



Bruderheim
School

BRUDERHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February 2019

Principal: Paul McKay

From the principal's desk...

Happy February everyone! I hope that all of our families are set to enjoy a good month as we continue to move ahead with our learning and celebrate a month of kindness. Last month we saw a great return for our Spell-a-thon fundraiser and the students also did really well on all of their lists. We will be having an assembly to award the prizes for our top fundraisers and all the students who worked so hard to help. As a result of all their hard work we will be having a school wide field trip to the annual "Hockey Hooky" game at Rogers Place to watch the Oil Kings take on the Swift Current Broncos.

February also marks the beginning of our kindergarten, new and returning student online registration. Participation in this allows the school to accurately plan for enrollment and staffing in the coming year. Please stop by or call if you need any assistance in this area.

I encourage all of our parents to learn more about the new Alberta Kindergarten to Grade 4 curriculum which will begin testing in the fall of 2019 and be fully implemented in the fall of 2020. There are a number of exciting changes ahead for our students. You can find all sorts of information on the Alberta Education website: <https://www.alberta.ca/ministry-education.aspx>

Sincerely,
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Principal



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FEBRUARY 2019

Feb. 1	Registration Begins (All Grades)
Feb. 1	Beach Day
Feb. 1	Volleyball – Staff vs Grade 6
Feb. 4	Farm Safety Smarts Presentations
Feb. 4	BSC Meeting 5:30
Feb. 6	A.L. Horton Ukrainian Dancers
Feb. 6	Winter Walk Day
Feb. 6	Early Dismissal 1:55/Staff Meeting
Feb. 7, 8	Teachers' Convention – No School
Feb. 11	Skating Grades 1 & 4 12:45; Grades 5 & 6 1:45
Feb. 12	Ski Trip Grades 3 To 6
Feb. 14	Wear Red! Valentine's Day Carnival 1:00 to 2:30
Feb. 15	Professional Learning Day – No School
Feb. 15	National Flag Day
Feb. 17	Random Acts Of Kindness (RAK) Day
Feb. 18	Family Day – No School
Feb. 19	100 th Day Of School
Feb. 19	Running Room Indoor Games Grades 3 to 6 1:30
Feb. 20	WISEST Grade 6
Feb. 21	Railway Safety Presentation
Feb. 22	Skating Grades 2 & 3 1:45
Feb. 23	Young Authors' Conference
Feb. 25	NO KINDERGARTEN – RESCHEDULED TO FEB. 26
Feb. 25	Skating Grades 1 & 4 12:45; Grades 5 & 6 1:45
Feb. 25	Seniors Visit Grade 5
Feb. 26	KINDERGARTEN TODAY
Feb. 26	Hockey Hooky School Wide Field Trip
Feb. 27	Pink Shirt Day



Please check our website for up to date information



Please note the change in the kindergarten schedule

*Kindergarten is changed from Monday, February 25
to Tuesday, February 26.*

*This will enable kindergarteners to attend the
"Hockey Hooky" school wide field trip.*



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

- BSC for providing babysitting during BSC meetings
- Breakfast Program staff
- Wee Reads volunteers
- The Town of Bruderheim for allowing us to skate for free

SCHOOL FEES

All school fees have been posted. Thank you to parents who have paid their fees. To access your fee information, simply log on 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. The school accepts cash or checks. If you are having trouble logging on to you parent portal, please contact Ms. Carlson at 780 796 3936 for assistance.

Don’t forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees may be 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. If you require assistance with paying your fees, payment plans are available. Contact the school directly at 780 796 3936 if you would like to find out more about a payment plan.

COMPLETE THE RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION: FEBRUARY 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools’ (EIPS) Returning Student Registration Process is now open. On February 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child’s enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend and apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. **All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2019.**

Don’t have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account: Follow the instructions below to set an account up:

1. Go to <https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/>.
2. Choose “Create Account.”
3. Enter the parent or guardian information—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 the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
5. Enter your school-provided Access ID and Access Password for each student being added to the account.
6. Then, select “Enter.”

Registration 2019-20



For more information or assistance, contact Ms. Karen Carlson at Bruderheim School 780 796 3936 or karenj.carlson@eips.ca

SKATING HAS BEGUN!!

A reminder that 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. Students that do not have the proper equipment will not be allowed to participate.

