



From the principal's desk...

What a fantastic February! (Outside of the weather) Our school had some amazing activities and enjoyed our inside time to the best of our abilities. Thanks to the hard work of our students and parents we set a record for Spell-a-thon fundraising by raising just over \$2700. This money went to support our whole school field trip to the Oil Kings Game. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out with another successful Valentine's Carnival the students absolutely loved it. We were also able to, with the help of our parents send a team of runners to the Running Room Games where they ran hard and made our school proud.

The new registration and returning student registration came and went in February and we have been made aware of a few families moving. The school will be following up with any families who have yet to complete the process.

At the beginning of March parents received an email asking them to evaluate the work of the principal over the past two years. Please consider taking the time to fill this survey out to let me know how I am doing.

Month at a glance...

March 4	Parent Council Meeting
March 5	Grade 5/6 Basketball
March 6	AL Horton Ukrainian Dancers @ 10am Early Out
March 7	Grade 3-6 Ski Trip
March 8	PD Day
March 22-March 31	Spring Break
April 1	Classes Resume

Sincerely,
Paul McKay
Principal

MARCH 2019

March 4	Dress Spacey Day (in Honor of the Bruderheim Meteorite – March 4) CHANGED TO MARCH 6
March 4	BSC Meeting 5:30
March 5	Basketball Game @ BRU 3:30
March 6	Dress Spacey Day
March 6	Elder Wilson Visit
March 6	A.L. Horton Ukrainian Dancers 10:00
March 6	Hand Chime Students @ DCC Fort Sask 10:00
March 6	Early Dismissal 1:55/Staff Meeting
March 6 to 12	March Madness Of Books
March 8	Professional Learning Day – No School
March 9	Ted Tchir Basketball Tourney Fort Saskatchewan CANCELLED
March 11	Grade 4 Seniors Visit 10:00
March 11 to 15	Substitute Appreciation Week
March 11 to 15	Week Of Inspirational Math
March 14	Pi Day
March 15	Wear Green Day!
March 17	Sunday - St. Patrick's Day
March 18	Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
March 18 to 21	"Break The Rules" Week
March 21	World Poetry Day
March 21	School Wide Speech Competition
March 22	Day In Lieu – No School
March 25 to 29	Spring Break – No School



Please check our website for up to date information



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
- All those who helped with our skaters
- Running Room Games Volunteers
- Spell-a-thon contributors
- Valentines Carnival volunteers

SCHOOL FEES

All school fees are now posted. Thank you to parents who have paid their fees and thank you for your patience while they were getting posted. An account statement will be sent home soon for fees that are currently outstanding.

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.

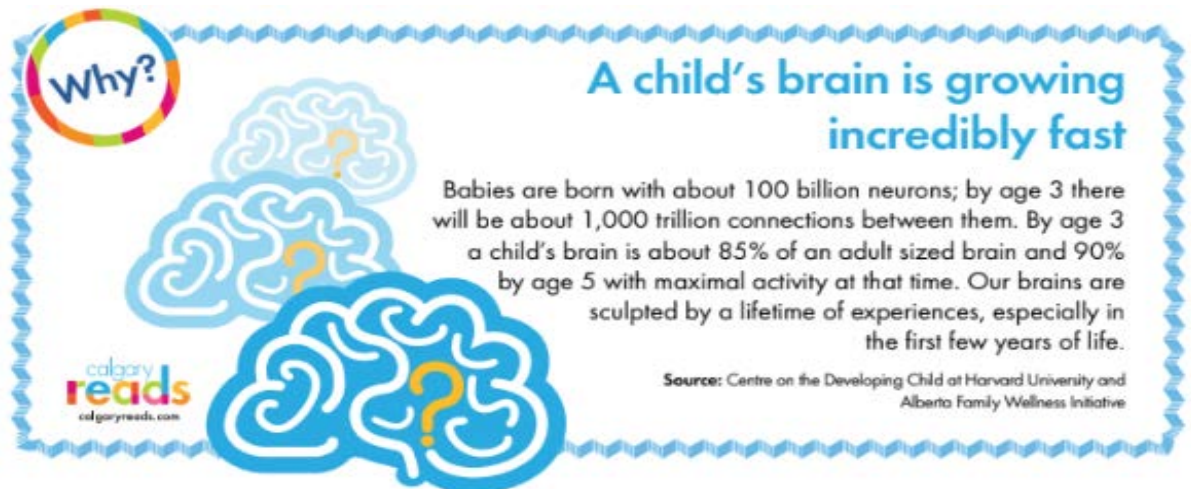
Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees may be added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic team fees and more. If you require assistance with paying your fees, payment plans are available. Contact the school directly at 780 796 3936 if you would like to find out more about a payment plan.



