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Administrators' Message

Happy Fall! October arrived with a hit of wintery weather but it was evident that students were prepared because they came dressed for the weather. September was really busy with so many events--grade six camp, Terry Fox Run, and Orange Shirt day. October will be equally as busy with Read in Week, field trips, assemblies, and Halloween. We begin the month with a very short week for students so staff can partake in some Professional Development sessions. We hope that the month will bring us some warmer weather so we can do some outdoor activities and enjoy the fall before the dreaded winter arrives.

Have a wonderful month!

Christine & David

Bouquets

-  Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the Grade Six Camp.
-  Thanks to all the staff for all their hard work getting students settled into a new school year.
-  Thanks to Mrs. Eng and Mrs. Davies for organizing some fun activities for Read in Week.
-  Thanks to all the volunteers who came to read to the students.
-  Thanks to Mrs. Russell for taking over the Wee Read program while Mrs. Tomkins is on her maternity leave.
-  Thank to all the volunteers who have signed up to participate in Wee Read.



I am now at Brentwood on Tuesdays and Fridays and alternating Wednesdays. The best way to contact me is through email at michelle.waddell@eips.ca

Alberta Health Services is offering FREE sessions for parents and caregivers on a variety of topics, including anxiety, emotional regulation, and building resilience in your child. For more information, please see <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/caregiversessions>

Strathcona County is offering new walk-in counselling on a first come, first serve basis. This is a great service to access! You can find more information at <https://www.strathcona.ca/departments/family-and-community-services/programs-and-services/counselling-services/> .

Notes from Central

Municipal Election 2017: Vote October 16

Brentwood Elementary's Election Day is Monday, Oct. 16, 2017. Polls open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If you can't vote during those times, there's also the option of advance voting and voting by special ballot. To learn more about the election and candidates running—mayor, reeve, councillor and public school trustees—visit:

Fort Saskatchewan: www.fortsask.ca/city-government/city-council/2017-municipal-election

Lamont County: www.lamontcounty.ca/Election-2017

Minburn County: <http://minburncounty.ab.ca/2017-election/>

Strathcona County: www.strathcona.ca/election

EIPS School Trustees: www.eips.ca

REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!

Head lice is one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, head lice are tiny, greyish brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp—itching is the main complaint. Lice don't jump from head to head nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it's essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. To prevent the spread of head lice, we strongly encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If head lice are found on your child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit www.eips.ca/parents/health-safety-information/head-lice.

Literacy and Learning Day

This year's Literacy and Learning Day Conference takes place at the Edmonton Expo Centre on October 28. The event is a fun-filled day for both parents and teachers, and includes various keynote speakers and free workshops. Participants are guaranteed to walk away with new

strategies, tools and resources to support children as they grow and learn. The conference is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, or to register, visit www.literacyday.ca.

Read In Week takes place October 2-6

Read In Week 2017 returns on **October 2-6**. The theme for this year is I'm a Reader! I Read for Me!. Through various activities, students will spend the week learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy.

Read In Week is a Division-wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us either by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

And, don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag *#eipsreads*. We hope you discover some amazing stories.

School Bus Safety Week: October 15–21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15–21. The theme: Rider Rules = Safe to School, which is all about teaching children about proper school bus safety. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans and bus-evacuations drills.

As part of School Bus Safety week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/transportation or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day: October 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their Kindergarten to Grade 12 years.



Notes from the Office

Safe Arrival

One measure of keeping students safe is ensuring students have safely arrived at school. If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason, it is important that you contact the office immediately and report the reason for the absence.

*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.

* 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.

Other

*Have you completed your correction forms?

*Have you submitted the most current medical information?

*Have you paid your school fees?

Thank you in advance for your assistance! Kim & Tracy

School F E E S

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2017-18 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. 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 them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don’t forget to also 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 various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2017.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <http://brentwoodelementary.ca/about/fees-and-supplies>.

Alternatively, contact Kim Webster at Brentwood Elementary at 780-467-5591



Lost and Found

It is only early October and our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please check the bins in the hallway for coats, pants, water-bottles etc.



Parent Council

Thursday, October 19th @ 6:30pm in library.



LOGOS Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th @ 7pm - Brentwood Elementary library.



Let's Fundraise for Risers for the Music Room, Concerts and Chapel

Brentwood Elementary School Council (BESC) and Brentwood Home and School Association (BEHSA) have joined together to fundraise to purchase risers for the music room that will also be used during concerts, and chapel.

We are selling a variety of products (i.e. citrus fruits, 100% pure juice) from De Simone Farms located in Kelowna, British Columbia in the heart of Okanagan Valley. See the attached forms for product details and prices.

If you have any questions regarding this fundraiser or Parent Council, please email us at BESC.info@gmail.com. If families would prefer not to participate please consider a donation.

Dates to Remember

October 4 – Forms Will be Distributed

October 27 – Forms to be Returned to Your Classroom Teacher

Late November/Early December (TBD) – Delivery/Pick Up at School



I've Out Grown it Sale

Saturday Oct.21/17 @ Westboro Elementary

Mark your Calendars and TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!!

Do you have gently worn clothing, footwear, toys, strollers, cribs, playpens, etc., that you want to get rid of? Gone through all your clothes for back to school and have stuff you need to clean out of those closets! Sell those items at our "I've Out Grown It Sale". We are excited to be running this years' sale in conjunction with the Westoboro Parent Groups "Shop Til Ya Drop" event! Get in some Christmas shopping too!

Tables are available for rent for \$30 each, or \$50 for two. If you want to be a vendor, set up will take place on Saturday morning 8:30 a.m. The doors will open to the public when the sale starts at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Deadline to book is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 11th.**

If you don't have enough items to sell yourself or want to dedicate the time, please consider donating items to the Logos Society Table, all the proceeds will go directly to the Logos Society.

For questions or booking a table, please contact:

Jennifer Wolfe

Cell: (780)686-2088

Email: fundraising@elkislandlogos.ca

Dates to Remember:

October 2-6: Read-In Week

October 4: Early Dismissal

October 5-6: Professional learning days (all schools are closed)

October 9: Thanksgiving Day (all schools are closed)

October 10: World Mental Health Day

October 13: Picture Retake day

October 15-21: School Bus Safety Week

October 16: Election Day

October 19: Chapel 2:20pm

October 20: United Nations Day