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## **Administrators' Message**

“We are NOT teaching students to be tomorrow’s leaders we are teaching them to be leaders TODAY! The weather has been so miserable it is hard to believe that we are in May! April was a busy month as Brentwood hosted a number of events. Many of our families attended the Kindergarten Open House on April 25! Our students participated in a Spring Concert that was very entertaining. Our division I students are enjoying weekly swimming lessons until June.

Our new sound system was installed on April 26 in time for our Family Dance. We anxiously await the arrival of our drop screen so we can more thoroughly enjoy the video component of the system!

### **Bouquets**



Thanks to the Kindergarten teachers for hosting a wonderful Open House.



Thank you to Mr. Merriman and the Events Committee for all their work on the Spring Concerts.



Thank you to the staff for all their work on the decorations and set up of the gym.



Thanks to Mrs. Eng, Mrs. Hansen, and Mrs. Nicks-Tambasco for running the Battle of the Books club.



Thanks to the Parent Council for organizing the Family Dance.

### **Recycling**

We have signed up for a recycling program through EIPS that enables us to collect recyclables and have them picked up! A company has been contracted to pick up all our bottles and cans and we get the funds to spend! At this time, we have signed up for pick up the first Thursday of the month. If you are interested in donating your recyclables to us, please drop the bottles and cans off in the office and we will take care of them. All profits will go to the BESC to support school projects.

## **Planning for next year**

We will begin planning for next year in the next few weeks. Please inform the school if you will not be coming back to Brentwood School for the 2017-18 school year.

If you would like to have your child placed in a certain class with a specific teacher next year; all requests must be in writing (email is fine) to the principal and have educational significance. Requests will be considered but staff will make the final decision regarding placement.

## **Parent Council**

The next Parent Council will be held on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided.

## **Logos Parent Council**

The next Logos Parent Council will be held on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sherwood Heights school library at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend!

## **Up Coming Dates**

May 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Logos Parent Council Meeting
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Grade 6 PAT <b>LA Part A</b>
May 18/19th	-	School Closure Days
May 22nd	-	Victoria Day (No school)
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Parent Council Meeting

## **Notes from the Office**

### **Safe Arrival**

Will your child be late/absent or taking an extended holiday? Here are some options for you:

Contact the office prior to 8:30am if possible. \* Phone in your child's absence/late to 780-467-5591. Our answering machine is available 24 hours a day. Messages are picked up regularly from 8am – 4:00pm.

\*Did you know that you can use the "Contact Form" on the <http://www.brentwoodelementary.ca/> site to let us know? Just choose "Attendance" from the drop down menu, type us out a message and click send.

Thank you in advance for your assistance! Kim & Tracy J

## EIPS News <http://www.eips.ca/>

### **Student Transportation: 2017-18 registration is now open**

Planning to use EIPS Student Transportation in the 2017-18 school year? If so, make sure to register your child as soon as possible.

Families currently using student transportation services will receive tentative route schedules and invoices later this month. All transportation fees are due by June 30, 2017.

If you have any questions about registration, invoicing or accessing transportation for the 2017-18 school year, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

*NOTE:* Student Transportation will remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

### **THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 1**

Join us on May 1 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment on May 1 to say thanks to our bus operators—all of whom go above and beyond the call of duty to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of **Brentwood Elementary School** *THANK YOU* to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

### **Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration**

Elk Island Public Schools is once again offering its 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 adventure out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for *first-time school bus riders* entering the 2017-18 school year. Sessions and times are available in these locations:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
EIPS Central Office	August 22	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 22	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	6:30 p.m.

EIPS Central Office	September 1	10:30 a.m.
Fort Christian/Fort Elementary	August 23	6 p.m.

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

*Fort Christian School is located at 9806 101 St., Fort Saskatchewan*

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.** To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/cqYb15mBLAspUJIW2>.

More information regarding busing for Kindergarten students can be found at: [www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).

## **Help us name the new school in Sherwood Park!**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants your input as it prepares to name its newest elementary school in Sherwood Park—a K-6 school in the Davidson Creek area slated to open in fall 2018.

Last month, EIPS collected name suggestions from the community for the new school. Using those suggestions, the Division now has a shortlist of possible names. Before a final decision is made, EIPS is inviting the community to participate in a brief online survey.

### **TAKE THE SURVEY**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QRXHBBV>

Survey opens: May 8

Survey deadline: May 26

Once the survey closes, EIPS' naming committee will review the feedback from the survey and recommend a final name to the Board of Trustees. The Board is expected to approve the name in June.



**‘Real books’ or eBooks . . . keep reading happening this summer!**

**Research shows that children can lose up to three months of academic progress over summer vacation. This is called ‘summer slide’.**

Keep in mind: children in Alberta spend 950 to 1,000 hours in school annually, compared to 1,500 to 1,700 hours outside of school over the summer.

**Reading a minimum of six ‘Just Right’ books** can help your child maintain their reading level when school is out.

**eBooks are an option too!**

Parents tell us that setting limits for their child’s screen time can be even more difficult during the summer. So, keep in mind that eBooks can be a fun way to keep your child reading—even when they are on a device!

Lots of websites share free children’s eBooks.

Here are a few to check out:

[www.magickeys.com/books/](http://www.magickeys.com/books/)

[www.freechildrenstories.com](http://www.freechildrenstories.com)

<http://www.kidsworldfun.com/ebooks.php>

<https://freekidsbooks.org/>

**Books beat ‘summer slide’.**

Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books. Visit your local public library and bring lots of new books into your home this summer!

Sources: Reading Now Network/Government of Michigan and First Book Canada.

*Our school is part of the Alberta Reads Network and we make reading a priority! If you volunteered with our wee read program this school year—thank you! There will be more fun opportunities to help children build their skills and love of reading next year too . . . and we hope you’ll be involved.*

[www.albertareadsnetwork.com](http://www.albertareadsnetwork.com)

### **How to select a 'Just Right' Book**

Open a book to any page and have your child begin reading.

Each time they come to a word they don't know – have them hold up one finger

After they finish the page, check how many fingers they are holding up.

One finger – the book is too easy. Five fingers – the book is too hard.

Three fingers – the book is 'Just Right'!