



From the Principal's Desk January

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I hope that all of our families had time to connect and recharge their batteries. A huge thank you goes out to our parents and the Bruderheim School Council for spoiling our staff with a great lunch and extra break prior to Christmas.

January is a great month in school (well, maybe not the weather), but the teachers use this time to tackle challenging curriculum and get the most out of our rested students. I would like to welcome a new staff member to our school this month, Mrs. Kim Stefiuk will be joining our kindergarten class as an educational assistant for the remainder of the year. Please make sure you give her a warm Bruderheim welcome when you see her in the halls.

This month will also mark the beginning of our kindergarten registration. On January 15th families will be able to register for kindergarten online at www.eips.ca There will be no more paper registrations done in the office at the school, but if you need a hand getting your child registered stop by the office and we will have a kiosk set up to help with your online registration.

Be sure to stay up to date on all the events that are happening at Bruderheim by visiting us at www.brunderheimschool.ca or follow us on twitter @bruderheimelem

Paul McKay
Principal
Bruderheim School



JANUARY 2018

TBD	Skating
TBD	Running Room Indoor Games Grades 3 – 6
Jan. 8	Classes Resume
Jan. 8	Christine – Dental Hygienist Grades 1, 2, 3
Jan. 8	BSC Meeting 5:30PM
Jan. 9	Christine – Dental Hygienist Grades K, 1, 2, 3
Jan. 10	Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM
Jan. 12	Assembly 9:00AM
Jan. 15	Kindergarten Registration Begins
Jan. 15	FNMI Day – Elder Wilson (Morning)
Jan. 15	Wee Reads Begins (8 Weeks)
Jan. 19	Old Towne Bruderheim Pictures Due
Jan. 23	FNMI Classes Visit
Jan. 25	Seniors Visit Grade 6 (Tentative)
Jan. 26	Beach Day – Staff vs Grade 6 Volleyball 2:15PM
Jan. 30	Spell-a-thon

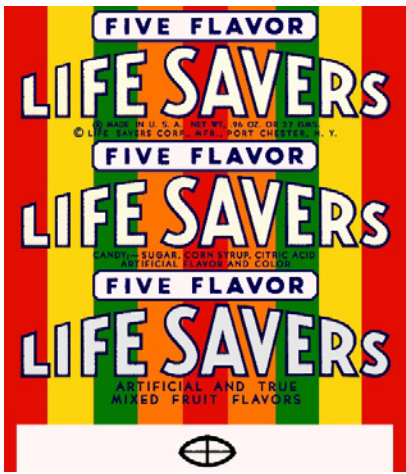


FEBRUARY 2018

TBD	Math Contest Grade 6
TBD	Pioneer Days
Feb. 2	Assembly 9:00AM
Feb. 5	BSC Meeting 5:30PM
Feb. 6, 7	Bonus Book Days
Feb. 7	Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal 1:55PM
Feb. 8, 9	Teachers' Convention – No School
Feb. 14	Wear Red! Valentine's Day Carnival 1:00PM – 2:30PM
Feb. 15	100 th Day of School
Feb. 16	School Closure Day
Feb. 19	Family Day – No School
Feb. 20	WISEST
Feb. 22	Seniors Visit Grade 5 (Tentative)
Feb. 24	Young Authors Conference (YAC) 8:30 to 3:30 FR Haythorne School
Feb. 20–23	Book Tasting Party
Feb. 28	Pink Shirt Day (Focus On Cyber Bullying)

Please check our website for up to date information





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:

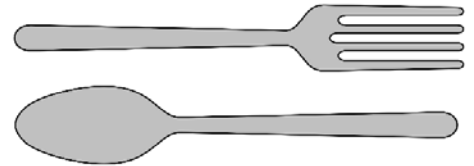
- Breakfast program: Stephanie Campbell
- December's Hot lunch group: Thea Belcourt, Nicole Kammer, Pat Lee, Erin Lewis, Laura Lemieux, Krystyn Miller
- Our anonymous pizza lunch sponsor
- Staff Christmas lunch group
- Everyone who supported the Bruderheim Christmas Hamper program
- Everyone who purchased "Best Seats In The House" tickets

NEXT BSC (BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL) MEETING

Please join us on Monday, February 5 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!

FORKS AND SPOONS AT BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL

Bruderheim School and Bruderheim School Council will not be providing plastic forks and spoons for student snacks or lunches. Please ensure your child(ren) have the appropriate eating utensils for their snacks and lunches.



