



From the Principals Desk:

Happy Fall everyone. I hope that all our families took time to celebrate the weekend and remembering what they are truly thankful for. We rounded out September with two major events that I am very proud of. All staff and students wore Orange shirts to mark the season that Aboriginal kids were taken away to residential schools. By acknowledging this we are moving one step close to reconciliation and understanding. We also held our Terry Fox event where we raised almost \$2 per student and donated the funds to the Terry Fox foundation. A special thanks to Brittany Lind who spoke at our assembly.

Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> will mark our first Leader in Me assembly. Join us along with our grade 3 leaders as we celebrate being proactive and recognize some of our Tigers for excelling in this area. Assembly will start at 9am. Swimming lessons also kicked off this month and our grade 1, 4, and 5 students are almost complete. Later in the month the grade 2, 3 and 6's will hit the pool. What a great opportunity to begin with the end in mind and learn a lifelong skill. Thanks again to our parent council for their continued support of this initiative.

Below are some key dates to remember this month:

October 13 9am	Leader in Me assembly
October 17	Hot Lunch Day
October 19	Bus evacuation drill
October 23	Elder Wilson Bearhead visits classes in the morning
October 24/25	Library Book Swap
October 31	Halloween Activities in the afternoon.

Sincerely,

Paul McKay  
Principal



## OCTOBER 2017

- Oct. 2 Swimming Grades 1, 4, 5 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 2–6 Read in Week – Themed “I’m A Reader...I Read for Me!”  
Oct. 3 Author Visit Tamara Martin-Spady 1:00PM  
Oct. 3 BSC Meeting 5:30PM  
Oct. 4 Swimming Grades 1, 4, 5 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 4 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM  
Oct. 5 World Teachers Day  
Oct. 5, 6 Professional Learning Days – No School  
Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Day – No School  
Oct. 10 Picture Day ☺  
Oct. 11 Swimming Grades 1, 4, 5 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 13 Assembly 9:00AM  
Oct. 13 Swimming Grades 1, 4, 5 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 16 Swimming Grades 2, 3, 6 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 17 Hot Lunch  
Oct. 18 Swimming Grades 2, 3, 6 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 19 Bus Evacuation Drill  
Oct. 23 Swimming Grades 2, 3, 6 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 23 Elder Wilson Bearhead 8:30AM  
Oct. 24, 25 Book Swap  
Oct. 25 Swimming Grades 2, 3, 6 10:30AM – 12:00PM  
Oct. 31 Halloween – PM activities



## NOVEMBER 2017

- Nov. 1 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM  
Nov. 3 Assembly 9:00AM  
Nov. 6 BSC Meeting 5:30PM  
Nov. 7 School Picture Retakes 9:00AM – 10:30AM  
4Nov. 7, 8, 9 Bonus Book Days  
Nov. 9 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45AM  
Nov. 10–17 Day in Lieu & Fall Break – No School  
Nov. 23 Farm Safety Grades K–6  
Nov. 27 Report Cards Distributed at 2:30PM and Available Through CSL on PowerSchool  
Nov. 28 –  
Dec. 12 Scholastic Book Fair  
Nov. 29 Parent Teacher Student Conferences 5:00PM – 8:00PM  
Nov. 30 Parent Teacher Student Conferences 5:00PM – 8:00PM  
Nov. 30 Book Fair Open to the Public 4:00PM – 7:30PM

### **Swimming:**

*Note: Bus will arrive at Harbour Pool in Fort Saskatchewan at 10:20AM the following mornings:*

*Grades 1, 4 & 5  
October 2, 4, 11, 13*

*Grades 2, 3 & 6  
October 16, 18, 23, 25*

## DECEMBER 2017

- Dec. 1 Assembly 9:00AM  
Dec. 1 Lamont County Poster Contest Deadline Gr. 1-6  
Dec. 4 BSC Meeting 5:30PM  
Dec. 5–22 Mitten Tree  
Dec. 6 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM  
Dec. 14 Christmas Concert 7:00PM  
Dec. 22 Movie and Stuffy Afternoon  
Dec. 25–Jan 8 Winter Break

*Please check our website for up to date information*



## **BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are currently looking for volunteers to run and help out with our breakfast program. The breakfast program runs from 8:00 AM to 8:25 AM during school days. If you can help, even one morning a week, please call the school.

