

Bruderheim School
Parent Newsletter – September 23, 2022

From the Principal

We've had another great week at school and it's hard to believe we've officially said goodbye to summer and hello to fall! As a school community we have been focusing on our first TIGER Trait - Teamwork! This is happening on our playground, in our classrooms and during our weekly TIGER Trait Assemblies! Keep up the good work, Tigers! Our school week was wrapped up with our annual Terry Fox Run on Friday! This year we added a lunch fundraiser and thank you to our parent volunteers who helped prepare the lunch. A special thank you as well to our School Council who paid for our lunch, making it possible for us to donate all the money we received at the school this year, to The Terry Fox Foundation!

Key Dates

- **September 23:** Terry Fox Run & hot dog lunch
- **September 28:** Harbour Pool report cards due (email harbourpool@fortsask.ca or bring report card to school)
- **September 29:** Orange Shirt Day
- **September 30:** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (schools and Central Services closed)
- **October 3-7:** Read-In Week
- ***October 4:** Swim lessons - grades 4, 5, 6
- **October 5:** Favourite Character Dress-up Day
- **October 5:** World Teachers' Day
- **October 5:** Early dismissal 2:00
- ***October 6:** Swim lessons - grades 1, 2, 3
- **October 7:** Professional learning day (no students in school)
- **October 10:** Happy Thanksgiving
- **October 11:** Swim lessons - grades 4, 5, 6
- **October 11-13:** Bring up to 5 books to school for book swap
- **October 12:** Bus evacuation drill 9:30
- **October 12:** Little Elk Island Adventures (ECS) 10:00
- ***October 13:** Swim lessons - grades 1, 2, 3
- **October 14:** Dress like your favorite superhero (ECS)
- **October 17-20:** Book swap
- ***October 18:** Swim lessons - grades 4, 5, 6
- **October 19:** School picture day
- ***October 27:** Swim lessons - grades 1, 2, 3
- **October 28:** Dress western (ECS)
- **October 31:** Halloween

Hot Lunch Order Form Due September 25

[Bruderheim October 2022 Hot Lunch Form](#)

This year the kitchen staff will be providing lunches 3 days a week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Mondays and Fridays everyone will receive a healthy snack so please pack lunches on those days.

For anyone new to our lunch program, this form allows you to pick what your child would like to eat each day. The more specific choices you make the less waste we have. The monthly menu is always available on the Lamont Elementary School website under "Lunch Calendar".

Please submit one form per student.

As in the past few years all lunches will be individually packaged and delivered to the classrooms at lunchtime.

Please send reusable cutlery for your students to use to help cut down the waste we have every day.

On occasion, for reasons we cannot control we may need to make substitutions to meals.

Swimming Lessons



We're excited to again be able to offer swimming lessons at the Harbour Pool. The total cost for parents will be **\$33.30** per child and will include 6 lessons (3 afternoons of two 30-minute lessons). The entire cost of bussing will be covered by our School Council, which is \$309.50 per trip – Thank You!

- Swimming dates for Grades 4-6: Tuesdays: October 4, 11, 18
- Swimming dates for Grades 1-3: Thursdays: October 6, 13, 27

You will be able to pay your swimming lesson fees online through the Parent Portal next week, or in person at the school office by cash or cheque made payable to Bruderheim School.

**If you are interested to help cover the cost of swimming lessons for a student at Bruderheim School this year, please contact our school office at 780 796 3936 or email general.bru@eips.ca*

Counsellor's Corner

Hello! This week at school, we learned about an essential aspect of teamwork – cooperation! Below are some ways to help your child continue learning about teamwork and cooperation through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about cooperation:

- My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann
- Swimmy by Leo Lionni
- Duck In The Truck by Jez Alborough
- Duck And Goose by Tad Hill

Practice It!

Role play situations that require cooperation and discussing good choices with your children. Some role plays ideas include:

- Discussing how to decorate a playhouse with a friend;
- Addressing a conflict during a team sport;
- Problem-solving how to hang a large poster;
- Reenacting and discussing alternative responses to a difficult situation that occurred in the home or classroom.

Talk About It!

Here is a discussion point to help you talk about teamwork with your child:

- What is a way that you can work together with students in your class? People at home? On your sports team?

We're Looking for Volunteers

Hot Lunch Program

We are excited to be able to once again have volunteers in our kitchen this year! If you would like to volunteer with us helping to dish lunches for our kids please fill out the form [Bruderheim Volunteer Form](#) and we will add you to our volunteer list. Thank you!

Read In Week

EIPS is excited to recognize Read In Week into our schools from **October 3-7**. The theme is *Choose Your Own Adventure*. This year, we're happy to go back to the tradition of inviting visitors into school to share their love of reading with students. Contact the office at (780)796-3936 or email general.bru@eips.ca to volunteer.

Bruderheim School's 8th Annual Book Swap

Also, in October we will be hosting our 8th annual Book Swap. Students can bring in up to 5 books that are in excellent condition for others they can keep. Further details soon. Please enjoy all our library has to offer and take the time to read WITH your children. I am excited to make the library one of your child's favorite places in the school!

Fees Are Now Posted on Your Parent Portal

Thank you for your patience as we make these available to our Bruderheim School parents.



Be Your Best!

Video Surveillance on Buses

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? Video surveillance and equipment help:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP Co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Update your PowerSchool information

A big thanks to those who have already! The EIPS Correction and Verification Form is now available online through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Use the form to access and update your child's records information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and medical information. Reviewing the form and submitting updates ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. When reviewing the form, pay close attention to all listed phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. Also, if you recently moved, now is the time to ensure the Division has your updated address. Throughout the year, the Division and school uses the listed information to communicate with families about important information, including updates, the latest news and event.

EIPS Correction and Verification Form

If you haven't already, please review and update the form by **Sept. 22, 2022**.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form, contact the school office at Bruderheim School.

Download the SchoolMessenger App

Bruderheim School and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform for communicating with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add communications@eips.ca and general.bru@eips.ca to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the [SchoolMessenger](#) app. Get the latest updates direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in your inbox. Download the [SchoolMessenger](#) app from the App Store or Google Play today

Coming soon—the Safe Arrivals absence reporting tool will be rolled out within the SchoolMessenger app later this school year. Families will be able to quickly and easily report a child's absence directly in the app. No more phone calls or emails required. Stay tuned for updates in the coming months.

Sync the School Calendar to Your Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar? You can. Simply, visit https://www.bruderheimschool.ca/rally/calendars/manage_calendar/1671/2022/09/ and click on the applicable subscription option:

- Download to iCal
- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar

NOTE: Options are located above the calendar. Once you click on the desired subscription option, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your calendar will contain all Bruderheim School's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

Pay School fees online!

School fee information for the 2022-23 school year will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal in late September. 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 online using a credit card.

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 certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit eips.ca. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Carlson at Bruderheim School at 780 796 3936 or email general.bru@eips.ca