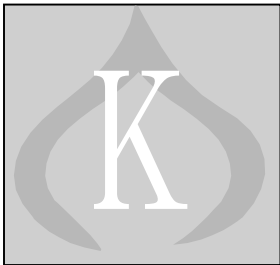
COUNSELLOR'S CORNER WITH MISS SEREDA

How to encourage literacy at home

Children learn to be literate in a variety of ways in their homes, communities and schools and starting early is key. There are many things that you can do to help support their learning at school and develop strong literacy skills.



1. Talk about their experiences. For example, prompt them to describe something they have done, seen, read or heard about. Research shows children's oral language supports their literacy development.
2. Guide literacy in your children's play, following their lead. For example, help them follow instructions for making something, or use texts in pretend play, such as menus in play about a pizza place. Baking, cooking or following a manual to fix/build something together are excellent ways to build functional literacy and numeracy.
3. Books, books, books. Talk about personal links with the stories and ask questions (such as "I wonder what will happen next or where they went to") as these will support comprehension. Children who read for 20 minutes a day are exposed to thousands more words in a year than those who don't.
4. Have fun with letters. If you are driving, see if your child can find the first letter of their name or play rhyming word games. "Can you think of words that rhyme with Bruderheim?"



Kindergarten

Kindergarten is full of luck this month. Our sensory table is full of gold coins, treasure boxes and leprechauns. We are writing about our five senses, comparing numbers 1 to 10, and identifying initial sounds as well as practicing our rhyming. Kindergarten is celebrating St. Patrick's

Day on Thursday, March 14. We definitely have "Lucky Charms" in Kindergarten.



Mrs. Barmentloo

Grade 1 News

Happy March and top o' the month to you all! February was our shortest month of the year in a couple of ways but lots of learning still took place! In Language Arts we continued with a weekly poem that goes home on Friday to be read. I hope you are all enjoying these poems and taking the time to read them with your child over the weekend. We have also continued with Phonics and Spelling, and focus on both of these areas during our weekly Literacy centers. Students have been listening to reading on Raz Kids and reading to self on the mat, finding "good fit" books. In Math, we celebrated our 100th day of school by doing some really fun centres focused on the number 100! We counted to 100 in many ways- by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s! We also made a tasty 100 day snack necklaces! In science we started our Building Things unit with Fairy Tales. In gym we worked on our basketball skills. We have some awesome dribblers in this class! We also made some cute "Love" art this month.



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As luck would have it, March is sure to be just as busy! We started the month with Space day and some great costumes filled our seats! We will be continuing our Literacy centers, spelling, phonics and poetry in March. We will also continue addition and subtraction to 20 in math, focusing on specific addition and subtraction strategies. We have started our "Building Things" unit in science. This is tied into fairy tales so we will be reading lots of stories and building things like the 3 little pigs houses, a chair for baby bear, a vehicle to get Cinderella to the ball, a boat for Captain Hook and more! We will also do some fairy tale art and focus on sculptures! As a special treat on St. Patrick's day, students can bring in a leprechaun trap so we can try to catch a leprechaun and get his gold. This is perfect during our "Building Things" science unit! A continuation on communities will be our focus in social studies. In gym, we will continue with our basketball unit.

Please continue to read with your child every night and fill in their page in their home reading book. Please remember to also fill in the monthly reading reflection (blue pages) at the back of the book. Many families are not doing this step and helping their child to think about their reading goals and how to be a better reader.

Make sure that your child is sent to school in a warm winter jacket with snow pants, a hat and mittens. I have extra supplies at school but they are not being returned and I don't have near enough for the amount of students who need a pair of mittens or snow pants.

