



2017 at




## **Administrators' Message**


The busy holiday season is upon us and every year it appears to come more quickly! It has been nice having a reprieve from the cold weather so the students can play outside and burn off the excess energy! We hope you will join us for the many activities happening at Brentwood in December.


On behalf of the staff, we wish you a happy holiday season. We wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2018!


Christine and David

### **Bouquets**

 Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out in classrooms and on field trips in November.

 Thank you to the parents who came to the Results Review in November.

 Thank you to all the teachers for their work on report cards.

 Thank you to all the staff for all the wonderful activities you organize for the students.

## **Dates in December**

Friday, December 8th	- Hot Lunch
Thursday, December 14th	- Chapel
Friday, December 15th	- Snack Shack at lunch
Monday, December 18th	- Ski Trip
Wednesday, December 20th	- Division I Christmas Concert 1pm & 6:30pm
Thursday, December 21st	- BESC Meeting 6:30pm
Monday, December 25th	- Christmas Day - School Closed
Tuesday, December 26th	- Boxing Day - School Closed
Wednesday, December 27th- January 5th	- Winter Break - School Closed
Monday, January 8th	- School Resumes

## **Boundaries**

As you're aware, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is opening a new K-6 school in Sherwood Park, named Davidson Creek Elementary, in fall 2018. In preparation for the new school, the Board of Trustees recently approved the new school's attendance boundaries and, consequently, the new elementary and junior high attendance boundaries for the northeast quadrant of Sherwood Park. A letter is being sent home that will describe exactly how the changes will impact your children. General information is also available by visiting the EIPS [webpage](#).

Please note that students residing in the Davidson Creek Elementary attendance area will be designated to this new school and boundary exemptions will not apply. The exception is for "grandfathered" students entering grade 6. Students in grade 6 for the 18/19 school year may continue (finish) at their current elementary school. The new attendance boundaries do not apply to students taking French Immersion, German Bilingual, Alternative Christian, Logos and system programs.

## **Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's almost time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2018-19 school year on Jan. 15, 2018. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

### *KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:*

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.

- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice will be sent to the given email address.

*NOTE:* The online registration form is available as of Jan. 15, 2018—the paper version is no longer available.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit 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. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

## **Kindergarten Programming**

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### **Changes Coming to Kindergarten Programming**

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing its kindergarten program. Starting in the 2018-19 school year, all elementary schools will offer one kindergarten option, alternating full-day programming. Children will attend two full-days a week and occasionally, three days a week to meet the required 475 instructional hours—the quality and hours of education will remain the same. Already, more than half of EIPS' elementary schools offer the alternating full-day kindergarten, which have all seen positive results around preparing students for successful transitions to Grade 1.

The decision to standardize kindergarten programming is based on available funding to sustain the noon-hour bus service. The alternating full-day program allows the Division to keep education dollars in the classroom rather than subsidizing transportation.

The complete kindergarten program schedule will be available prior to registration on January 15. For more information, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).

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## **Cold Weather and Indoor Recess**

If the temperature including the windchill is -22°C or colder, students shall remain indoors for recess and/or activities. During cold winter days, please make sure students are dressed appropriately with hats, boots, mittens etc.



## Notes from the Office

### *Safe Arrival*

Contact Us!

Will your child be late or absent today? Here are some options for you:

\*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. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Kim & Tracy



## Rabbit Hill Ski Trip

As an extension of our Physical Education curriculum, all students in grades 1 - 6 are being offered the opportunity to go skiing or snowboarding at Rabbit Hill in Edmonton on Monday, December 18th. A package has been sent home and will require review and permissions.

**\*\*Helmets are included in rental prices\*\***

**\*\*All fees and permission forms are due no later than Tuesday, December 12th, 2017. The ski trip fees must be paid in full via PowerSchool in order to participate.\*\***

Thank you for your support of this activity.