

Bruderheim School
Parent Newsletter – September 16, 2022



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From the Principal

We had another wonderful week of learning and fun here at school with the Awesome BRU Crew! It all started with opening our new playground on Monday! Check out our website for a picture and post, as well as our social media feeds! Our students have really been enjoying the new playground this week! "This is the best day ever and our new playground is so fun"! We appreciate the hard work done this summer by the playground company Blue Imp and EIPS Facilities. This playground was a collaborative project funded by The Province of Alberta, Town of Bruderheim and Bruderheim School Council. Thank you so much to all involved for your generosity and support!

We also had a great evening on Monday during the Meet the Teacher and Bruderheim Community Awareness Evening. A special thank you to all our families and community members who came out and participated, it was a wonderful community builder! Thank you for your support and all you have done to help us have a great start to the school year!

Dave Armbruster
Principal

Key Dates

- **September 20:** Patroller training 1:15 grades 5, 6
- **September 23:** [Terry Fox hot dog lunch & school run](#)
- **September 29:** [Orange Shirt Day](#)
- **September 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (schools and Central Services closed)
- **October 3-7:** Read-In Week
- ***October 4:** Swim lessons 1:00 grades 4, 5, 6
- **October 5:** School pride: wear black, yellow or school spiritwear
- **October 5:** [World Teachers' Day](#)
- **October 5:** Early dismissal 2:00
- ***October 6:** Swim lessons 1:00 grades 1, 2, 3
- **October 7:** Professional learning day (no students in school)
- **October 10:** Happy Thanksgiving
- **October 11:** Swim lessons 1:00 grades 1, 2, 3
- **October 11-13:** Bring up to 5 books to school for bookswap
- **October 12:** Bus evacuation drill 9:30
- **October 12:** Little Elk Island Adventures (ECS) 10:00
- ***October 13:** Swim lessons 1:00 grades 1, 2, 3
- **October 14:** Dress like your favorite superhero (ECS)
- **October 17-20:** Book swap
- ***October 18:** Swim lessons 1:00 grades 4, 5, 6
- **October 19:** School picture day
- ***October 27:** Swim lessons 1:00 grades 1, 2, 3
- **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 will include 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 dates for Grades 4-6: Tuesdays: October 4, 11, 18
- Swimming dates for Grades 1-3: Thursdays: October 6, 13, 27

You will be able to pay your swimming lesson fees online through the Parent Portal next week, or in person at the school office by cash or cheque made payable to Bruderheim School.

**If you are interested to help cover the cost of swimming lessons for a student at Bruderheim School this year, please contact our school office at 780 796 3936 or email general.bru@eips.ca*

Terry Fox Update

Thank you to everyone who sent in their Terry Fox hotdog order and money. Recently, our School Council generously offered to cover the cost of the hotdog lunch on September 23. So, all the money raised whether it was sent for the hotdog lunch or for "Toonies for Terry" will go directly to the Terry Fox Foundation! All students and staff will receive a hot dog lunch on Friday, September 23 (and two hot dogs for those who ordered two). Thank you to everyone for their contributions and to School Council for your generosity!

Counsellor's Corner

Hello! This week at school, we learned about an essential aspect of teamwork – sharing! Below are some ways to help your child continue learning about teamwork and sharing through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about teamwork and sharing:

- A Chair for my Mother by Vera B. Williams
- Crayon by Simon Rickerty
- Mine! By Jerome Keane

Practice It!

Cooking is an excellent way to promote sharing and having fun. Children can help create a snack, eat, and clean up! You can set up the activity like a production line, so each child has a special job to do. For example, if you are making a pizza, your child can spread the sauce, his friend can add the cheese, and both can add the vegetable toppings.

If they have a hard time waiting their turn, you can provide each child with their own bowl and wooden popsicle stick or spoon for mixing. Have a separate "parent" bowl for the main mixture. While their hands are busy, you can invite each child to have a turn mixing the parent's bowl.

Talk About It!

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

- Tell me about a time you accomplished something with someone else's help. Would you have been successful alone?

We're Looking For Volunteers

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

- Also, in October we will be hosting our 8th annual Book Swap. Students can bring in up to 5 books that are in excellent condition for others they can keep. Further details 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 favorite places in the school!



Be Your Best!

