



Bruderheim
school

BRUDERHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

June 2019

Principal: Paul McKay

From the Principal's desk...

June already!? Where has the time gone? In June we as teachers are often asked if we are winding down for the summer. It's usually the exact opposite. We are winding up for an exciting June and the many activities and changes that are coming. We have many school wide activities planned for June. Everything from a school wide field trip to the Metis Crossing, to a family dance and activity day before we say hello to summer. Please pay close attention to the school calendar for all these important days.

June also marks a time for change. Staffing at this time is ongoing, and will continue through the month, however we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Oviatt, Mrs. Nielsen, Mrs. Bodman, and Mrs. Willis. All of them will be missed and their contributions to our awesome school will be felt for years to come.

We will also be ending our hot lunch program that has served us well this year. A huge thank you to Sara Smith, Erin Lewis, Laura Lemieux and the many volunteers who made this program possible.

This will also mark my last report as Principal of Bruderheim School. I am off to work at Alberta Education for the next two years. My replacement will be named in the coming weeks. I would like to thank the entire community of Bruderheim, along with my staff and students for making this an unforgettable two years. I will remember fondly all the relationships I have built and will forever be proud of all the great work we have done together.

I wish all of our families a safe and relaxing summer and all the best next year.

Paul McKay
Principal

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JUNE 2019

June 3	BSC Meeting 5:30 Moved To June 5
June 4 to 6	Last Library Classes; ALL LIBRARY ITEMS RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY
June 5	Early Dismissal 1:55/Staff Meeting
June 5	BSC Meeting 5:30
June 6	D-Day 75 th Anniversary
June 7	AMA Patroller's Picnic
June 11	Emergency Response Day Next To Fire Station 10:30 (optional)
June 12	AMA Proposed Spring Training Grade 5 2:00
June 14	Metis Crossing Field Trip Grades 1 to 6
June 14	Family Dance/BBQ 6:30 to 9:00
June 17	PAT Grade 6 LA Part B
June 18	PAT Grade 6 Math Part A & B
June 19	PAT Grade 6 Social
June 20	PAT Grade 6 Science
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 24	Talent Show 1:00
June 26	Legislature Field Trip Grade 6 8:45
June 27	Grade 6 Farewell & Awards Ceremony 1:00
June 27	Report Cards Distributed at 2:30PM and Available Through CSL on PowerSchool
June 27	Last Instructional Day For Students
June 28	Last Operational Day For Staff



Please check our website for up to date information





YEARBOOK ORDERS

Want a way to commemorate your child's year? Order a yearbook! Yearbooks are scheduled to arrive before the end of the school year. A limited amount are available.

Please return your order form to the school as soon as possible to receive one.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

- Tymchuk family for their donation of basketballs
- BSC for providing babysitting during BSC meetings
- Breakfast Program staff
- Wee Reads volunteers
- Hot Lunch staff



REGISTRATION AT BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL FOR 2019/20 SCHOOL YEAR

We are accepting registrations for 2019/20 school year. For those students needing to register, or for those families new to our school, you can go online at <https://www.eips.ca/registration/new-students> or stop by the school office August 27 to 30 9:00 to 3:00.

MEET THE STAFF AND BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL (BSC)

"Meet The Staff" is September 11 at 6:00. During this time, parents are invited to visit their child's classroom and speak with your son or daughter's teacher. We look forward to meeting all of you!

Following our "Meet The Staff", we will have "What's Up In Bruderheim?" from 6:00 to 8:00. The year's first BSC meeting will begin at 7:00 in the library. AGM elections will be held during this meeting. There are lots of positions to fill on BSC such as chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary, fundraising and breakfast co-ordinator.

There are always many important things happening and this is an excellent way to be involved in school life. All parents are welcome! Babysitting is provided.

LIBRARY FEES FOR LOST OR DAMAGED BOOKS AND TEXT BOOKS

The last library classes will take place June 6. Library items are to be returned to the library not later than June 10. Please pay any outstanding library fines on your last library day. Any unpaid fines will transfer to the student's account next year.

Remember to use the Bruderheim Town Library and the Fort Saskatchewan Public Library and keep reading all summer long!



JOIN BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL AT THE CANADA DAY PARADE

Students are encouraged to participate in the annual Bruderheim Canada Day Parade, including either walking or riding their bikes. All students on bikes are required to wear a helmet.

