



Administrators' Message

'Gratitude: recognize the good in your life.'


March brings thoughts of spring and the year feels like it speeds up as we head to the finish! March is report card month; report cards go out on March 18. Celebration of Learning/Interviews will be on March 21 and March 22.

The Brentwood Speech Competition will be held on the afternoon of March 18. Check our school calendar for exact times.


On behalf of the staff, we hope you will enjoy the spring break.


Christine & Paul

Bouquets


 Thanks to Leah McBride, Jocelyn Pearce, and Nicole Shudra for all their work on the Learning Commons!


 Thanks to Mrs. Russell and Mr. Vantour for all their work with Running Club.

 Thanks to all the parents who attended the Running Competitions.

 Thanks to the students who attended the Young Authors' Conference and the Science Olympics!

 Thanks to Mrs. Nicks for representing Brentwood at the Young Authors' Conference.

 Thanks to Mr. Smith and Mrs. Vivic for taking a group of students to the Science Olympics.

 Thanks to the parents who volunteered at the events listed above and those who drove their children!

 Thanks to Parent Council for their continued support!

 Thanks to the parents who provide hot lunch and volunteer on a regular basis!

Spring Concert

Students in division I will be working hard this month and into April for the upcoming Spring Concert at Brentwood. The concert will be held Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 with one performance in the afternoon and one performance during the evening. **We encourage all parents and family members that are able to attend the afternoon concerts in order to reduce the number of guests attending the evening shows.** Students will be performing instrumental pieces. Look for more information on the website after spring break!

Swimming Lessons

Students in grades 1, 2, and 3 will be participating in swimming lessons beginning in April. The grade one & two classes will participate in six lessons and the grade three in eight lessons. These lessons are user pay and are optional.

Brentwood School's 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 12, 2016

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Program: 4:30 p.m.

Parents, former staff and students invited

Brentwood students will celebrate the 50th anniversary at an assembly on May 5th.

Family Dance

Dust off your dancing shoes and plan to attend the annual Family Dance on Friday, April 22nd. More information will be provided next month! Watch the website for an update!

APEGA Science Olympics

Good luck to all of the participants that are competing in the upcoming APEGA Science Olympics. A huge thank you to Mr. Spence and DeFord Contracting for donating matching t-shirts to BWD's grade 3 and grade 6 teams.

Planning for next year

We will begin planning for next year following spring break. Please inform the school if you will not be coming back to Brentwood School for the 2016-2017 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 and have educational significance. Requests will be considered but staff will make the final decision regarding placement.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday, March 17th @ 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Free babysitting will be provided.

BESC Fundraiser Bottle Drive

Please drop off bottles between 8:30-12:30 on Thursday, April 28th

Logos Parent Council

The next Logo's Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8 @ Westboro, 7pm.

Counsellor's Corner

Information on groups offered this spring through Strathcona County is now available on line. Please see the email link below for more information on the various youth/children and parent groups.

<http://www.strathcona.ca/departments/family-and-community-services/programs-and-services/groups/>

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 ☺

Busing and Transportation



IMPORTANT NOTICE - Bus Status iOS App Update – available from iTunes

Users MUST upgrade to continue to receive push notifications. Most devices will auto-update, however, we encourage you to confirm that the upgrade has been completed to ensure you receive the push notifications

Upcoming Dates

March 4 – Division PD Day/no school
March 24 – Day in Lieu/no school
March 25 – Good Friday/no school
March 28th – Easter Monday/no school
March 29th – April 4th – Spring Break/no school
April 20th – Division I Spring Concert
April 22nd – Family Dance



EIPS 2016-2017 Division Calendar Now Available

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees has approved the division calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

Register for Kindergarten

Do you know a child who will start Kindergarten in fall 2016? Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is underway. Children are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the upcoming school year if they will be five years old on or before December 31, 2016.

Check out the Elk Island Public Schools division website at www.eips.ca/kindergarten for information about Kindergarten programs, registration details, and division information. The 2016-2017 Kindergarten guide, *Kindergarten, It's Only the Beginning*, is also available online and in free magazine racks throughout the community. Our school website, <http://www.brentwoodelementary.ca> also provides specific details about our Kindergarten program.

Register today and join us on Tuesday, April 26th 5:30-7:30pm for our Kindergarten Open House to meet the staff and take a school tour. Contact us today.

Boundary Exemption Request Process for 2016-2017

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) reminds families that the boundary exemption request process will take place **February 1st to March 13, 2016** for students who want to attend a non-designated school in the 2016-2017 school year. During this time, interested families must fill out and submit the *Boundary Exemption Request Form* (posted on the EIPS website starting February 1st) to the requested school.

As of the April 14th deadline, if the boundary exemption request demand at a school does not exceed the number of spaces available in a grade/program, all families who submitted a boundary exemption request form prior to the deadline shall be registered at their requested school. If the demand exceeds the number of available spaces in a grade/program, the school shall participate in a random selection procedure. This procedure provides an equal chance of registration to all students in EIPS.

EIPS encourages families to register their children at their designated school as all schools in the division offer quality educational programming. However, we recognize there are situations where families would like to register their children at a non-designated school. More information about the 2016-2017 boundary exemption request process, key dates, and frequently asked questions are available on the division website at www.eips.ca/boundary-exemptions.

Kindergarten Busing FAQ

When do I need to register my child for bus service for the fall?

You can contact Student Transportation following the Spring Break to register.

Is noon time busing available?

In **urban Sherwood Park** noon service is available although ride times can range from 30-90 minutes in length depending on enrollment and the pick-up or drop-off location. In **Fort Saskatchewan** noon bus service is only available to and from daycares. Day home service is not available at noon. A fee for all noon busing is applicable.

Is there a transfer for the noon busing? What happens at the transfer and where is it?

There is a small transfer for urban Sherwood Park noon busing behind the Sherwood Park Mall. Students board a bus at their pick-up location and may be required to board another bus that will transport them to their designated drop off location. There is a Safety Monitor at this site assisting students in locating their assigned bus.

Community News



Join us, the Strathcona Druids Rugby Club to be a part of our healthy, fun and family Rugby season April - July 2016. Where your Sons and Daughters will make friends, learn the game of Rugby, train in sportsmanship, teamwork and fun! We invite all ages to come out to try Rugby as it is a sport for all shapes and sizes, and we encourage players to work towards learning the game, improving skills as well as their fitness. We currently have a Junior program that consists of U5, U7, and U9 co-ed programs that are non-contact (Flag Rugby). With our Jr U11 co-ed team being introduced to safe contact.

No Prior experience is necessary!

No tryouts as no one is turned away and all play!

There is a team for everyone!

The "Druid Outlaws" are committed to providing the best environment for both young players and their families. All family members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the club atmosphere! For information on the upcoming season, please visit our website: www.druidsrfc.com or email our Jr Coordinator: thegallaghers69@hotmail.com Registration starts March 1st, 2016



Does your child enjoy swimming?

Is your child looking to improve and learn new swimming skills?

Are you looking for your child to try something new?

Our Silver Swimmers have moved into our competitive swimming program.

We now have spaces open for the months of March to April 27th for our Pre-competitive Swim

Program for ages 5-11 years!

Mondays & Wednesdays

4:00-4:445 pm

Fees will be prorated for the remainder of the year!

Come try us out! Open House March 7 @ 4:00 pm

Don't forget your swimsuit and goggles!

To register for the Open House, please contact our coach Laura at laura.vriens@silvertide.ca