or books. They are becoming number experts!

Sincerely,

Ariane Taylor

Email- Ariane.Taylor@eips.ca

Remind App- <https://www.remind.com/join/8g8e9b>

In and around the District

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal very soon. 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 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 student 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. Alternatively, contact **Karen Carlson** at **Bruderheim School** at **780-796-3936**.

Quick Facts: EIPS Buses Are All Equipped With Video Surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP coordinator at 780-464-3477.

Enhancing Literacy And Numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. Both simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact **Deb Barron**, the **Director of Learning Supports**, at **780-464-3477**.

Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support youth mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting. Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

Sync The School Calendar To Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit <http://bruderheimschool.ca/about/calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

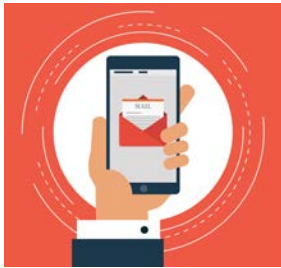
- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of Bruderheim School's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

Improving Home-School Communication

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at www.eips.ca/download/40981.



Stay Connected: Subscribe To Our News

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won't notice much of a difference—all email subscription are being transferred so, there is no need to resubscribe.

If you're new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. Only those who have subscribed to receive emails will get information about Division and school-related news, such as 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.



Your Future in MIND

In and around Bruderheim



Central Zone Oral Health Program School Oral Health Services



- The Oral Health Program will be coming to your child's school to offer free fluoride varnish for all children from Kindergarten to grade 2.
- We will also provide free dental sealants for all grade 1 and 2 students who need them.
- If your grade 3 child received sealants from us last year, we will recheck and repair/complete them if needed. A consent package will be sent home with the grade 3 children who had sealants placed last year.
- You can expect a consent package to come home Sep 10th.
- Please read, fill out, sign and return the consent forms to your school by Fri Sep 28th.
- The Oral Health team will be at your school Jan 7th & 8th. If you have any questions please call the oral health staff at the Vegreville CHC at 780-631-0016.



LOCAL MUSIC LESSONS

***GROUP CLASSES *JAM SESSIONS *PRIVATE LESSONS**

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Be Your Best!