Video Surveillance on Buses

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? Video surveillance and equipment help:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. 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 Co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Update your PowerSchool information

A big thanks to those who have already! The EIPS Correction and Verification Form is now available online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Use the form to access and update your child's records information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and medical information. Reviewing the form and submitting updates ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. When reviewing the form, pay close attention to all listed phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. Also, if you recently moved, now is the time to ensure the Division has your updated address. Throughout the year, the Division and school uses the listed information to communicate with families about important information, including updates, the latest news and event.

EIPS Correction and Verification Form

If you haven't already, please review and update the form by **Sept. 22, 2022**.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form, contact the school office at Bruderheim School.

Download the SchoolMessenger App

Bruderheim School and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform for communicating with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add communications@eips.ca and general.bru@eips.ca to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

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. Download the [SchoolMessenger](#) app from the App Store or Google Play today

Coming soon—the Safe Arrivals absence reporting tool will be rolled out within the SchoolMessenger app later this school year. Families will be able to quickly and easily report a child's absence directly in the app. No more phone calls or emails required. Stay tuned for updates in the coming months.

Sync the School Calendar to Your Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar? You can. Simply, visit https://www.bruderheimschool.ca/rally/calendars/manage_calendar/1671/2022/09/ and click on the applicable subscription option:

- Download to iCal
- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar

NOTE: Options are located above the calendar. Once you click on the desired subscription option, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your calendar will contain all Bruderheim School's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

Pay School fees online!

School fee information for the 2022-23 school year will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal in late September. 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 online using a credit card.

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 certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-

team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you're unable to pay your school 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 eips.ca. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Carlson at Bruderheim School at 780 796 3936 or email general.bru@eips.ca





Park Play & Parenting

For families with children 0-6.

Bundle up and bring a chair & warm drink. We will talk parenting challenges and successes while the children spend time at play.

30 minutes will also focus on movement & art.

Andrew:
Andrew School
Rm 142

Bruderheim:
Lions Park
51 St South

Lamont:
Hillside Park
50 St North

Mundare:
Victory Park
54 St North

Tues, Sept 20 - pm = Mundare

Wed., Sept 21 - am = Chipman, pm = Bruderheim

Thurs., Sept 22 - am = Lamont, pm = Andrew

Mon., Sept 26 - am = Bruderheim

Tues., Sept 27 - am = Mundare, pm = Chipman

Wed., Sept 28 - am = Andrew, pm = Lamont

am =
10:00-11:30
pm =
1:00-2:30

**Please note all programming in Andrew will take place inside.

Please
sign up:



Please register by QR code or this link:
<https://signup.com/go/JtCcsXX>
For more information email erin.b@lamontcounty.ca

Register
by
Oct 11



NEW PARENTS SURVIVAL SERIES

**Tuesdays from Oct. 18 - Dec. 20, 2022
10: 00-11:30am at the Lamont Meeting Room**

A group for first time caregivers & babies 0-1 year old,
focusing on building language, motor skills, good sleep
schedules, taking care of yourself & MORE!

Session topics include: Get talking, baby! Move it, baby!
Get eating, baby! Sleep routines
Social-emotional development
Parent health & wellness
Infant massage & connection

For more information please call Erin at 1-877-895-2233 ext 244
or email erin.b@lamontcounty.ca

To register, please follow QR code or this link: <https://signup.com/go/scXieku>



ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS

September 25, 2022

3:00-6:15 PM



Bruderheim Community Hall

5014 Queen Street

Bruderheim



Activities include:

- Crafts for children
- Story telling
- Singers and dancers of various cultures including:
 - Indigenous dancers
 - Hawaiian
 - Contemporary
 - African drummers
 - Filipino

Alberta Culture Days 2022
September 2022
Discover • Experience • Celebrate



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SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
FIREHALL



COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Rail Safety Tips
Talk to your family about crossing railway tracks safely. Follow these tips to keep your family safe!

<p>STOP AT ALL RAILWAY CROSSINGS</p> <p>When approaching a railway crossing, slow down and be prepared to stop.</p> 	<p>LOOK BOTH WAYS FOR TRAINS</p> <p>At passive crossings, there are no lights or bells to warn you of approaching trains, be extra careful.</p> 	<p>LISTEN CAREFULLY FOR TRAINS</p> <p>If you're in a loud machine, open your window or door to better hear approaching trains.</p> 
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