

# Bruderheim School

Parent Newsletter – January 13, 2023



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## From the Principal

Well, the first full week of school is now completed, and despite the fog, we had a good week! On Tuesday we held our first TIGER Trait Assembly, and we focused on **Grit!** Our students were reminded of the power of “not yet” and to never give up!

Please be aware that new student and returning student registration begins on February 1st! You can contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thanks to those who have already brought in food items for our Food Bank Drive. Both Bruderheim School and Castle School are continuing to collect items for the County of Lamont Food Bank until January 20!

## Key Dates

### January

**January 9-20:** Food Bank drive (see info below)

**January 20:** Jersey Day (ECS)

**January 24:** School Council meeting 5:15 - school fees discussion (see info below)

**January 30:** Professional Learning Day - no students in school

### February

**February 1:** Early dismissal 2:00; wear black, yellow or school spirit wear

**February 1:** Returning student registration (RSR) and 2023-24 kinder registration opens (see info below)

**February 1:** Winter Walk Day

**February 3:** Twin Day (ECS)

**February 9-10:** Teachers' Convention - no students in school

**February 15:** Valentines Carnival 1:00

**February 20:** Family Day

**February 24:** Pattern Day (ECS) – wear your favorite patterns! Bonus points for mixing it up!

## Food Bank Drive January 9 to 20

Bruderheim School, and our partner Castle School, are collecting items for the County of Lamont Food Bank from January 9 to 20<sup>th</sup>. If you can donate, here are some suggestions of what the food bank is currently in need of:

- Jam
- Instant coffee
- Pork and beans
- Canned meat (not tuna)
- Canned fruit (not pineapple)
- School lunch snacks (fruit cups, apple sauce, granola bars, etc.)

Thank you!



## Bruderheim School Council Meeting – School Fees Discussion

Under Alberta Education’s School Fee Regulation, schools must consult with parents prior to setting school fees for the upcoming school year.

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on January 24, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. During that time, I’ll be sharing information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the 2023-24 school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students’ educational experience, we want to ensure these fees aren’t cost prohibitive for families.

Specifically, we will be asking for input on the following:

- Noon hour supervision
- Field trips and associated fees
- Extracurricular activities
- Non-curricular travel (for example, ski trips)
- Non-curricular goods and services (for example, yearbooks)

I understand not all parents/guardians will be available to attend the meeting but it’s still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. Following the meeting, materials will be shared on our website ([bruderheimschool.ca](http://bruderheimschool.ca)) for your review, and a survey will be sent out so you can provide feedback.

School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2023-24, which will then be shared at the (March) school council meeting, posted to our website, and shared via link through email.

I look forward to seeing as many parents/guardians as possible on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Keys Found in School Parking Lot

We’d love to return them to the rightful owner! If you have lost yours, please contact the office by calling 780 796 3936 or email [general.bru@eips.ca](mailto:general.bru@eips.ca).

## Bruderheim February 2023 Hot Lunch Form

\*\*\*THIS FORM IS DUE SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND!!!\*\*\*

This year the kitchen staff will be providing lunches 3 days a week-Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The monthly menu is always available on the Lamont Elementary School website under "Lunch Calendar."

Please submit one form per student.

As in the past few years all lunches will be individually packaged and delivered to the classrooms at lunch time.

Please send reusable cutlery for your students to use to help cut down the waste we have everyday.

~~On occasion, for reasons we cannot control we may need to make substitutions to meals.~~

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## Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non- designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process— acceptance is based on available space. The 2023- 24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form (RSR) is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 780 796 3936.

## Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before December 31, 2023? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 1, 2023.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Bruderheim School's kindergarten program is available at [BruderheimSchool.ca](#).



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## Inclement Weather

With the winter season 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.



*Be Your Best!*



## Join the Kalyna Family Resource Network Lamont County Region for programs in January:

1. **Connecting Generations Luau** – January 20, 2023 9:30-11:30am at Beaverhill Pioneer Lodge in Lamont **REGISTRATION REQUIRED by Jan 13 at noon:** <https://signup.com/go/LsLEFmS>
2. **Family Activity Night** – January 26, 2023 5:00-7:00pm at Lamont Public Library. No registration required.
3. **Infant Massage**—Three session program—January 17, 23 & 31, 2023 10:30-11:30pm at Mundare Town Office Gym Space. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED by Jan 10 at noon:** <https://signup.com/go/HZbdmqR>