Time	Monday	Friday
12:45-1:45	Grade 1 and 4	
1:45-2:45	Grade 5 and 6	Grade 2 and 3

RUNNING ROOM GAMES



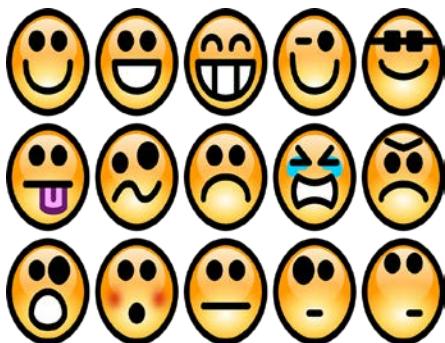
Our track/running team has begun preparing for the Running Room Indoor Games which are happening on February 19 at 1:30. These are being held at the Butterdome.

YOUNG AUTHORS CONFERENCE



The Young Authors Conference is being held at F.R. Haythorne Junior High School in Sherwood Park on February 23 and will be hosting several hundred passionate writers and artists in grades 4 to 9 from both Elk Island Public and Catholic school systems. Bruderheim School will be sending 8 students to show off their talents to local and international authors and illustrators.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER WITH MISS SEREDA



Children can have a hard time identifying how they are feeling and how to appropriately express these feelings. Many times young children will bite or hit out of frustration or have a hard time calming down after they have had an exciting day. Changes to their schedule can also impact their ability to cope with emotions. Changing bedtimes and eating times can have a particularly powerful impact on children's ability to manage emotions.



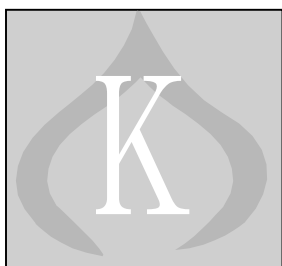
This can be frustrating and confusing for adults because the emotion often doesn't match the tone of the event. For example, they may be attending a birthday party they are looking forward to and end up acting out at home leading up to or following the party. Kids often have a difficult time differentiating between positive or negative feelings because they aren't used to naming them and paying attention to the clues that their body is sending them. These situations can be a learning opportunity for children in how to identify and express their emotions.

The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) suggests some strategies that can be used to help children express their emotions.

- **Name the feeling:** Help children name their feelings by giving them labels. Begin by modelling feelings yourself and encourage them to follow suit. "Your friend moved away and I can see that made you feel sad." By naming feelings it allows young children to develop an emotional vocabulary so they can talk about their feelings.
- **Identify feelings in themselves and others:** Talk about feelings they have and those that you see in others. "I hear you laughing, are you happy?" Or "She fell down, how do you think she feels?" Pay attention to

the messages their body might be sending them: “You said your tummy is sore and I know you have a dance recital coming up. Do you think your belly is trying to tell you you’re nervous?”

- **Talk about how feelings can be expressed:** Lead by example. Talk about your own feelings and how you express those feelings. What do you do when you get mad? How do people know you are happy? Talk about ways that your child can express their emotions.



Kindergarten

February is a short and sweet month; perfect for Valentine’s activities. Writing cards to friends and family is the perfect way to show we care and to practice writing word wall words and our names.

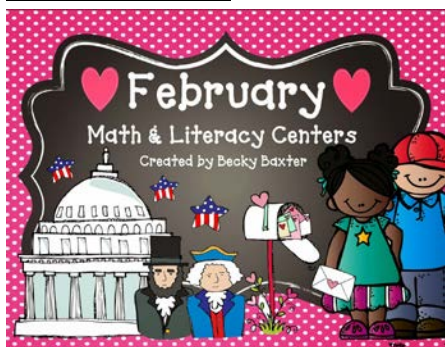
A Valentine tip: Start writing Valentines a week before the big day, having your child write his or her name on every Valentine they are going to hand out. Do only 2 or 3 each night so it is not a painful process for YOU and your CHILD. If you would like to send in Valentine cards you can write them out to ‘My Friend’ to help with an easy hand out process. We have 19 students in Kindergarten.

We will continue our study numbers 6-10, letter work, writing small words and phrases, rhyming and the 5 senses. Another busy month in Kindergarten. Please remember that we will **not have Kindergarten Monday , February 25**. Instead we will **have Kindergarten on Tuesday, February 26** because we are going on a school wide field trip to Hockey Hooky at Rogers Place.



Mrs. Lake

Grade 1 News



The first month of the new year has come and gone. What a fantastic month for learning it was as well! In January, in Language arts we continued our focus on word families, phonics and the sounds we use when writing. We resumed our Literacy Centres this month as well. Students move around each day with their group and get to experience reading to self, phonics work, listening to reading, word work, journal writing and time with the teacher. We are still working on independence at these centres and not visiting so much that we don’t finish our activities. If something does come



home unfinished, please take the time to sit down and help your child get it done. In Mathematics, we finished Numbers to 20 and started Unit 5: Numbers to 100. January saw us finishing our Creating Colour unit in Science. Students had fun exploring colours, mixing colours, diluting colours, thickness of paint and separating light into rainbows.