## **HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are currently looking for people to assist with our hot lunch program. Once a month students and staff are treated to a hot lunch. The lunch is free of charge and organized through BSC. If you are able to help, please contact the school and we can put you in touch with our hot lunch coordinator.

## **MICROWAVE OVENS AND FOOD SAFETY**

Many students bring food that needs to be heated. Please be aware that food needs to be heated to specific temperatures to ensure food safety. There are several items of concern to address: heating up time & temperature, food that is either too cold or too hot, large number of students needing their food heated, reduced time to sit and enjoy lunch, overloading the school’s electrical system/blown breakers.

## **WHAT CAN I DO FOR LUNCH?**

- ✓ hard boiled eggs
- ✓ leftovers/soup in a thermos
- ✓ hummus and pitas
- ✓ cheese quesadilla

- ✓ cut-up hotdog in a thermos
- ✓ ham & cheese pitas
- ✓ mini pizza on English muffins
- ✓ sausage, crackers & cheese



## **WATCH OUT FOR OUR CHILDREN**

Just a reminder to drive slowly when picking up or dropping off your children. Keep in mind that children:

- are less visible to motorists; they are easily hidden behind parked vehicles, trees, shrubs
- think that if they can see themselves that other people can see them too
- believe that grownups will look out for them
- do not understand the habits of drivers or the operational characteristics of a motor vehicle

## **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

Halloween celebrations are just around the corner and we have many students with wonderful, creative ideas about what costumes to wear.

What’s important to remember, though, is costumes that portray stereotypes about a specific group, culture or race can be hurtful. While we’re confident our students wouldn’t intentionally try to offend their classmates or teachers, we need to be sensitive to the fact that having one’s background or identity depicted as a costume can be viewed as disrespectful.



Elk Island Public Schools is committed to providing welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and working environments. It is important that celebrations being held at our schools can be enjoyed by everyone—please help us ensure Halloween is fun for all of our students! If you have any questions about whether or not a costume would be appropriate, please contact Mr. Paul McKay to discuss.

## MORNING ARRIVAL TIME

Please assist us in having students arrive between 8:15 AM and 8:25 AM. That is when morning supervision starts. Especially in the event of inclement weather, it is safer for students to arrive at that time.

## PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Please assist us by arriving as close to the dismissal bell as possible. Students are let out of class at 2:55 PM on regular school days and at 1:55 PM on early dismissal days (first Wednesday of every month). This will help with congestion. We would ask parents to wait for the door entrances to ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Thank you for your support!

## 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 at 9:00AM. However, due to holidays and school closure days, we suggest you check the calendar on our website for the exact dates of all assemblies. Students are recognized at assemblies for Leadership and exhibiting the 7 Habits. The first Wednesday of each month is “early dismissal” for students (1:55PM) during which time staff will have their monthly staff meeting. 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.

## BELL SCHEDULE

Regular Day		Early Dismissal	
Warning Bell	8:30	Warning Bell	8:30
Morning Classes Start	8:35	Morning Classes Start	8:35
Recess Starts	10:05	Recess Starts	10:05
Recess Ends	10:20	Recess Ends	10:20
Lunch Starts	11:50	Lunch Starts	11:50
Lunch Recess	12:10	Lunch Recess	12:10
Warning Bell	12:30	Warning Bell	12:30
Afternoon Classes Start	12:35	Afternoon Classes Start	12:35
Dismissal	2:55	Dismissal	1:55

## WILL YOUR CHILD BE ABSENT OR LATE TODAY?

Please phone in your child’s absence/late to 780-796-3936. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day. Messages are picked up regularly from 8:00AM - 3:30PM. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



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:

