

Bruderheim School

Parent Newsletter – January 27, 2023



From the Principal

And just like that the last full week of school in January is in the history books! We sure have enjoyed this stretch of warm weather and now we have winter again.

On Thursday afternoon, our students participated in learning about the Tipi Teachings in their respective classes and these sessions were taught by Ms. Atcheynum, a member of our EIPS Indigenous Education Team.

We had a special guest, Ms. Silveira, a Numeracy Consultant present to us during our TIGER Trait Assembly on Grit! She asked the students two questions, “What do you do if you are stuck?” and “What do you do if you make a mistake?” Our students worked together in their TIGER teams and produced many positive and thoughtful ways to overcome. Way to go, students! Feel free to ask them what their idea was.

New student and returning student registration begins on Wednesday, February 1st! Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Our staff are looking forward to a day of professional learning here at the school on Monday, and I know our students are looking forward to having a long weekend! See you all on Tuesday, January 31!

January

January 27: Family Literacy Day ([ABC Life Literacy Canada](#))

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

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 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 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](#) account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

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

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](#) 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.



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 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](#) or [Google Play](#) today.



Be Your Best!