Mrs. Secrist



Grade 2 News

Grade two is beginning to take a look at boats and buoyancy in science! We will be using the knowledge we have learned from our unit on liquids to help us design and test boats. In social we are moving our attention to Meteghan, Nova Scotia. We have been very excited to compare and contrast the east coast with Iqaluit, our last destination. We are continuing to strengthen our number sense through adding and subtracting

and are beginning to write our own fairytales after studying them for the past month. We are excited to get out and spend more time outside now that the warmer weather is upon us. Happy Spring!



Ms. Howatt

3V March News

This month we look forward to many opportunities of learning before Spring Break! In Language Arts we are going to begin our second literature study, "Fantastic Mr. Fox", which the students are sure to love. Throughout this study we learn new vocabulary, focus on our comprehension and providing proof how we know, practice our visualizing throughout the readings and make connections to our own lives, past experiences and prior knowledge. In math we are knee deep into multiplication and students are doing amazing.



Thank you for practicing with your child at home, many of their daily goals are being met because they are diligent in bringing home some fact sheets to help them gain speed and accuracy. In Science, we began our new unit, Testing Materials. Students were given a "test" on their first day of instruction in this unit, be sure to ask them how "fair" of a test it was! We had many laughs but most importantly they learned what it means to create a fair experiment. We are off to Peru in Social. I look forward to this unit of study as they really learn through investigation what the country is like compared to our own living.



Please continue to read nightly with your child. Even if you feel they can read on their own, it is a good idea to check in with them to see how they are doing and listening to their fluency. I have sent home reading reports with some suggestions as to how your child is reading for this time of the year. If you have any questions or would like more information on how to help them, please contact me. (Janice.vandelannoite@eips.ca).

Sincerely,
Mrs. V and the 3's



Grade 4 News

✓ Language Arts: Congratulations to all of our Grade 4, 5, and 6 students for the hard work they put into researching, writing, and practicing their speeches! Now that speeches are nearly complete, our focus this month will be on mystery novels. As a part of our study, students will read and respond to texts, both individually and in small groups. We will also discuss and apply reading comprehension and summarizing strategies.

✓ Social: We will be exploring the fur trade and its impact on Alberta and our Indigenous peoples.

✓ French: In French class we have covered the alphabet, days of the week, months of the year, greetings, colors, weather, and seasons just to name a few! In March and April, we will look at vocabulary and phrases relating to body parts, clothing, our family, and question words.

✓ Art: After several weeks, we finished our beautiful, multi-media animal collages and will be working next on weaving to make our very own traditional Metis sash bookmarks!

✓ Important dates to remember:

- Library is on Thursday
- Senior Center visit is March 11th at 10AM
- Report cards go home on March 16th



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

Language Arts- Students have completed and presented their wonderful speeches to our class in preparation for the school's speech completion and Elk Island Public School Annual Speech Competition. March 21 is our school's speech competition.

Math- We will be finishing up our unit on multiplying and dividing early in March, our next area of focus will be fractions and decimals. Students will be able to compare and order fractions and decimals, make equivalent fractions, add and subtract decimals, and solve problems involving fractions and decimals.

Science- We say good bye to classroom chemistry and begin to explore weather. We will be investigating the water cycle, weather patterns, extreme weather conditions, keeping track of the weather, the movement of air, types of clouds and how they are formed, students will make a simple anemometer and weather vane.

Social –We have moved on to looking at Vikings and early explorers in Canada and how it affected early life here. We will then begin to research the fur trade and students will be building their own fur trading fort. We then continue on to early life in Canada, immigration, WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, and will touch on slavery.

Important Dates: Early out Wednesday March 6, Ski Trip Thursday March 7 (fingers crossed for nice weather), Skating Monday March 11, Math test Monday March 11, Science Test Wednesday March 13, Thursday March 21 school wide speech competition, Friday March 22 No school, Monday March 25-29 is spring break.

Regards,
Tabitha Vincent



Grade 6

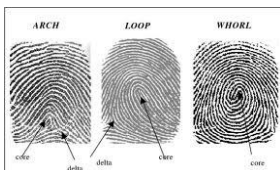
Wow! It was a busy February, both inside and outside the classroom. Our class was fortunate to be able to send students to the Young Authors Conference and WISEST (a conference for girls at the University of Alberta). Both were excellent learning opportunities and LOTS of fun! Students are also enjoying basketball games and practices.