- Breakfast program: Stephanie Campbell
- Hot lunch group: Marguerite Bartz, Allison Bortnick, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Kammer, Erin Lewis, Amanda Oldfield-West, Sarah Smith, Melissa Young
- 2016/17 BSC: Chair - Dawn Kotyk, Vice Chair and Breakfast Coordinator - Stephanie Campbell, Treasurer - Sarah Smith, Secretary - Allyson Braybrook, Fundraising - Nicole Kammer, Hot Lunch Coordinator - Sarah Smith

## 2017/18 BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL (BSC)

Chair: Dawn Kotyk  
Vice Chair: Allison Bortnick  
Treasurer: Sarah Smith  
Secretary: Allyson Braybrook

Fundraising: Nicole Kammer  
Hot Lunch Coordinator: Sarah Smith  
Breakfast Coordinator: Stephanie Campbell



### NEXT BSC (BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL) MEETING

Please join us on Monday, November 6 at 5:30 PM in the library for the next BSC meeting. There are many important things happening and this is an excellent way to be involved in school life. Babysitting will be provided thanks to BSC. All parents are welcome!

### TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 29. Students eagerly ran as many laps around the school as they could and raised \$183 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Congratulations to Declan who won the T-shirt!



### MISS SEREDA, COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

**15 Minutes a Day: Strategies for finding your calm** (Adapted from Self-Reg Parenting Vol. 1, Issue 1.)

#### Take some WE TIME

As we move into fall, it seems as though there are never enough hours in a day. As stress increases, so too does our need to practice self-care and nurture relationships. These daily WE TIME strategies are intended for families and the key is intentionally carving out time to spend together. Experts recommend trying to find a minimum of 15 minutes per day.

#### W Put away your WORK

- E** Turn off your ELECTRONICS
- T** Spend your time TOGETHER
- I** Use your IMAGINATION
- M** Be MINDFUL of your child and their needs
- E** Try to set aside time together EVERYDAY

#### Take some YOU TIME

As busy parents, your days may be full of energy-zapping stressors. With soaring tensions, our brains and bodies work very hard to restore our energy and keep our systems running smoothly.

Know that the greatest gift you can give to your child is to take care of your own Self-Reg needs. You will have more energy left over to support them. Even 15 minutes per day makes a big difference!

- Y** YOU decide how to spend "you time"
- O** ORGANIZE this time so it's 100% for you
- U** UNPLUG from technology
- T** Find ways to release TENSION
- I** Respect your INDIVIDUAL needs
- M** Be MINDFUL of and honour whatever feelings come up
- E** Ask yourself what you need to fill up your ENERGY tank

## PAGES FROM OUR LIBRARY – LIBRARY NEWS

### READ IN WEEK

Read In Week was another successful week. This year's theme was "'I'm A Reader ... I Read for Me'". We welcomed Mrs. Pat Lee (Bruderheim Town Counsellor), Mrs. Nicole Brady (grade 2 teacher currently on maternity leave), Mrs. Tamara Martin-Spady (local author)

Thank you to our teachers who accommodated our guests throughout their busy week and to all you dedicated parents who continue to take the time to read to your children and support our school library programs. We love books at Bruderheim and reading will continue to be a pillar of our educational day.



### Book Swap on October 24/25

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 over the month of October to homeroom teachers. The exchange will take place during your child's library period.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Bartz



### BRUDERHEIM PRESCHOOL NEWS

Bruderheim Preschool will be hosting a bake sale as part of Bruderheim's Christmas Craft Sale on November 18. Please stop by to support the preschool.

If you have any questions about preschool, please feel free to drop into the classroom, call 587-784-1953.

## Classroom News

### Grade 1 News

It's hard to believe we are already one month into Grade One! Where has the first month gone? October is set to be full of loads of learning and fun!

In language arts we are finishing our letter review and will be starting spelling tests and home reading. We are going to start our writing workshops and discovering word families and phonics.

In math we are starting unit 2 "Numbers to 20". In this unit we will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards starting at different numbers, recognizing groups up to 10, exploring numbers to 20, looking at all the ways to represent number (tallies, dice, ten frames, etc) and much more! How can you explore numbers at home?