There is no formal permission/consent forms as this is not a school field trip however participants need to be aware that photos taken at this event can be used for marketing purposes, including our website.

Mr. McKay will be walking in the parade, accompanying any students that participate. Help from parent volunteers is greatly appreciated.



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER WITH MISS SEREDA

We have been covering sexual health topics in health classes at Bruderheim School for students in grades 4-6 this month. I have included a parent guide for "Talking to Your Kids About Sexual Health" from www.teachingsexualhealth.ca. This is an excellent website for parents that includes resources, tips, information and parent guides.

Your child sees you as a role model and a valuable and credible source of information. They want to get health information from you based on the loving and trusting relationship you have. For these reasons, along with many others, it's important that you talk about sexual health with your child—this will help your child to make healthy, informed decisions now and later on. Here are some tips for starting or having conversations about sexual health at any age:

- be an askable adult. Being an askable adult means that your child feels:
 - comfortable coming to you
 - feels respected
 - feels heard

An askable adult teaches their child **through words, through behaviour and their reactions to situations and questions.**

- start early and talk often. Don't try to cover everything at once, but also don't worry if you think you have said too much. If you haven't started the conversation with your child yet, don't worry. It's never too late to start.
- keep the language simple and age-appropriate. A 3 year old may be satisfied with "babies grow in a special place inside the mother's body called a uterus". A 6 year old may have more questions about how the baby grows, and may want to know how it will come out.
- use proper terms for body parts and body functions. It can confuse children when some body parts have cute names and not others. This can also help to protect your child from abuse, as they will have the words to tell you if they feel something happened.
- use teachable moments to begin the talk. Talk about and help them understand issues as they come up in TV shows, movies, ads, music, the news and in the community. This can also be a good time to talk about your values and beliefs.
- find out what they already know. Ask your child what they can tell you about a certain sexuality topic. Older children in school will hear comments or words that they don't understand. Asking them what they know can give you the chance to correct any wrong information.
- talk about more than the facts. Along with facts, talk about feelings, relationships and how they affect other people.

- give resources. Be sure there are resources in your home where your children can get the right information. Have age-appropriate resources (e.g., books) for them to get the answers they're looking for.
- don't act like you know it all. Be an active learner yourself. Your child will teach you just as much as you teach them.
- encourage your child to talk about what they think. This can help each of you talk about your values.
- let them know what's socially okay and not okay. As children get older, it's important to help them understand that other people's values may be different from theirs.
- when your child asks you a question, do your best to answer it at the time. If you don't know the answer, suggest that you find out together or tell them you'll find out and get back to them. Don't put it off—they might think that it's not okay to talk about it.
- listen carefully. When your child does come to you with questions, listen carefully and make sure you understand what they're asking



Grade 1 News

Where has the school year gone? It seems like it was just September yesterday and now we are in our last month of the grade one school year. I have seen so much learning and growth over these last couple of months and am excited that students are gaining confidence and seeing themselves as learners. We still have lots to learn in June, which may be hard with the beautiful weather calling our names!

In Language Arts last month we learned about the Diphthongs au/aw, ou/ow, and oi/oy. Students practiced these and other sounds during our Literacy Centers. I have been enjoying the writing students have been doing in their journals. In June we will look at the Diphthong oo and the two sounds it makes. Then we will start to review all the sounds we have learned this year!

In Math we started our Measurement unit and explored bigger than/smaller than, longer than/shorter than, heavier than/lighter than, holds more/holds less, etc. All of these seemed to be very easy concepts for majority of the class! In June we will finish our last unit, Geometry, where we will focus on 2-D and 3-D shapes.



In Science we started Needs of Plants and Animals unit. We sorted living and non-living things and figured out how to classify living things. We planted beans and watched what happened. We also compared different seeds and how they grow by planting them in a clear glove that we hung in front of the window. An interesting extra lesson we got from that was why we need to wash our hands! We noticed lots of germs had grown along with our seeds!



As a class, we studied Hedgehogs. In June, we will pick our own animals and write a report about them. We will also conclude talking about seasonal changes in June.

In Social we will conclude our last unit, Changes in My World, where we will talk about how time has changed our families and community, from the past to what we see now. I am looking forward to our Cultural Celebration presentations where we link our family traditions to our past!

