



Bruderheim
school



BRUDERHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 2019

Principal: Paul McKay

From the Principal's Desk:

2019 is upon us and we are excited to continue our year. Last month was filled with awesome celebrations and a great Christmas concert. Thanks to Ms. Watson and all the staff for their hard work on this event. A huge thank you to our parent council who provided lunch for our staff and an extended time to enjoy that lunch the staff greatly appreciated it. Thanks as well to our volunteers who helped put on the Christmas shop it is the highlight of the season for many of our students.

January is a great month for students as it provides us with a long uninterrupted period to focus on learning. Many of the concepts covered this month will be important building blocks for the rest of the year. For those parents that are interested I encourage you to check out the kindergarten to grade 4 draft curriculum from Alberta Education as things set to change for the 2020/21 school year.

We will also begin skating this month thanks to the kindness of the town of Bruderheim and the staff at the Maschmeyer arena. In addition to this the grade 3-6 classes will be going skiing on Wednesday January 23. Finally, we will be having our annual spell-a-thon on Thursday January 31. All the funds raised for this will go to supporting our school wide field trip to the Hockey Hooky game put on by the Edmonton Oil Kings on February 26th.

All the best in 2019!

Sincerely,
Paul McKay



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JANUARY 2019

Jan. 7	Classes Resume
Jan. 7, 8	Christine – Dental Hygienist Grades K to 3
Jan. 7	BSC Meeting 5:30
Jan. 9	Early Dismissal 1:55/Staff Meeting
Jan. 10	Wee Reads Begins (8 Weeks)
Jan. 11	Assembly Families Welcome! Changed to Jan. 17
Jan. 17	Spell-A-Thon Kick Off Assembly 1:00
Jan. 18	Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
Jan. 23	Ski Trip Grades 3, 4, 5, 6
Jan. 25	Beach Day
Jan. 27	Family Literacy Day
Jan. 31	Spell-A-Thon



Skating

Please note we are still awaiting confirmed dates for all grades

Please check our website for up to date information



ALBERTA EDUCATION AND YOUR CHILD

It is mandatory to have birth certificates on file for every Alberta student or Alberta Education can consider your child as non-registered and therefore not attending school. Please ensure each of your child's birth certificate(s) are submitted to the school office immediately either by email (karenj.carlson@eips.ca) or by bringing them into the office. They will be photocopied and immediately returned.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

- BSC for providing babysitting during BSC meetings, for their extended support for our official staff Christmas lunch and for lunch the next day!
- Everyone who supported the Bruderheim Christmas Hamper program
- Everyone who bought tickets to our annual Christmas concert
- Mrs. Robichaud for the grade 6 Christmas card making supplies
- Our anonymous donor for the colorful envelopes



RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATIONS FOR 2019-20



Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Families of all returning students will need to complete this process to confirm the school their children will attend for the 2019-20 school year, and to request to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. Returning student registration will take place at the same time as all registrations for the 2019-20 school year: **Feb. 1-28, 2019.**

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you will need to set one up **before Feb. 1, 2019.**

To create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account:

1. Go to <https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/>.
2. Click the button labelled, "Create Account."
3. Enter the parent or guardian information. Each account must have a unique email address and username—only one parent account is required regardless of the number of children you have attending EIPS schools.
4. Create a username and password of your choice—you'll need both the username and password to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal.
5. You must have an Access ID and Access Password for each student that is added to your account. **Contact your child's school to obtain this information.**
6. Press "Enter."

If you have any problems setting up the PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact Ms. Karen Carlson at 780 796 3936 for karenj.carlson@eips.ca for further assistance.

SKATING BEGINS SOON!

Teachers will send out a schedule with dates and times soon. Students must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet, properly fitted skates and gloves or mitts. Elbow pads and/or ski pants are optional. Full hockey equipment is unnecessary. Parents and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Again Bruderheim School is pairing up with Sport Central in Edmonton to ensure all students have proper equipment. Those who need support can contact Sport Central at 780 477 1166 to make arrangements to get their child fitted. Should families wish to donate used equipment to other students in our school, we can assist with this. Students that do not have the proper equipment will not be allowed to participate.

MITTEN TREE COLLECTIONS WERE GENEROUS!

Thank you to all the families of our students who donated mittens to our Mitten Tree campaign thru the library. Mrs. Bartz is thrilled to report that we collect 54 pairs of mittens to take to the inner city of Edmonton. Thanks for caring and sharing everyone! Happy New Year!