DARE, with Constable Koller, wraps up March 13th. DARE Grad will be scheduled for April.

Students have been busy writing researching, writing and practicing their speeches for the annual speech competition. Our school competition will take place on March 21st with the top 3 speeches being presented. As a class, we have started the novel "On My Honor," a heart wrenching story that deals with peer pressure, loss and guilt. As we read this award winning story, focus will be placed on applying reading comprehension strategies.

In math, we are now learning about "Fractions, Ratios and Percents." Please encourage your child to find examples in the world outside the classroom. For example, the advertising section of newspapers is one place to find fractions and percents. Ask your child to explain what each fraction or percent means, given its context. If you are making salad dressing or preparing juice from concentrate, have your child name the ratio of oil to vinegar or water to concentrate. Then ask him or her to name the ratio if the recipe were doubled or tripled. Please continue to help strengthen your child's basic math skills by playing math games such as snap or Prodigy regularly.

Fractions			
$\frac{1}{1}$	100%	1	One Whole
$\frac{1}{2}$	50%	0.50	One Half
$\frac{1}{3}$	33.3%	0.333	One Third
$\frac{1}{4}$	25%	0.25	One Quarter
$\frac{1}{5}$	20%	0.20	One Fifth
$\frac{1}{6}$	16.6%	0.166	One Sixth
$\frac{1}{8}$	12.5%	0.125	One Eighth
$\frac{1}{10}$	10%	0.10	One Tenth
$\frac{1}{12}$	8.33%	0.0833	One Twelfth



Students continue their detective training, in Science, by strengthening their observing and inferring skills. Students will look at fingerprints, shoe prints, tire prints as well as other evidence of human and animal activity.

Have a wonderful month! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Taylor
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In and around the District

Week of Inspirational Math (WiM)

EIPS' Week of Inspirational Math (WiM) will take place **March 11-15**. This week also includes Pi Day (**March 14**). Week of Inspirational Math provides engaging tasks that focus on math concepts and mathematical mindset. Each day of the week, teachers will be provided with a purposeful lesson, activity and mindset video to promote mathematics as open, visual and creative. Students who have previously participated in WiM report they were engaged in the lessons and activities. School numeracy/math leads will be provided with all the information required for your school to participate.

Saving for Your Child's Education

It's no secret, post-secondary education comes with significant costs. In fact, many families wonder how much they need to save and how soon they need to begin. To help get started, the Government of Canada offers families two education savings incentives.

- *Canada Education Savings Grant*: The government contributes up to 20 per cent on the first \$2,500 in annual personal contributions to a Registered Education Savings Plan.
- *Canada Learning Bond*: Available for eligible children from low-income families born in 2004 or later. The government provides an initial payment of \$500, plus \$100 for each year of eligibility, up to age 15, for a maximum of \$2,000—personal contributions are not required.

Once that child enrolls in post-secondary education—an apprenticeship program, trade school, college or university—the money saved can be used to pay the associated expenses. These include tuition, housing, transportation, textbooks, equipment and supplies. So, while it's never too late to begin saving, just a small contribution each year can translate into substantial saving later. For more information visit the Government of Canada's [Education Savings](#) website.

Kindergarten Registration

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/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 <https://bruderheimschool.ca/programs/kindergarten>

Have your say! EIPS Parent Survey Opens March 11

EIPS is conducting its annual Parent Survey **March 11-29**. The survey, which is a supplement to the Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar survey, is a chance for all EIPS families to share their thoughts on the overall performance of the Division and their school, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The feedback gathered will help the Division measure how it's meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the [EIPS 2018-22 Four-Year Education Plan](#) and develop strategies to better serve its students and the wider community. This year, the survey will also include questions about cellphones and personal devices. Parent feedback will help the EIPS Board of Trustees develop a policy about cellphones and their use within the classroom.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes questions about cellphones and personal devices. Your feedback will help the EIPS Board of Trustees develop a policy about cellphones and their use within the classroom.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Youth Camp

Open to participants in grades 5-9. Registration opens on March 11.

From sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.

Camps include:

- Sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball—new



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