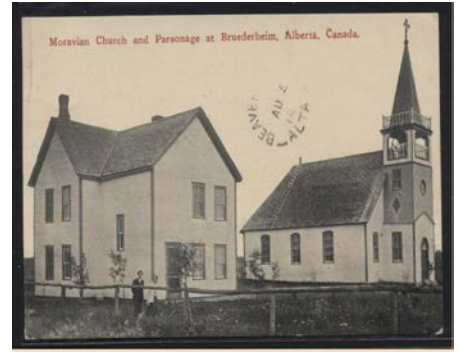
During Gym, we have been playing different variations of tag. Students have enjoyed playing different tag games so we will continue with new versions into June. We will also pull out the parachute and play some parachute games. The weather is so nice we may venture outside and try some of these games in the fresh air!

The classroom is getting hotter with this beautiful sunny weather, so please make sure to send a water bottle to school with your child. I will continue to send them home daily to be washed. If students are wearing sandals or flip flops to school, please also send in a pair of socks for their school shoes to keep them smelling fresh.

Mrs. Secrist

Grade 2 News

As we wind down our year we will be reviewing what we have learned about number sense, addition and subtraction. We have begun to write poetry detailing our lovely weather and our emotions. In social we have been stepping back in time to look at the past, specifically focusing on Bruderheim's past. In science we are wrapping up our study of bugs and creepy crawlies. I want to thank our wonderful families for all of their support and hard work throughout the year-it really does make a difference. Have a wonderful summer!



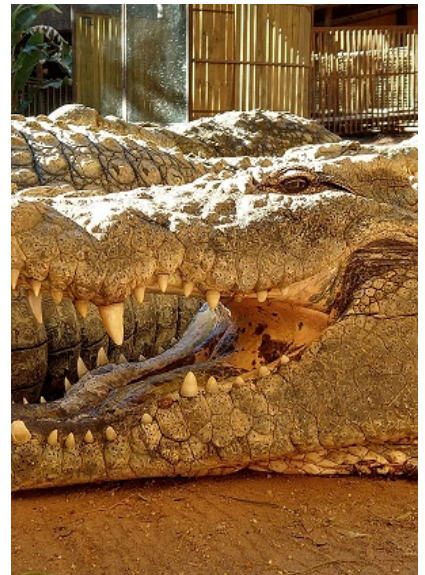
Ms. Howatt



3V June News

I am saddened to see the year come to an end. In Grade 3, we have enjoyed many learning opportunities where we struggled, worked hard, laughed and overcame our difficulties. All of this made a year complete with many fond memories.

During this last month together, we are celebrating our novel study by watching the "Fantastic Mr. Fox" and enjoying popcorn and snacks. In Math, we are really doing well with multiplication! Students all have their special way of finding an accurate answer. Challenge your child to a race and see who comes out on top! In Science, we are completing our building unit. I have been amazed by many creative items from jewelry boxes to miniature bookshelves and barns with sliding doors. This class has put in a great amount of effort to not only create an item that is useful, but well decorated. Lastly, in social we presented our Peru animal. Each year the projects just seem to get better and better. We observed a Styrofoam piranha, fluffy chinchilla, crocodile diorama and a 30-foot anaconda, just to name a few. At the end of May, we released our Painted Lady Butterflies outside. With the hot temperatures, they flew away quickly but one stuck around and each student was able to hold and view it very closely. Nature is amazing!



As the year winds down, please ensure your child continues to read and practice their math facts. These two nightly practices will keep their minds growing and the outcome is something that no one can ever take away. Ensure that you check the agenda nightly, many upcoming events are sure to happen in the coming days.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Mrs. V and the soon to be Grade 4's

Grade 4 News

Wow! It's hard to believe the end of the year is almost here! It has been such a pleasure spending each day with the Grade 4 students. They have grown so much over the course of the year and I am very proud of them for all they have accomplished! Please enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you all next fall! With only a little bit of time left, here's a peek at what's to come:



- ✓ **Language Arts:** Our focus this month will be on writing a final story that includes all the strategies of great authors we've learned throughout the year! We will also look back and review the reading strategies we've covered.
- ✓ **Grade 4 Math:** We will be working on geography, which is our final math unit of the year! Students will describe the characteristics of 2-D and 3-D shapes, explore symmetry, and describe and construct rectangular and triangular prisms.
- ✓ **Science:** We will continue to work on our final unit on plant growth and development. Each student has already participated in planting day and now has a plant they will nurture, cross-pollinate, and watch grow!

Social: Students are working in partners to create their final social project of the year – Celebrate Alberta! They will research famous Albertans and their contributions to our province, look at national parks, explore important heritage sites, and share how they plan to make Alberta a better place to live!



