

# Bruderheim School

Parent Newsletter – October 28, 2022

## From the Principal

Way to go, we've made it through the last full week of October! Our grade 1-3 classes finished up their swimming lessons this week, and we had a guest speaker (my youngest but tallest brother – a former volleyball player and ACAC head coach) for our TIGER Traits Assembly. He shared with us ways to be successful as a team and reminded us that we are **Stronger Together!** Thanks, bro!

Our Poppy campaign has begun today (October 28) and poppies are available at the school office. We're looking forward to Halloween on Monday and seeing all those great costumes – thanks for being mindful of our young students when you choose your costume and remember no weapons at school. Our Halloween Carnival will be held during the afternoon with students changing into their costume at lunch time. We are also looking forward to our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> and it will begin at 10:30. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents are welcome to attend!

## Key Dates

### October

**October 28:** Poppies campaign begins

**October 31:** Halloween

### November/December

**November 1:** Bruderheim School Council (BSC) meeting 5:30

**November 2:** School spirit day – wear black, yellow or school spirit wear

**November 2:** Early dismissal 2:00

**November 3:** True 2 You 3:30 (grade 5, 6 girls)

**November 4:** Remembrance Day assembly 10:30

**November 7-11:** Fall break (no True 2 You this week)

**November 11:** Remembrance Day

**November 14-18:** Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

**November 16:** School picture retakes

**November 17:** True 2 You 3:30 (grade 5, 6 girls)

**November 18:** Too Bright Day – wear neon (bright) clothes and sunglasses

**November 20:** National Child Day

**November 24:** Tipi Teachings



**November 24:** True 2 You 3:30 (grade 5, 6 girls)

**November 25:** Report cards

**November 30:** Parent/Teacher Interviews

**December 1:** Parent/Teacher Interviews

**December 2:** Silly sock day – wear your wackiest!

**December 6:** Bruderheim School Council (BSC) meeting 5:30

**December 7:** School spirit day – wear black, yellow or school spirit wear


**December 7:** Early dismissal 2:00

**December 8:** True 2 You 3:30 (grade 5, 6 girls)

**December 14:** Christmas concert dress rehearsal (changed from December 12)

**December 15:** Tipi Teachings

**December 15:** Christmas concert 6:30

**December 16:** Wear your favorite Christmas sweater 

**December 20:** Last instructional day for 2022!

## January

**January 4:** Welcome to the first school day of 2023!

**January 4:** School spirit day – wear black, yellow or school spirit wear

**January 4:** Early dismissal 2:00

## We're Looking for Volunteers

### 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!

### Caregiver Education Sessions: October Sessions

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include understanding anxiety, supporting children and adolescents with ADHD and parenting in the 21st century. The list of [October 2022 sessions](#) is now available.



*Be Your Best!*

## Where to Find the Information You Need

Elk Island Public Schools and Bruderheim School use a handful of key systems to share information with students and families. Depending on the information you're looking for, it's important to know where to look.

**PowerSchool** is the primary student information system within the Division. There is an associated app, but the functionality is limited, and families don't need to download it. From the PowerSchool Parent Portal, you can:

- access student grades and report cards
- review student absences
- pay school and transportation fees
- submit official updates to student or family information

The PowerSchool Student Portal provides similar access to grades and absence information for students directly.

**Brightspace** provides more of a day-to-day look what's happening with your child's learning communicated directly from your child's teacher. From Brightspace Parent & Guardian, you can see your child's

- classroom activity feed
- grade items and grade feedback from instructors
- upcoming assignments
- portfolio evidence
- quizzes

depending on which of the program functions are specifically used by your child's teacher.

**Brightspace for Students** is where teachers share updates, calendar reminders and learning materials with students. Compatible with Google, it also allows students to submit assignments, complete quizzes, and see grades and teacher feedback. The Pulse app for students is associated with Brightspace for Students.

**SchoolMessenger** is the system the Division and schools use to send email and phone communication to families. The contact information in SchoolMessenger is populated from PowerSchool. Through SchoolMessenger, families can:

- receive general, emergency and attendance messages by phone, email or both
- manage their subscription preferences for these types of messages

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in your inbox.

If you have trouble accessing any of these systems or have questions about them, contact Bruderheim School at 780 796 3936.

## Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, “school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.”

Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

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

## New Report Cards

To best communicate student learning, some changes have been made to report cards, including a slight redesign. This November, parents and guardians will continue to access report cards through PowerSchool—simply log in to your account and click on the “Report Card” button in the lefthand sidebar.

Similar to the previous report card, students will still be assessed on a Learner Attributes Scale and Achievement Scale. Some categories have been modified to align with the new curriculum.



## FYI

The County of Lamont Food Bank will be accepting Christmas Hamper applications from November 10th - December 8th, 2022. Please call 780-619-6955 to register or for more information”. Thank you.

Free program  
for families  
with children ages 1-6



We will be making:  
Easy peasey  
m1n1 pizzas



# COOKING WITH YOUR LITTLES

(Because who doesn't like a little adventure)

Join us for learning, socializing, and laughter as we cook with our littles (ages 1-6). While making a tasty treat, we will focus on engaging children in the kitchen and its importance.

**Andrew Lions Club - Thurs., Nov 3, 2022 (1:00 - 2:30pm)**

**Andrew registration due by Nov. 2 at noon**

**Bruderheim Community Hall - Thurs, Nov 24 (1:00 - 2:30pm)**

**Bruderheim registration due by Nov 22 at noon**

Please sign up for one Session by link or QR code: <https://signup.com/go/OJGOdQr>



Max 5  
families  
/session

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