

NOVEMBER



2017 at



Administrators' Message

October passed quickly! We had so many projects on the go that the school was a buzz! Families participated in the Soles4Souls campaign as well as the food drive for the Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who participated, these programs support families in our community who may need a helping hand.

BESC, Parent Council, also held a fundraiser offering fruits and various food items from De Simone Farms. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser, we know that there are so many groups that are fundraising during this fall period. In addition, we have a growing stack of kleenex boxes in our front lobby, all donated by our families to help get us through the cold and flu season. We cannot thank you enough for your support.

Last of all, we cannot forget our celebration of Halloween. A fun filled day for all who participated! The costumes were great! We know the Logos students enjoyed their alternative activity swimming or playing in the gym!

November arrives with a blast of cold air and we get to turn our clocks ahead! It also means a well earned break for staff and students. We hope you enjoy the break!

Christine and David

Bouquets



Thank you to everyone who supported the Soles4Souls, Food Drive, fundraiser, and kleenex drive.



Thanks to staff who organized and ran these projects.



Thanks to Parent Council for their continued support.



Thanks to all the volunteers who came out this month and assisted with our math tool kits, carved pumpkins, and helped out at the Halloween celebration.



Thanks to the Logos society for organizing the alternative activity and to all parents who volunteered.



Thanks to all the parents who helped with hot lunch!



Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be sharing your child's report card with you on November 27: "Communicating Student Learning", or "CSL" was created by Elk Island teachers, administrators, parents, students, and central office personnel. To digitally access your child's report card, you will need to either log into your PowerSchool Parent Portal, or create your PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Both can be found at:

<https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html>

Our school will only provide a print copy of the condensed version, of the report card upon request. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like a print copy.

The Parent Portal allows parents the capacity to create a single sign on for all students in one family who are currently registered in elementary, junior high and senior high schools in Elk Island Public Schools. Once the account is created, parents will be able to manage their own account information and to link all of their students to one account. This account will remain in effect for the duration of the student's enrollment in Elk Island Public Schools. If you are currently registered in the Parent Portal with junior and/or senior high students, you will now be able to add the elementary student. There is no need to create a new account. A video demonstrating the steps to creating a PowerSchool parent portal account is found at: <http://www.eips.ca/powerschool>. If you are having difficulty logging into your PowerSchool Parent Portal, please contact us at school.

Once you set up and/or log into your account, click on the "Communicating Student Learning" button. This will take you to the report card.

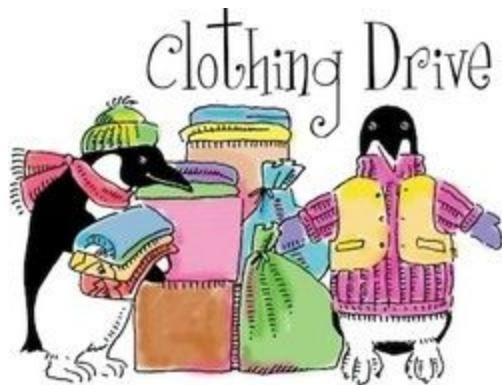
Click on a scale to view a description of the scale levels.

Click on the to expand subjects or comments.

If you wish to print the report card, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "print" button. You can either print the condensed or full version.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are in need of further information.

Sincerely,
Christine Romanko
Principal



Morning frosts are upon us, which means that winter is quickly approaching and we need to remember that there are people who lack the basic clothing needed to survive our Alberta winter. With this in mind, the students in Mr. Smith's grade 6 class will be spearheading the TENTH ANNUAL used clothing drive in support of the Bissell center. We do not want you to go out and buy anything nor are we requesting any financial donations. We simply ask that if you come across gently used, clean winter clothing that you no longer need, that you send it to the school with your child. Coats, toques, mittens, gloves, scarves, boots, sweaters and ski pants are some examples of the clothing you could bring in. Near the middle of December, the clothing will be taken to the Bissell center where it will be distributed to those families in need. What may seem like an old useless scarf to us may be very special to someone else. This is truly a situation where every little bit helps.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at jordan.smith@eips.ca

Thank you and have a safe and happy winter season.



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.

School F E E S

are Due

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



Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents 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 parents 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 on Versatrans My Stop. Any 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 states, “school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

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

No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Brentwood Elementary** is once again participating in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation’s No Child Without program. The program is

a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four and 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at 780-467-5591. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.



Parent Council

Thursday, November 23rd @ 6:30pm in library.

Dates to Remember:

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| November 3: | Hot Lunch |
| November 9: | Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45) |
| November 10: | School closure day |
| November 11: | Remembrance Day |
| November 13-17: | Fall break (all schools are closed) |
| November 23: | Chapel 2:20pm/BESC Meeting |
| November 29/30: | Parent Teacher Interviews |