

# Bruderheim School

Parent Newsletter – September 29, 2022



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## From the Principal

And just like that, we say goodbye to September and hello to October! We have had an excellent start to this school year and want to thank each of our amazing staff and students for this and say a big thanks to you for partnering with us in your child's education! We continue to focus on Teamwork as our first TIGER trait. Today is Orange Shirt Day, and I would like to recognize one of our students, McKenna, for her courage and initiative in raising awareness of the effects of Residential Schools and reminding us that Every Child Matters! Her initiative to have a sidewalk in Bruderheim painted orange has brought our community together. An example to us of reconciliation in action, community spirit, and the courage in our youth of today! Thank you as well to the Bruderheim Town Council for their support. We're excited to start swimming lessons at the Harbour Pool next week and to celebrate Read In Week! The theme this year is 'Choose Your Own Adventure'!

## Key Dates

- **September 28:** Harbour Pool report cards due (email [harbourpool@fortsask.ca](mailto:harbourpool@fortsask.ca))
- **September 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (schools and Central Services closed)
- **October 3-7:** Read-In Week
- ★ **October 4:** *Swim lessons – grades 4, 5, 6*
- **October 5:** Favourite Character Dress-up Day
- **October 5:** **World Teachers' Day**
- **October 5:** Early dismissal 2:00
- ★ **October 6:** *Swim lessons - grades 1, 2, 3*
- **October 6:** World Teachers' Day
- **October 7:** Professional learning day (no students in school)
- **October 10:** Happy Thanksgiving 🍂
- **October 11:** Swim lessons - grades 4, 5, 6
- **October 11-13:** Bring up to 5 books to school for a book swap
  - **October 12:** Bus evacuation drill 9:30
  - **October 12:** Little Elk Island Adventures (ECS) 10:00
  - ★ **October 13:** *Swim lessons - grades 1, 2, 3*
  - **October 13:** True 2 You begins at 3:30 (grade 5, 6 girls)
  - **October 17-20:** Book swap
  - ★ **October 18:** *Swim lessons - grades 4, 5, 6*
  - **October 19:** School picture day
  - **October 20:** True 2 You 3:30 (grade 5, 6 girls)
  - ★ **October 27:** *Swim lessons - grades 1, 2, 3*
  - **October 27:** True 2 You 3:30 (grade 5, 6 girls)
  - **October 28:** Dress western (ECS)
  - **October 31:** Halloween



## Swimming Lessons

We're excited to again be able to offer swimming lessons at the Harbour Pool. The total cost for parents will be **\$33.30** per child and includes 6 lessons (3 afternoons of two 30-minute lessons). The entire cost of bussing will be covered by our School Council, which is \$309.50 per trip – Thank You!



*Swimming fees and school fees are now posted and available for payment online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Payment can also be made at the school with cash or cash payable to Bruderheim School. We appreciate your keeping your account current.*

Many thanks to those helping to cover the cost of swimming lessons for a student. If you would still like to participate in paying it forward, please the school office at 780 796 3936 or email [genera.bru@eips.ca](mailto:genera.bru@eips.ca)

## Counsellor's Corner

Hello! This week at school, we got to practice using our teamwork skills and thought of ways we can show Teamwork at school! Below are some ways to help your child continue learning about Teamwork at home through reading, talking about it, and practicing it!

### Read About It!

Here are some book series to help you learn more about cooperation:

- Most Valuable Players series by David A. Kelly
- Flashback Four Series by Dan Gutman
- Track series by Jason Reynolds

### Practice It!

There are many ways to give your child opportunities to practice their teamwork skills at home. You might like to try:

- Board games and party games like Scrabble, Top Trumps, Charades, Jenga and Ludo are great for developing important social skills like taking turns, collaboration and compromise.
- Putting on a play, show or music concert with siblings, friends or other family members.
- Art projects like making a large collage or mosaic, or construction projects like building a LEGO city.
- Helping each other with homework is an excellent way for older children to support their younger siblings, while also developing vital skills such as communication and patience.

### Talk About It!

Here is a discussion point to help you talk about Teamwork with your child:

- What three things make it hard to work as a team and three things that make it easier?

## We're Looking for Volunteers for the Following:

- **Hot Lunch Program**

We are excited to be able to once again have volunteers in our kitchen this year! If you would like to volunteer with us helping to dish lunches for our kids, please fill out the form [Bruderheim Volunteer Form](#), and we will add you to our volunteer list. Thank you!