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!

AMA SCHOOL PATROL

Congratulations to Carver who is patroller of the month! Carver's dedication and service is greatly appreciated! And in all kinds of weather! Thank you Carver!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration opens for the 2018-19 school year on Jan. 15, 2018 at 6:00PM. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice is sent to the given email address.

NOTE: The online registration form is available as of Jan.15, 2018—the paper version no longer exists. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit 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. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding Kindergarten can be found on our school website at <https://bruderheimschool.ca/>

SKATING WILL BEGIN IN THE NEW YEAR!

Staff will be taking students skating to the Bruderheim indoor arena. Students must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet, properly fitted skates and gloves or mitts. While on the ice, students may also choose to wear elbow pads and/or ski pants. Full hockey equipment is not necessary. Parents and volunteers are encouraged to attend.



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We hope that by providing enough notice about skating, students will be able to acquire the necessary equipment. Previously we paired up with Sport Central in Edmonton to ensure all students had equipment. Families who need support can contact Sport Central directly at 780-477-1166 to make arrangements to get their child fitted with equipment. Should families wish to donate used equipment that no longer fit their child to other students in our school, we will try to assist with this process. Students that do not have the necessary equipment will not be able to participate in skating.

LIBRARY NEWS

A Book Fair Thank You!

This year we sold \$2538.09 in product and reached the second goal of receiving 50% in product and the remainder in a Scholastic cheque.

I have selected over \$487.00 in new books for our library. Many titles the students told me they wanted to read. Thank you to Emily who helped with the Interac/credit card machine today. You are a wonder! Thank you to Lynsay and the grade 6 who really boosted sales today to hit our goal. Thank you to all staff who paid promptly. Thank you to Mrs. Tracy Radke who helped tirelessly with the packing up.

It was a success everyone!

Mitten Tree Update

Staff and students contributed 62 pairs of mittens and 5 winter hats for our Mitten Tree. This continues to be one of our most successful outreach projects. The mittens will very soon be taken to the Mustard Seed Group.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bartz

Kindergarten

This month the Kindergarten class has Dinosaur themed activities. We are starting to practice site words as well as continuing to learn our letters and numbers to 10. The letters that we learned so far are: N, M, R, O, S, A, P, D, J & U. Our letters of the week in January will be B, C & L. Home reading will go home with your child on Tuesday, January 16th. A letter will be going home explaining our home reading program. We are also starting our mystery bag this month. If your child comes home with the mystery bag (a pillow case) they can bring something to school with 3 clues about what is inside. More information will go home with your child when the mystery bag goes home.



Thank you,
Amanda Grumbach



Grade 1 News

Welcome back to everyone after what I hope was an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas Break. We are right back into the swing of things this week and are continuing our learning right where we left off.

In Language Arts we will continue our Writer's Workshops and work on becoming better writers. Our focus this month will be making sure our stories have a beginning, middle and end. We will also be continuing Literacy Centres and poetry.

In Mathematics we are finishing Unit 2: Numbers to 20, and then jumping right into Unit 5: Numbers to 100. Perfect timing for our 100th day of school coming up in February! WE are counting daily by ones, twos, fives and tens and I encourage families to practice this at home as well!

In Science we will conclude our "Creating Colour" unit and start our "Building Things" unit.

During Social Studies, we will be looking at the town of Bruderheim and discussing some of the landmarks in town.

In Gym, we will be working on ball skills like bouncing, rolling, passing, and catching.

Printmaking will be our focus in Art this month. I am excited to see what kind of patterns and designs we will come up with as we try different printmaking techniques!

Award Winners: Jorja, Jeenah and Amiya

Sincerely,
Mrs. Secrist

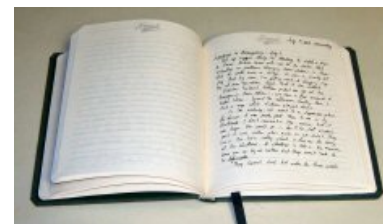
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Grade 2 News

Welcome back to school everyone! It looks as though to start off January will be very cold. Please ensure your child is dressed with lots of warm winter clothing.

Language Arts: Students will continue to write in their Friday journals to parents. Please read what you have written to your child. This journal is a great way to have some written communication with your child. They really love "talking" with you in this form.