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER WITH MISS SEREDA

As we move forward into the New Year and continue to think about preparing our students for the future, it is interesting to consider the skills they may need as they move forward through school toward the work world. Projected top jobs and skills for 2025 can give us some ideas about the skills our kids may need as the job markets change.

Projected Top Jobs and Skills for 2025

(according to Institute for the Future and US Bureau of Labour Statistics)

SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND NEW MEDIA LITERACY

Related jobs: Retail and other sales representatives, marketing specialists, and customer service representatives (particularly those which relate to social media marketing).

CAREGIVING

Related jobs: Medical technicians, physical therapists, and workplace ergonomics experts. Veterinarians will be in demand as well as support jobs related to caregiving, such as medical secretaries and medical assistants. Home health aide jobs are expected to grow 38.1%.

TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING

Related jobs: Software developer, computer systems analyst, market research analyst and marketing specialist jobs.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Related jobs: Teachers and trainers, researchers

Talk to Your Children About Your Career Path

Children are constantly listening and learning from the adult role models around them. Help your child with career exploration by discussing questions like:

1. What career did you dream about as a child?
2. What are the different jobs you had growing up?
3. What job do you do now? What do you do in your daily tasks (for example: many children may know that their parent is a plumber or engineer but don't know what that means)?
4. What would you do differently if you could do it all over again? Do you have a dream about a career change in the future?

ADAPTABILITY AND BUSINESS ACUMEN

Related jobs: Management analysts, accountants, auditors, innovative business owners





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 writing How-To books. We will also be continuing Literacy Centres, snap words 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. Please start sending in small boxes, toilet paper rolls, anything we can build with, for us to use.

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 volleyball skills.

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!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Secrist

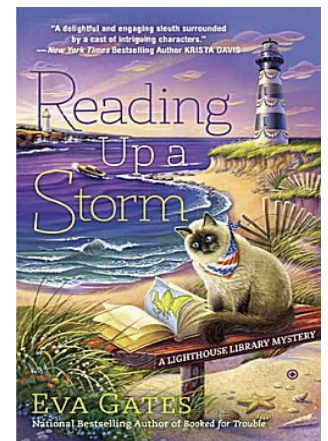


Grade 2 News

Welcome back! Heading into January Grade Two is continuing to explore the Inuit culture during social studies. In science we are exploring the properties of liquids and how each liquid is unique. We are busy learning about number stories in math, applying our knowledge of numbers and the many ways they can be represented. We have been reading up a storm in class time and are continuing to work on our persuasion skills through our

writing. We have also begun to dissect paragraphs to learn how they are constructed, mirroring our learning through our own writing that will be displayed for our parents to check out for themselves!

Sincerely,
Ms. Howatt



January 3V News

Happy New Year! Hoping you all had a restful break and time well spent together. I am excited to be back in the classroom and to start off our new year, we welcome a new student into our class!

In Language Arts, we look forward to beginning a new novel study, continue with leveled literacy intervention sessions, handwriting, spelling, and phonics work. During math, we

have finalized our fraction unit and have moved onto numbers to 1000! Soon we will be working hard to get into the multiplication and division unit, so please take some time and skip count with your child, especially by 3's and 4's to help them out. We will be using "Monster Money" in class as an incentive for home reading, classroom behavior, agendas signed, "Caught ya" being kind, etc. It will also assist your child in counting money, skip counting and shopping for classroom prizes when we have a cash in day.



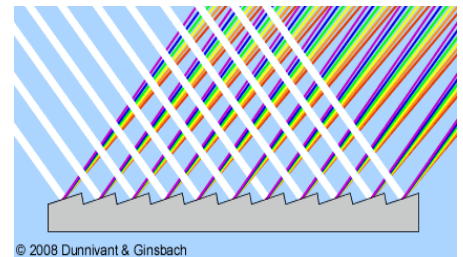
Each evening, your child's obligations should be to read and practice spelling for tests on Mondays. We do our best to get all work done in school, however if your child is bringing work home it is a good indication they are requiring more assistance and time on their work. Assisting them with this is greatly appreciated as we continue to move forward in the curriculum. Each day I count their reading and encourage them to reach the "gold" status, which can be obtained by nightly reading of approximately 20 minutes or more. Books are provided at their reading level from the classroom, or they are free to use Raz kids or a good reading book at home.

January 23 our class will be going on a ski/snowboarding trip. Please see that you have returned forms by January 14th. This is a unique opportunity that I hope your child can partake in. If you have any questions, please email me anytime!