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 June News

I can't believe it is June already. The year has gone by so fast! With all the learning we have going on in the classroom and school this month, it is sure to fly by! It will be summer break before we know it. It has been a wonderful year with an amazing class! I hope everyone enjoys summer break.

Math

We have completed geometry and are onto the statistics and probability. This branch of math help us make informed decisions in many aspects of everyday life. We will be focusing on first and second-hand data, interpreting graphs, describing probability and comparing two events. The class will also look at transformations and will learn about and be able to describe translations, reflections, and rotations.

Language Arts

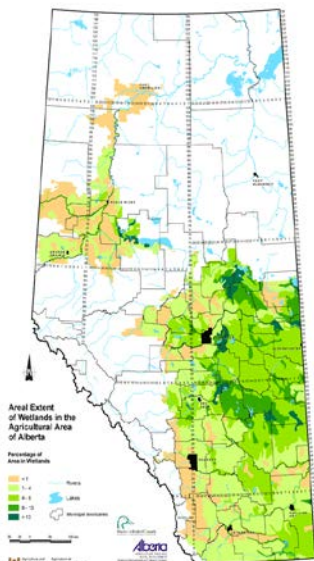
I was so impressed with their book report projects and loved the effort and creativity students put into the projects. We continue to work on building our reading skills every day. Writing we are focusing on vocabulary and the editing. Students will also enhance their persuasive writing skills in this last month.

Media Center
Book Report
Projects



Science

Is all about ecosystems with a focus on wetlands. We will investigate the different types of wetlands, learn about food chains, food webs, producers, consumers, and decomposers and their interplay in the ecosystem, and animal adaptations. Students will then investigate how changes in part of an environment have effects on wetlands.



Social

We are looking at how history has shaped Canada through immigration and the underground railway and the effects it has had on shaping Canada. We will be exploring the topics of WWI, the Great Depression, WWII, and economic booms and recessions.

Important Dates: June 5 is early out, June 14 is the school's field trip to Metis Crossing, June 24 is the talent show, and June 27 is the last day! Our school's field day is to be announced.

Sincerely,
Tabitha Vincent
Tabitha.vincent@eips.ca



Grade 6

Wow! June is already here and the school year is almost over. I have enjoyed working with your children and family over the past year. Thank you for a wonderful year!

We are counting down the days until summer, but we have a very busy month ahead for students to persevere and finish strong. Students have begun reviewing for the PAT exams and are expected to be reviewing nightly using the study package provided, exam bank or Quest A. Throughout the year students have been learning different ways to study for exams and should have methods that work best for their learning needs. Please ensure that the study package is returned each day as we will be using this in class. PATs can be a stressful time of year for students, however, I find that the better prepared they are the less anxious they feel. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.



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Tips for PAT day

- have a healthy breakfast
- wear comfy clothes
- have a good sleep the night before
- bring a healthy snack and a water bottle
- use positive self-talk "I have got this!"

In and around the District

Student Transportation 2019-20

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2019-20 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school. All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—all fees are due June 30, 2019.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as the Central Administration office.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2019-20 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
A.L. Horton Elementary	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 28	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	6 p.m.

A.L. Horton Elementary is located at 5037 48 Ave, Vegreville

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Access to Student User Accounts for Students Leaving EIPS

If your child is graduating from or leaving EIPS at the end of the school year, they must ensure any information in their school accounts they wish to retain is downloaded onto a personal device or stored on a removable disk (for example, a USB key or portable hard drive) before leaving. Any files saved on their personal share drive (Z:) will need to be downloaded prior to the last day of classes on June 28. Any content in their Google accounts will need to be downloaded prior to September 1. Google files can be downloaded individually or in bulk with Google Takeout, <https://takeout.google.com>. All remaining information will be deleted and access to these accounts will be deactivated after these dates. For more information, contact the school at 780 796 3936.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Bruderheim School is closed and will reopen on August 30 at 9:30. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2019-20 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours

Open	Monday to Friday	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone	780-464-3477	
Address	683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park	

Statutory Holidays

Closed	Monday, July 1	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 5	Heritage Day
Closed	Monday, September 2	Labour Day

NOTE: Student Transportation will also remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as EIPS Central Services Office.

Tools for School

Bruderheim School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2019-20 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program,

contact our school directly. We'll discretely provide the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Karen Carlson at Bruderheim School or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.



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