Spelling words are stapled in agendas on Monday. This word list is to stay at home and be studied over the course of the week. I have also sent home a tic-tac-toe spelling homework sheet that will be due each Thursday. The test is given on Fridays (Thursdays if no school Friday). Your child's test may be modified so he/she will have the most success. If you see an "M" at the top of the page, your child is sitting with me or Mrs. Desabrais to do the test with three different words for the child to choose as the correct spelling before writing it down.

Winter writing will continue this month with transitional words such as first, next, then and finally. Also descriptive writing using the five senses about winter.

Math: Students may use a variety of manipulatives to help them in our new unit called “Adding and Subtracting to 18”. Please practice adding numbers up to $9+9=18$ and subtracting numbers up to $18-9=9$. If requested, please allow your child to use a number line and/or other objects as counters to do this math.

Science: “Exploration of Liquids” is the unit we will begin this month. Students learn how liquids flow, take the shape of containers they are in, can change into solid or gas, have surface tension, are absorbent, and are always moving. They will engage in many experiments.

Social: The students are continuing their journey to Meteghan, Nova Scotia to experience life in the Maritimes. Lobster fishing and festivals are some of the fun they will enjoy while learning about the traditions, geography and animals of Meteghan.

*Habit 3 Putting First Things First certificate recipients are:
Jersey, Narelle, Madison*

Congratulations!
Sincerely,
Mrs. Bocek



January 3V News

Happy New Year! I am so happy to be back in the classroom and looking forward to a wonderful 2018. I am excited to begin a new novel study in Language Arts and create fun projects pertaining to the novel throughout the study. In Math we will continue with our numbers unit and will move into the next large unit, Addition and Subtraction. Working on math facts at home will provide great success for your child in not only the next unit, but for multiplication and division as well. In Social Studies we will continue looking at Peru and how the Peruvian lifestyle differs from ours. In Science, we are completing our Hearing and Sound Unit. Students should be well on their way with their homemade musical instrument, which is due January 16th. I look forward to seeing their creation and listening to a song they might play for the class.



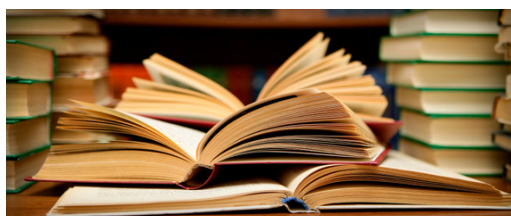
As always, I appreciate the reading your child is doing at home. Over the break I was able to update our Razkids website and it was such a joy to see them move up in reading levels. Keep reading, it is paying off! Thank you for signing your child’s agenda each evening, this is good practice for your child ensuring they are checking their responsibilities and it keeps you informed on important events/assignments as well. Soon the class will be working with “Monster Money” and your initial will reward them with a small payment. So be sure to sign it each evening!

Congratulations to our Grade 3 award winners: Mannix, Rebecca, and Jazmine

Mrs. V and the Grade 3’s ☺



Grade 4 News



✓ Language Arts: This month, we will continue working on our Words Their Way sorting based spelling program. We will also begin small group novel studies. We will concentrate on summarizing, making inferences and predictions, as well as analyzing the author’s purpose.

- ✓ Math: We are continuing our unit on multiplying and dividing unit, however we will shift our focus from multiplying to dividing. I continue to encourage all students to practice these basic facts on a regular basis!
- ✓ Science: We began our Light and Shadow unit this month. Students will learn about light by studying the effects of light on things within their environment. They learn about light sources, materials that light can pass through and what happens when a material blocks or changes the path of light. They discover that mirrors, prisms and a variety of other materials can affect that path by reflecting and refracting light and splitting it into colors.
- ✓ Social: Through projects and storytelling, we will begin looking at which First Nations live Alberta, why First Nations are important to Alberta's identity, and the impact of the residential school system.

Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Wednesday

First Things First award winners: Keyaira, Katherine, Ashton

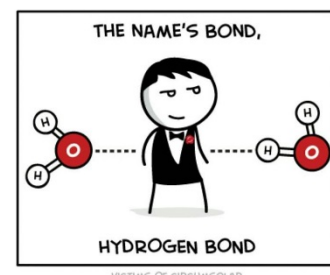
Have a wonderful month and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Michalchuk
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ashley.michalchuk@eips.ca

Grade 5 News

Welcome back after a wonderful holiday break. It always seems to go by quickly. Students will be quick to fall back into the routine of school and January will be a full month in our room. We had a great time snowboarding/skiing in December and look forward to skating in the upcoming weeks. We were pleased to have presented at our January assembly and look forward to being "bucket filler" role models to all Bruderheim students. We have also had the opportunity to welcome a wonderful volunteer to our classroom.