In science, we are finishing talking about Fall and will be starting our Five Senses unit shortly.

We have been talking about the groups we belong to in social studies. We will start discussing what our rights and responsibilities are in these groups. We have a right to learn in our school group, but it is our responsibility to work hard and complete all our tasks.



This lends nicely to the second habit we will be focusing on this month in health “Begin with the end in mind.” We need to make a plan to help us reach our goals.

In art we will do some fall painting and maybe even some spooky pictures to decorate our classroom and hallways!

*Award winners this month who showed Habit 1: Be Proactive, are: Austyne, Carter, Tanya*

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Secrist



### **Grade 2 News**

Beautiful fall weather and colours have arrived! I hope everyone is able to enjoy our warm autumn days before they disappear.

Here are our next units of study:

**LANGUAGE ARTS** – Our focus is on reading to self with quiet stamina being built up to about 10 minutes. Please have your child practice reading **quietly in their heads** for about 10 minutes each evening.



We are beginning our home reading program this month along with grade two spelling. Two books that are your child’s reading level will come home each evening. Please read for about 10-15 minutes. The books should be read more than once. I will send home a list of ideas and questions to accompany the home reading. Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to your child read as this is such an important skill for them to build confidence, fluency, comprehension, accuracy and vocabulary. The spelling program will consist of words being given out on Mondays and test on Fridays. More information will be sent out with your child this week. Fall is the theme of our readings and writings.

**MATH** – We are starting number sense which consists of learning to read and write numbers to 100 in a variety of ways; tally marks, expanded form, base-ten blocks, ten frames, word form, place value and standard form.



**SCIENCE** – Our unit this month is “Hot and Cold Temperatures”. Students learn about different heat sources, examples of hot and cold objects, what is temperature, thermometers, body temperature and safety that goes along with extreme temperatures.

**SOCIAL** – Our unit is “What is Community?” We will learning what it means to be a community (urban and rural) as well as get to know our own community of Bruderheim better.



We will be swimming four times this month and there will be a Halloween Carnival on October 31 to celebrate Halloween while in our costumes (afternoon only).

Fun, fun, fun all throughout October!

*Congratulations to this month's "Be Proactive" award winners: Karson, Brooklyn, Kaydence*

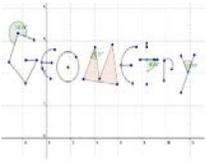
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Bochek



### October News from Mrs. V and the Grade 3's

It has been a busy start to our year! Students are beginning to settle in and are getting accustomed to the routines in Grade 3. In Science, we have had the opportunity to experience a complete life cycle with our friendly caterpillars. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we released our Painted Lady Butterflies and students enjoyed seeing their friend fly off to live out their lifecycle.

During Language Arts, the Grade 3's have been practicing weekly spelling, phonics and grammar packages. Please ensure you are checking your child's agenda for reminders when assignments are due. Medals and prizes have been handed out for reading accomplishments in September, and I am happy to report everyone has done a spectacular job reading each evening at home.



In Math we have completed our Geometry unit and are mid-way in our Measurement package. Weekly we practice math facts and are documenting growth. Any additional time at home, please do a round of math facts with your child. Together, we can work on increasing their time and accuracy.



In Social, we are completing our Mapping unit and are working our way into the next unit; learning more about our friends in India and Peru. During physical activity time, we have been very engaged in cooperative games where finding strategies with partners is a focus and a real competition at times.

Thank you to all parents who take the time to sign agendas, ensuring nightly reading and homework is complete and all books sent back. If you are ever in doubt, please email me at [janice.vandelannoite@eips.ca](mailto:janice.vandelannoite@eips.ca).

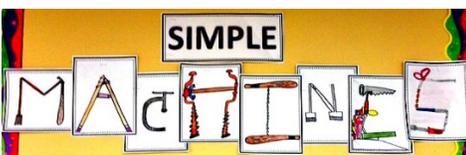
*Congratulations to this month's "Be Proactive" award winners: Micah, Maxim, Liam L.*

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Vandelannoite

### Grade 4 News

We are off to a wonderful start in Grade 4! Students are settling into our routines and have adjusted well to taking on the new responsibilities of Grade 4! Here is a sneak peak at what's to come this month:

- ✓ 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.



