Bruderheim School

## Parent Newsletter – January 20, 2023

# From the Principal

We’ve had another good week at school, and it's hard to believe how fast the month of January is going! On Tuesday, we had the privilege of having our Town of Bruderheim Mayor, Karl Hauch, present to our students on the TIGER Trait of **Grit**! Our students learned about some of the key elements of **Grit**, famous people who have displayed **Grit** throughout their lives and we were also reminded to Never Give Up!

Please be aware that new student and returning student registration begins on February 1st! You can contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thanks again to all those who brought in food items for our food bank drive over the last two weeks. Together, the staff and students of Bruderheim School and Castle School were able to collect several boxes full of non-perishable items as well as fresh produce for the County of Lamont Food Bank!

## January

**January 24:** School Council meeting 5:15 - school fees discussion (see info below)

**January 25:** [Bell Let’s Talk Day](Bell%20Let's%20Talk%20Day)

**January 27:** Family Literacy Day ([ABC Life Literacy Canada](ABC%20Life%20Literacy%20Canada))

**January 30:** Professional Learning Day – schools closed to students

## February

**February 1**: Early dismissal 2:00; wear black, yellow or school spirit wear

**February 1:** 2023-24 Returning student registration (RSR) opens (see info below)

**February 1:** 2023-24 Kindergarten registration opens (see info below)

**February 1:** Winter Walk Day

**February 2:** Groundhog Day

**February 3:** Twin Day (ECS)

**February 9-10:** Teachers’ Convention – schools closed to staff and students

**February 15:** Valentines Carnival 1:00

**February 17:** Random Acts of Kindness Day

**February 20:** Family Day – schools closed to staff and students

**February 22:** Pink Shirt Day

**February 24:** Pattern Day (ECS) – wear your favorite patterns! Bonus points for mixing it up!

**February 28:** 2023-24 Returning student registration closes

# Bruderheim School Council Meeting – School Fees Discussion

Under Alberta Education’s School Fee Regulation, schools must consult with parents prior to setting school fees for the upcoming school year.

Our next school council meeting will be taking place on January 24, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. During that time, I’ll be sharing information about our current fee structure, posing specific questions about priorities, and asking you to provide your feedback as we plan for the 2023-24 school year. While many of these activities and services enhance students’ educational experience, we want to ensure these fees aren’t cost prohibitive for families.

Specifically, we will be asking for input on the following:

* Noon hour supervision
* Field trips and associated fees
* Extracurricular activities
* Non-curricular travel (for example, ski trips)
* Non-curricular goods and services (for example, yearbooks)

I understand not all parents/guardians will be available to attend the meeting but it’s still important we get as much input from the school community as possible. Following the meeting, materials will be shared on our website (bruderheimschool.ca) for your review, and a survey will be sent out so you can provide feedback.

School administration will use feedback provided to help determine fees for 2023-24, which will then be shared at the March school council meeting, posted to our website, and shared via link through email.

I look forward to seeing as many parents/guardians as possible on January 24th.

Download the SchoolMessenger App

Bruderheim School and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform to communicate with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add <communications@eips.ca> and [general.bru@eips.ca](mailto: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 from both the Division and your child’s school 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 their inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/schoolmessenger/id978894818) or [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolmessenger.recipient) today.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before December 31, 2023? If so, it’s almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on February 1, 2023. To register, simply complete the online registration form which will be made available February 1.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/early-learning/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 Bruderheim School’s kindergarten program is available at BruderheimSchool.ca.





*Be Your Best!*

Inclement Weather

With the winter season here, we want to remind families 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) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools – automated telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and notification through both the Bus status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, “school bus service may be suspended…when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus service include adverse weather and poor road conditions.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families 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.

Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non- designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process— acceptance is based on available space.

The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form (RSR) is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don’t have a [PowerSchool Parent Portal](https://powerschool.eips.ca/admin/home.html) account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](https://www.eips.ca/parents/powerschool/parent-portal)

For more information, contact the school office at 780 796 3936.



**Join the Kalyna Family Resource Network Lamont County Region for programs in January:**

1. **Family Activity Night** – January 26,20235:00-7:00pmat Lamont Public Library. No registration required.
2. [**Infant Massage**–Three session p](https://signup.com/go/HZbdmqR)rogram–January 17, 23 & 31, 2023 10:30- 11:30pm at Mundare Town Office Gym Space. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED by Jan 10 at noon:** <https://signup.com/go/HZbdmqR>