In math, we will be beginning a new unit: multiplication and division. Hard work in learning multiplication facts has been paying off! It has been evident that students are practicing and continuously improve on their "mad minutes". Great work! We are beginning a Chemistry unit in Science and in Language Arts we will be concentrating on paragraph writing. Our goal will be to write fantastic paragraphs for our upcoming speeches.



If you are unsure of events, assignments, test dates, or other important information, please ask your child to log on to Google Classroom. There you will find what you are looking for, including extra resources!

First Things First award winners: Cayden, Tanner, Rowan

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
 Emily Burton
Emily.burton@eips.ca
 780-796-3936



Grade 6 News

Happy New Year to you and your family! We are back to work focused on a new unit in science: Evidence and Investigation! This is such a fun unit, as we learn how to be CSI's! Rights and freedoms of studies, and the Rights and Freedoms in decimal place value to dividing decimals. Practicing basic math facts benefit students' fluency and accuracy in the will be starting a book club unit called We will also be starting research for our speech format. Our class raised \$160 for the HUGE boxes of diapers were purchased and donated. Thank you so much for supporting our craft sale! As always, thank you for reading and signing your child's agenda nightly.



Canadians is our focus in social importance of the Charter of Canada. In math we are taking millionths, then multiplying and to memorization will really next units. In Language Arts we "Crimes, Clues, and Suspects." speech topics and reviewing the Lamont County Food Bank and 4

First Things First award winners: Kile, Anastasia, Rory

Lynsay Atchison
Bruderheim School

In and around the District

Changes Coming to Kindergarten Programming

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing its kindergarten program. Starting in the 2018-19 school year, all elementary schools will offer one kindergarten option, alternating full-day programming. Children will attend two full-days a week and occasionally, three days a week to meet the required 475 instructional hours—the quality and hours of education will remain the same. Already, more than half of EIPS' elementary schools offer the alternating full-day kindergarten, which have all seen positive results around preparing students for successful transitions to Grade 1.

The decision to standardize kindergarten programming is based on available funding to sustain the noon-hour bus service. The alternating full-day program allows the Division to keep education dollars in the classroom rather than subsidizing transportation.

The complete kindergarten program schedule will be available prior to registration on January 15. For more information, visit www.eips.ca.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents 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) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended when...Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions.

When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents 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.

Request To Attend A Non-Designated School

Effective for the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing the way in which students apply to attend a non-designated school. From March 1 to 15, 2018, parents of all EIPS students are being asked to pre-enrol their children online and indicate whether their child will be attending their designated school or if they wish to register at a different school. Acceptance at a non-designated school is based on available space—families will be advised of the outcome by April 13, 2018. Because of high enrolment numbers, some schools won't be accepting any non-designated students. Schools with closed boundaries will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process.

Please note that should you request a non-designated school for your child and need busing, there are fees associated with this choice. Visit [Transportation Services](#) for more information.

As part of the pre-enrolment process, parents are also asked to check and update phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and other important data – doing so will both make sure that the Division has the most current information available and eliminate the need to fill in the paper Correction Form that has traditionally been sent home every fall. Better yet, families will be able to go online and update their child's data throughout the year as circumstances change.

To determine your child's designated school, please check [EIPS school boundary maps](#).

EIPS 2018-19 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2018-19 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2018-19 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2018-19 EIPS calendar include:

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| • September 4 | First day of classes (after long weekend) |
| • November 12-16 | November break |
| • December 24 to January 4 | Christmas break |
| • January 31 | Second semester begins |
| • February 7-8 | Teachers' Convention |
| • March 25-29 | Spring break |
| • June 27 | Last day of classes |
| • June 28 | Schools close for the Summer break |

To view the 2018-19 calendar, visit www.eips.ca. Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2019-20 calendar.

Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Simply, visit www.eips.ca/calendar and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

Another Way To Stay Connected: Follow EIPS On Twitter And Facebook

With 42 schools and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcase

the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division. Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag #EIPS. Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

NOTE: The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.

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. Alternatively, contact **Ms. Carlson at Bruderheim Elementary, 780-796-3936**.





Be Your Best!