Grade 4 Science: We are continuing our exploration of wheels, levers and pulleys. Students will be constructing and testing simple machines in order to appreciate how they make our work easier!

- ✓ Grade 4 Math: In our whole numbers unit, we will represent, describe and compare numbers up to 10 000, add and subtract 3-digit and 4-digit numbers, as well as practice our estimation and mental math skills.
- ✓ Art: We will focus on representing fall using various mediums and techniques.
- ✓ Health: We are reviewing the 7 Habits of our Leader in Me program. Students are learning what it means to be a leader and recognizing those traits in themselves.



Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Wednesday
- Our last swimming lesson is on Friday, October 13.

Have a wonderful month and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

***Congratulations to this month's "Be Proactive" award winners: Benjamin, Ava, Kayden***

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Michalchuk



**Grade 5 News**

Hello Parents/Guardians,

We are a month into the school year and everyone is settling in for an exciting year. October is a busy month with four swimming lessons, school pictures, Thanksgiving, and an extra-long weekend. I have introduced Google Classroom to the class and parents. It will take some time to work out the kinks but if you have your child sign on to their account, all of our up-to-date information, resources, assignments, and up-coming dates will be posted. Google Classroom is used throughout junior and senior high school so it is beneficial for the kids to get a "head start".



Now.... On to the school work! Students have nearly completed the first unit in Math, learned how to pick out a topic in Language Arts, and have begun experimenting with circuits in Science. After the Thanksgiving weekend there will be a change to the schedule. I will begin teaching Social in the afternoons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. So, kids will be with me on Tuesday afternoons for Social and Mrs. A for PE and French; on Wednesdays, kids will be in my classroom all day (no switching).

If there are any concerns, please contact me via email ([Emily.burton@eips.ca](mailto:Emily.burton@eips.ca)) or at school 780-796-3936.

***Congratulations to this month's "Be Proactive" award winners: Mikka, Alexis, Evelyn***

Yours truly,  
Ms. Burton

**Grade 6 News**

October is here and we are settled into routine and accomplishing great things in grade 6. The visit to the seniors center was a great time and we are looking forward to another visit in January. In Language Arts we have completed an autobiography and a biography, as well as explored the writing website called "Storybird". In Math students have completed the Patterns and Equations unit and we are well on our way into the Understanding Number Unit.



Students are reminded to practice math accuracy. In Social Studies we are chapter, in time with our local election. in “Student Vote” to make their own properties of air and Bernoulli’s Our class will have swim lessons October grade 6!



skills nightly to increase their speed and wrapping up the local government Students will also have a chance to vote choice for the future of Bruderheim! The Principal have been our focus in Science. 16, 18, 25 and 25. Keep up the great work

*Congratulations to this month’s “Be Proactive” award winners: Kaitlyn, Brooklyn, Isabelle*

**Lynsay Atchison**  
**Bruderheim School**

## **In and around the District**

### **Video surveillance on school buses**

Elk Island Public Schools Student Transportation would like to inform our parents and students using bus services that all EIPS buses are equipped with video surveillance equipment, which is in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The equipment records and stores several days of data and is reviewed regularly by Student Transportation staff who monitor both student and driver conduct. All video and audio recordings of individuals on school buses are for the safety and security of passengers, drivers, and property, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

If you have further questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, please contact the FOIP co-ordinator at EIPS by calling 780-417-8266.



### **Stay Connected: Subscribe to our news**

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools’ (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada’s Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. If you haven’t yet subscribed, simply visit [www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice](http://www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice) . As soon as you sign up and confirm, you’ll begin receiving Division and school related news — 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.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important

### **Pay School Fees Online Easily Using PowerSchool**

School fee information for the 2017-18 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by early October. 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.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). Alternatively, contact **Ms. Carlson at Bruderheim Elementary, 780-796-3936**.