This month is much shorter but lots of learning will still take place! We will be continuing our Literacy Centres. We will also be continuing our Writer’s Workshop where we explore persuasive writing. Please continue to read each night with your child and log it in their RED duotang. If you have not filled in your January Reader’s Response (red pages at the back of the RED duotang) please fill them out. This is a great way for students and parents to reflect on how their reading went this past month. In Mathematics we will continue Unit 3: Adding and Subtracting to 12. In Science we are beginning our Building Things unit. We will explore making different structures tied into Fairy Tales. In Social Studies we will discover the difference between rural and urban communities. We will talk learn about how belonging to groups and communities enrich our identity, and learn to appreciate multiple points of view, languages, cultures and experience we may find in Bruderheim.



As we celebrate the 100th day of school on February 19th, please start thinking of 100 things you can bring in to class to use for 100 Day activities, for example, 100 googly eyes, 100 Cheerios, 100 stickers, etc. They should be small enough that they all fit in a regular sized Ziploc bag. More info about our 100 Day fun will go home soon!

For Valentine's Day, there are 20 students in the class. Please have students leave the "To" space blank or write "To: My Friend" and then sign their name after "From". This makes handing out the Valentines much easier! In the afternoon we will be having our "School Carnival". Stations will be set up around the school for students to try and win tickets at. These tickets can then be turned in for prizes! We are hoping for lots of parent involvement on this afternoon so that all students can participate. (Usually Grade 6 students run station on days like this but we are hoping they can participate if a lot of parents help out.) If you can help please let me know or speak directly to Mrs. Vandelannoite.

Our next Skating dates are February 11 and 25th (weather permitting). I already have some parents who have committed to helping but more hands and skaters are always appreciated!

Mrs. Secrist



Grade 2 News

Grade Two is off to a new adventure across Canada! We are wrapping up our study of Iqaluit and moving on to the east coast to celebrate the diversity in Metaghan, Nova Scotia. In science we are taking a look at the properties of liquids and examining the water cycle.



We are continuing to work on our number sense and sharpening our mental math skills. We are practicing rearranging mathematical equations to help us solve problems as well as basic math facts such as adding one, adding two, doubles and making sums and differences of ten. We are continuing to read up a storm at school and have shifted our writing practice from paragraph writing to stories. We will be taking a look at fairytales to learn the elements of story that make them timeless classics. We will also be creating our stories based popular fairytales.

Thank you to all of our families who participated in this year's spell-a-thon. We are very excited to reap our reward for all our hard work!

Ms. Howatt



February 3V News

The month of January is finally over and a lot of learning outcomes were achieved. In Language Arts, we have been focusing on writing stories including an intriguing beginning, reasonable problem with solutions, detailed information and a satisfying conclusion, all with proper punctuation. Students have been enjoying checking their story with the EIPS continuum and furthering their growth

by reading the "I Can" Statements and applying them to our next writing. They have also been excited to be using the Google Read Write program to assist us with more volume in our writing. In Math, we are finishing up our unit, Numbers to 1000. Please take some time to skip count with your child by 3, 4, 5, 10 and 25's. Our multiplication unit is slowly being incorporated into our daily math to get a head start on it. We've finished up our Science unit and are anticipating our



testing materials unit to arrive anytime. In Social, we are learning many wonderful and interesting things about India and continue to compare it with Canada and our life.

The Valentine Carnival is an exciting event we've held in our school for the past 2 years. It is on February 14th 1-2:30pm. If you are able to work a station (12:55-1:45 or 1:45-2:30pm), please let your child's teacher know. We are so close to having all stations filled with volunteers so that no grade 5 or 6 students will have to work a station instead of participating in the fun and games. As well, we love to have guests in our school enjoying some time with us.

Be sure to watch your child's agenda for messages going home. This month we are having some days off due to Professional Development activities and as always, keep your child reading nightly to an adult. This is the time we see great growth in our students and I cannot wait to share it with you at interview time.

Mrs. V and the Grade 3's ☺



Grade 4 News

✓ Language Arts: Our focus for the month of February will be on writing, revising, editing, publishing and practicing our speeches for the Elk Island Public Schools Speech Competition. Early March, each student from Grades 4, 5, and 6 will present

their speech to their fellow division 2 students. Our top 3 students from each grade will compete in front of 3 judges from outside the school to determine who will attend the finals in Sherwood Park! Good luck to all of our students!