Mrs. V and the Grade 3's ☺
(janice.vandelannoite@eips.ca)

Grade 4 News

- ✓ Math: Throughout January, we will be focused on multiplication and division. Students will learn multiple strategies to solve equations, explain the properties of 0 and 1 for multiplication and division, and solve and write multiplication and division word problems. I encourage each student to practice their basic multiplication facts regularly throughout the month.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ French: We will be learning vocabulary and simple sentences related to numbers and weather.



Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Thursday
- Ski Trip is January 23, 2019
- Spell-a-thon test is January 31, 2019

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

Sincerely,
Mrs. Michalchuk
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Grade 5 News

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great winter break.

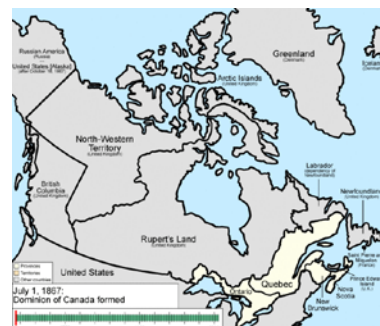
Language Arts- We continue to sharpen our narrative writing skills by looking at how important the setting and plot is. Students will begin to write full stories as we learn about the writing process, focusing on enhancing our editing skills.

Math- We have begun our unit on multiplication and dividing. Students will develop strategies for estimating products and quotients, and multiplying and dividing whole numbers. We will be focusing on recalling basic math facts, using different strategies, using mental math, multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit numbers, dividing 3 digit by 1 digit numbers, and problem solving.

Science- Is all about chemistry! Students will design and carry out a variety of experiments. We will also investigate: the properties and interactions of household liquids and solids, what happens when things are mixed together, discover that when a solid material dissolves it can be recovered, making of crystals, and chemical reactions.

Social –Students have begun to learn about Canada's history. They started exploring First Nation cultures. We will then move our focus to explorers, the fur trade, immigration, the Underground Railroad, industrialization, the Great Depression, and economic booms.

Important Dates: Wednesday January 9 is early out and Wednesday January 23 is the ski trip.



Sincerely,
Tabitha Vincent



Grade 6 News

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing break! It was great to see everyone at the Christmas concert. A huge thank you to everyone who purchased Christmas ornaments and cards from the grade 6 craft sale. We raised \$86 which will go towards the graduating party!

Math- Our new unit involves studying patterns that occur in nature, art and many everyday activities. Students will find pattern rules, identify, extend and create patterns, and create graphs to represent these patterns. Please continue to work on building a strong math foundation by practicing basic math facts on a regular basis.

Language Arts- We will be focusing on Poetry and literary tools that poets often use. The grade six writers will be transformed into poets as they create a book of their own poems. Our class will also be starting literature circles, which involve a weekly roles and group meetings to take their understanding of the novel to the next level. Each week your child will be assigned a role within their group. Please help to ensure this reading and role is completed each Monday as their group depends on everyone being ready to share. The theme for this round of

literature circles is humor and students will be exploring humor in language and the benefits of laughter. Please be on the lookout for funny cartoon strips that we could share with our class!



Science- We have blasted off into space and are now studying “Sky Science.” This unit involves moon and star gazing every 3 days. A great app to check out is Star Walk 2 or SkySafari6. Have fun looking at the stars with your child!

Social Studies- We have finished our unit on local government and now are onto learning about the provincial government. We will focus on what this level of government takes care of, how the different levels work together to meet our needs, how we can be active participants and how government affects us. With the provincial election coming up now is a great time to involve your child in these important discussions.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Taylor

In and around the District

EIPS 2019-20 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2019-20 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2019-20 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2019-20 EIPS calendar include:

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| • September 3 | First day of classes (after long weekend) |
| • November 11-15 | November break |
| • December 23 to January 3 | Christmas break |
| • January 31 | Second semester begins |
| • February 6-7 | Teachers' Convention |
| • March 30 to April 3 | Spring break |
| • June 26 | Last day of classes |
| • June 29 | Schools close for the Summer break |

To view the 2019-20 calendar, visit www.eips.ca. Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2020-21 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.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it’s almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2019-20 school year on **Feb. 1, 2019**. Details are available at www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at www.eips.ca/kindergarten—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 kindergarten can be found on our school website at www.bruderheimschool.ca/programs/kindergarten

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 photograph that showcases 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.

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 condition.

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.



Your Future in MIND



Be Your Best!