- [Read In Week](#)

EIPS is excited to recognize Read In Week in our schools from **October 3-7**. The theme is '*Choose Your Own Adventure*.' This year, we're happy to return to the tradition of inviting visitors to the school to share their love of reading with students. Contact the office at (780)796-3936 or email [general.bru@eips.ca](mailto:general.bru@eips.ca) to volunteer.

- [Bruderheim School's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Swap](#)

Also, we will be hosting our 8th annual Book Swap in October. Students can bring in up to 5 books that are in excellent condition for others they can keep. Further details will be shared soon. Please enjoy all our library has to offer and take the time to read WITH your children. I am excited to make the library one of your child's favourite places in the school!



*Be Your Best!*

[School Bus Safety Week: October 16-22](#)

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week from October 16-22. The theme: 'Make the World Green, Ride Yellow,' which focuses on transportation choice and the environment. Throughout the week, various activities are planned, including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

In addition, students are participating in the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council's province-wide poster contest, open to kindergarten to Grade 6. Each winner—one from each grade level—whose poster best illustrates the

theme, 'Make the World Green, Ride Yellow,' will receive a \$25 gift card, a framed original of their poster, an engraved plaque and \$100 for their classroom.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, Bruderheim School reminds students and families that all Division school buses are equipped with a bus-pass scanner, GPS technology, the Child Check-Mate system and surveillance equipment, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses. Families and students also have access to the Traversa Ride 360 app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus.

For more information, visit EIPS Student Transportation or contact 780-417-8151.

### Caregiver Education Sessions

Alberta Health Services hosts a variety of virtual caregiver information sessions throughout the year focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. Visit Caregiver Education to see the monthly caregiver sessions.

### 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 Early Literacy and Star Reading assessment tools in the 2022-23 school year. The Division's also launching a new assessment called Star Math. These 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 identify student learning needs.

Three times a year, EIPS students in Grade 1 complete the Star Early Literacy assessment and students in grades 2-12 complete the Star Reading assessment. Both assessments are administered electronically and take about 20 minutes. Students in grades 2 through 10 also complete the Star Math, a mathematic screening tool. It, too, is administered electronically and takes about 30 minutes for students to complete. The results offer teachers a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if subsequent instructional planning is required. NOTE: Semester students complete the Star Math twice, at the start and end of the course.

In addition to the Star assessments, Alberta Education now mandates that all students in grades 1-3 complete additional literacy and numeracy assessments. Students in Grade 2 and Grade 3 completed these provincial assessments in September. Grade 1 students will complete the assessments in January 2023. EIPS also administers the assessments to all Grade 4 students to gauge learning loss from the pandemic, which the Division is now analyzing.

The scores of the assessments aren't used toward a student's grade, and there is no need to study ahead of time. The tools 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 that 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 and MIPI assessment tools, contact EIPS Supports for Students at 780-464-3477.

### Introducing Permission Click

EIPS has begun migrating school and Division forms to the online Permission Click platform. Many families will have already received one or more forms within the new system. Permission Click makes the form submission process for families simple and straightforward. Forms are also easily accessible and fillable from your mobile device. Families will generally receive forms in one of two ways—sent as a link within a SchoolMessenger email or in a direct email from Permission Click sent to the first parent or guardian on record in PowerSchool. Be sure to add [notifications@permissionclick.com](mailto:notifications@permissionclick.com) to your safe sender list to ensure required forms aren't mistakenly directed to your junk mail folder.

## Read-In Week 2022 Taking Place October 3-7

Read In Week returns on October 3. This year's theme: "Choose Your Own Adventure." Through various activities, students will spend the week learning tips on choosing the right book, the art of storytelling, and how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy.

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, families and community members. Bruderheim School invites all families to participate in Read-In Week by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

Don't forget to share what you've learned. Throughout the week, you can post your own stories about Read-In Week using the hashtag #eipsreads.

For more information, visit [readin.ca](http://readin.ca).

## Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2022-23 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.

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, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have certain fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees) and <https://www.bruderheimschool.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Carlson at Bruderheim School, 780 796 3936 or [general.bru@eips.ca](mailto:general.bru@eips.ca).

## Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment to guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.





# TRUTH and RECONCILIATION DAY

Bruderheim Gazebo Park



- ✓ **OPENING PRAYER & SMUDGE**
- ✓ **NIIKAANAG PARK NAMING**
- ✓ **TREATY 6 & METIS NATION FLAG RAISING**
- ✓ **INDIGENOUS DANCERS**

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