### **Updating Your PowerSchool Correction Forms**

Families will all be receiving a PowerSchool Correction Form for each student enrolled in Bruderheim Elementary. The form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding each of its students. When you receive the form, please review it carefully and make sure all the information in it is still correct. If any changes need to be made, please update it and add any new details you think necessary. All forms must be returned to the school by **Tuesday, October 31**.

If you have any technical questions regarding PowerSchool, please contact the school office at **780-796-3936**. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Waiver Of Fees**

<https://www.eips.ca/transportation/transportation-fees/waiver-of-fees>

Effective 2017-18 school year, should circumstances exist in which fees cannot be paid, parents can apply for certain fees to be waived using the "Application for Waiver of Fees (505-2)". If parents are not eligible to have fees waived, arrangements may be made with the school's administration and/or the Director of Student Transportation.

A completed application form with supporting documents, marked CONFIDENTIAL, should be mailed to:

Elk Island Public Schools  
Attention: Treasurer  
683 Wye Road  
Sherwood Park, Alberta T8B 1N2

Or mailed to Business Services

The cutoff dates for receipt of complete applications with supporting documents are:

**Waiver of Transportation Fees: August 31, 2017**

**Waiver of School Fees: December 15, 2017**

**No applications will be accepted after these dates.**

### **Kids Write 4 Kids Writing Contest – Grades 4-8**

Kids Write 4 Kids (KW4K) is a Canada-wide creative writing challenge by the Ripple Foundation, a not-for-profit organization. At the Ripple Foundation, creativity, education and imagination are key components to success. In its sixth year, the KW4K contest invites grades 4-8 students to write stories that will be published both in print and digitally for the world to read—net proceeds from the sale of all KW4K books during 2017 will be donated to the winners' charities of choice. In addition, winners will have the opportunity to be part of the judging panel for the following year's contest. [Learn more](#)

## **Veterans' Week Learning Resources**

Free bilingual resources are available to help students remember the importance of honouring Canada's Veterans (Veterans' Week is **November 5-11**: #CanadaRemembers). [Learn more](#)

## **Assessment Tools**

### **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 planning to administer two assessment tools during the 2017-18 school year—STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI). 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 2 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. Grade 1 students will take the STAR 360 exam in October. 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. They 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.

### **Improving Home-School Communication**

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has created a manual entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." The manual provides a framework for communication between EIPS schools and its families, and includes a standard format, structure and sequence for regular and ongoing home-school communication within the Division. It also offers useful tools and resources schools can use when planning their communication efforts, such as face-to-face meetings, email, Synvoice and social media. Additionally, the manual provides a process parents or guardians can use if they need to bring forward a question or concern.

Bruderheim School encourages all our families to review the document. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available by visiting [www.eips.ca/download/40981](http://www.eips.ca/download/40981).

### **Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar**

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? 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, simply follow the instructions that appear on your computer screen or mobile device. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of Bruderheim School's important dates including holidays, school-closure dates, school activities and events, and more.

**Notes from the Office**

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Your Future *in* MIND ●

# In and around Bruderheim

## **GUITAR & BASS LESSONS in LAMONT, starting after Christmas break**

Weekly half-hour lessons, one-on-one with a top-notch instructor.

Mondays only, after-school and evenings. Location TBA.

Ages 7 – adult, beginner to advanced.

Instructor, Kevin Shirley, has been teaching with Community Music Initiatives for over 15 years. Kevin learned to play guitar at a young age and went on to graduate from Red Deer College, where he majored in theory, composition and jazz guitar. Kevin is a talented musician and a superb instructor; he is personable, patient, and happy to work with whatever genre students are interested in.

**Please call 1-877-413-4810 (toll-free) for details  
and to book your lesson time for January.**



### **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 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Please read, fill out, sign and return the consent forms to your school by Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Oral Health team will be at your school Jan 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> & May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions please call the oral health staff at the Vegreville CHC/PH at 780-631-0016 or 780-632-3331; ext 260.



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