- ✓ Math: We are starting our unit on measurement where students will record time using digital and analog clocks, record calendar dates, and explore area. I continue to encourage students to practice their basic multiplication and division facts each night.
- ✓ 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, about materials that light can pass through and about 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.

Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Thursday
- Weather permitting, we are skating each Monday afternoon in February. Please remember to bring a CSA approved helmet, gloves, and skates!

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

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Grade 5 News

Language Arts- Students continue to enhance their writing skills through their amazing stories; however, we will shift our focus to speech writing in preparation for the annual Elk Island Public Schools Speech Competition.

Math- Students continue to work on recalling multiplication facts, knowing that multiplication and division are related, estimating products and quotients, and multiplying and dividing whole numbers. We will begin multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit numbers, dividing 3 digit by 1 digit numbers, and problem solving.



Science- Crystals galore! Students are growing salt crystals with some wonderful results. We have been focusing on the scientific procedure and why it's important to follow. We have some great experiments ahead such as exploring acids and bases, making oobleck, and investigating surface tension.

Social –Students have begun to exploring First Nation cultures, they created fantastic spirit animal posters and informative posters that showed their research on First Nation regions. We will begin to move on to Vikings, explorers, and the fur trade. Students will have a chance to create their own fur trading posts.

Important Dates: Skating Monday Feb. 4, 11, and 25. Early out Wednesday Feb. 6; No school Thursday and Friday Feb. 7, 8. Ski trip Tuesday Feb. 12, No school Monday Feb. 18; Monday Feb. 25 senior center visit; Tuesday Feb. 26 Hockey Hookey.

Tabitha Vincent



Grade 6 News

Wow, it is hard to believe January is over! We had a very busy month that was jam packed with lots of learning, skating and even a Beach Day! The class has also been enjoying playing “4 Square Volleyball” during recess time.

Our new unit, in math, focuses on **angles and polygons**. Geometry is an important part of a student's math experience as it provides students with a strong link between the mathematics they learn in the classroom and the real world. In this unit, your child will:

- Identify, describe, and classify angles.
- Measure, name, and construct angles using informal methods.
- Estimate, measure, draw, and label angles using a protractor.
- Make and apply generalizations about the sum of the angles in triangles and quadrilaterals.



In Language Arts students are wrapping up their first round of literature circles. In **literature circles**, small groups of students gather together to discuss a piece of literature in depth. The discussion is guided by students' response to what they have read. You may hear talk about events and characters in the book, the author's craft, or personal experiences related to the story. By now, students are expected to fully understand their assigned role and be an active, productive member of their group. It is essential that they complete their reading and role. Thanks in advance for your support in making sure this is complete each Monday. In writing, we are looking at fractured fairy tales and creating our own. Focus will be placed on word choice and the writing process.

The class has been enjoying learning about Ancient Greece as we look at the birthplace of democracy. We will end the unit with a sampling of Greek cuisine and a toga party!

In Science, we are moving on to our Evidence and Investigation unit. Students will working on sharpening their skills in observing and interpreting what they see by investigating human and animal activity. The student detectives will learn how to collect and analyze evidence such as tire marks and footprints, fabrics, fingerprints.



Have a great February and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Mrs. Taylor

In and around the District

Bell Canada to Cancel Remind Fee

Staff who use to communicate with students and parents will be happy to hear that Bell Canada has listened to users and will no longer be instituting a fee to use the service. There will no service disruption to Bell customers. Unfortunately, text notifications will still be ending for customers of Rogers Canada and its [subsidiaries](#). The service will still be available to these users through the [app](#) and [email notification system](#).

New Curriculum

The new K-4 curriculum was signed off by the Minister of Education in December, with full implementation planned for fall 2020. The curriculum for Grades 5-9, 10, 11 and 12 will follow in subsequent years. For more information and for initial steps to start preparing, please read the [January Curriculum Newsletter](#).

Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check up on the province's education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate. Throughout the month of February, Grade K to 6 students and teachers at Bruderheim School are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren't linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time. Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also being surveyed, which can be done online or by mail—information about the survey was mailed to these families in mid-January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The survey must be completed by the end of February. Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its four-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division's *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar.

Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Alberta Health Services, Elk Island Catholic Schools, New Horizon School and Eastern Edge RCSD, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' addiction and mental health challenges. The sessions are free and open to parents, caregivers, teachers and community members. Session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, sleep and how it impacts the developing brain, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, and building problem-solving and goal-directed skills.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.



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