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Administrators' Message

“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.” A Earhart

We hope you had a wonderful spring break and recharged with fun activities. Thank you to everyone who came to our Celebrations of Learning and Interview evenings before spring break. It was nice to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they showed off their work! Please take time to complete the parent survey for term 2 of the new report card, we appreciate the feedback; our goal is to ensure we are meeting your needs. Just follow the link on website: [Parent Survey Term 2](#)
We are now in to the April-May-June part of the year when things seem to shift into high gear!

Bouquets

-  Thanks to everyone who attended our Student Led Conferences.
-  Thanks to all our volunteers who helped out with the Easter egg hunt.
-  Thanks to all our volunteers who work so tirelessly to help us out.

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 with one performance in the afternoon @ 1pm and one performance during the evening @ 6:30pm. **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.**

Counsellor's Corner

Mental Health Awareness Week: May 2 to 8, 2016

Mental Health is the capacity of each and all of us to feel, think, act in ways that enhance our ability to enjoy life and deal with the challenges we face. It is a positive sense of emotional and spiritual wellbeing that respects the importance of culture, equity, social justice, interconnections and personal dignity. (Public Health Agency of Canada)



The theme this year is **RESILIENCY** – the ability to thrive during both good and challenging times, and adapt well to stress or adversity. It is the ability to **BOUNCE BACK** – as many of our children and youth have told us: to keep trying, to come back after hard times, to get back on your feet. (Mental Health for Kids)

The goal of this week is to help students at Brentwood Elementary understand that mental health affects us all and to learn strategies that support positive mental health and promote resiliency.

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.

Family Dance

Dust off your dancing shoes and plan to attend the annual Family Dance on Friday, April 22nd. See website for an update!

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 2016-17 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, April 21st at 6:15 p.m. Babysitting will be provided.

Logos Parent Council

The next Logos Parent Council will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at Westboro School. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Up Coming Dates

April 7	-	World Health Day
April 10-16:	-	National Volunteer Week
April 15	-	Professional Learning Day (No school)
April 20	-	Spring Concert
April 21	-	Parent Council
April 22	-	Family Dance

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 ☺

Stay Connected!!

Connect to Respect

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) would like to thank all of our parents, students, and families for the role you play in ensuring our schools are safe and respectful working and learning environments. EIPS is proud to have a policy in place, *Board Policy 19, Respectful Working and Learning Environments*, that prohibits harassment and discrimination of any kind in our division. We all play a part in creating a safe, caring, and violence-free environment that fosters and maintains respectful and responsible behaviors.

One such example of this work in action is the recent Pink Shirt Day that took place in late February. We know a number of our schools were involved in Pink Shirt Day activities, and we thank you for being involved and taking a stand against bullying.

If you would like more information about the policies in place within EIPS, please review *Policy 19, Respectful Working and Learning Environments* on our division website at <http://www.eips.ca/policies/535>.

Busing and Transportation



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

A new version of the Bus Status App has been released. This version has been created to improve the push notification system. **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

Bus Safety Tip: Stay clear of the Danger Zone

Did you know there's an area around each bus called the Danger Zone? There is. It's the area around the bus—4.5 metres on all sides—where students, people, or objects are not easily seen by a bus operator. It's important all students stay outside this area at all times. An easy way to tell if you're outside the Danger Zone is to simply take five giant steps—as big as you can make them—back from the road. Staying this far away from the road, before boarding and when getting off the bus, helps keep everyone safe. — EIPS Student Transportation



Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Registration is now being accepted for the 2015/2016 Kindergarten school year. Registered families are invited to attend our Kindergarten Parent Information Night on Tuesday, April 26th from 5:30-7:00pm. This is your chance to meet the teachers and take a tour of our school.

To be eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2016/2017 school year, your child must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2016.

Find more information about Kindergarten on the division website at www.eips.ca/kindergarten; on our school website at <http://www.brentwoodelementary.ca> or give us a call, 780-467-5591

Boundary Exemption Request Process Closes April 14

If you would like to register your Kindergarten to Grade 12 child in Elk Island Public Schools at a school other than their designated school in the 2016–2017 school year, you must **apply to do so by April 14, 2016.**

All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The Boundary Exemption Request Form, along with additional information about the boundary exemption request process, can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process. Final decisions will be made by April 22, 2016.

Boundary Exemption Requests will not be accepted after the April 14 deadline.


NOTE: Students currently attending a non-designated school are not required to reapply

COMMUNITY NEWS

Want to keep the youth in your household active and engaged this summer? There are plenty of opportunities for youth to find fun with these camps to choose from:

<http://www.eipscontinuinged.ca/pages/summer-camps>

Other Camps



Awesome Summer Camps!
8.5 weeks of camps: June 29th - August 26th
Daily from **6:30am to 6:00pm**
Colchester Community League
(10 minutes from Campbelltown School on RR 233)
<http://www.colchestercommunity.org/>

Accepting children entering **Kindergarten to Grade 6** in September 2016
Provision of breakfast and two snacks daily

Weekly rates: \$200/child for 1-4 weeks of care OR \$175/child for 5-8 weeks of care
Daily rate: \$45/child
Registration fee: \$50/child

Weekly themes: Nature & the Environment, Athletes Unite, Sea & Island Adventures, Animal Planet, Around the World in 5 Days, Exploration & Discovery, Bug's Life, Adventure Land, Wilderness Camping

Weekly guests brought in at no additional cost to parents: Edmonton Magic, Spineless Wonders, jumpy castle through Inflatable Fun, Puppet Palooza, Butterfly Wings & Wishes, Edmonton Reptile Party, Strathcona Wilderness Centre, Sportball, Zoo2U

Themed cooking 2-3 times per week and all games, crafts and activities are also in tune with the theme.

Colchester Hall offers **amazing outdoor time** – brand new playground, sand, baseball diamonds, wooded area, fire pit, field, tent set up outside for down time, and picnic benches for outdoor crafting and games. Every week, the sunniest forecasted day is our **water day** - a full afternoon of water activities, including water fight and water balloons. We are visited by the **Book Mobile** portable library bus weekly, allowing kids to borrow books and spend some time weekly on literacy, including participating in Strathcona Library's summer reading incentive games and programs.

Currently offering a promotional referral discount: spread the word to your friends, and receive a \$25 discount off your camp fees per referral child per week of registration! Many kids like to be registered with their best friends or cousins for an all-week awesome play date! **A big draw for our camps is our convenience to working and busy parents, with our 6:30am - 6:00pm operational hours, as well as the provision of breakfast and 2 snacks AND a weekly and daily fee option. Come join in the fun!**

To be emailed a registration package:
(780) 709-2609
before-after@shaw.ca

