



## **Administrators' Message**

**'It always seems impossible until it is done.'** N. Mandela

June is here, it came so quickly! As we reflect back on the year, we can be proud of so many accomplishments of our students and school community. This year we completed our Outdoor Classroom and celebrated the school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We also made progress converting our library into a Learning Commons. These projects were only possible because staff, parents, and students worked together on the common goals.


Time flies when you are busy! In June staff will finish courses, evaluate students and complete report cards ending the pilot of the new report card.

In the coming weeks, staff and students will go on exciting field trips and participate in Brentwood in Motion. This year we will also have Brentwood has Talent assembly where students will showcase their talents to the school.


In keeping with tradition, we will have a Year End Assembly on June 28 at 9:00 a.m. so we can say good bye to everyone who is leaving Brentwood and send everyone off for the summer. Everyone is invited to attend! On behalf of the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy, healthy summer! To our grade six students, we wish you all the best in your new schools.


Christine and Paul

## **Bouquets**

 Thanks to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for all their work.

 Thanks to the Wellness Committee for organizing Brentwood in Motion.

 Thanks to the Parent Council; we appreciate all you do to make Brentwood a great place to be.

 Thanks to the committee that organized the Brentwood has Talent.

 Thanks to the staff for working tirelessly to ensure that all student needs are met.

## **Staffing for Next Year**

We will have some staff that are moving on to new positions, we also have some changes and some new faces at Brentwood for next year.

We wish David Basisty well as he moves on to Sherwood Heights to teach Logos. We also wish Trisha Melnyk well in her new position in grade four at Lamont Elementary.

PALS	Zoe Larsen
ECS	Cindy Martin, Mikala Smith (Erin Tomkins returns in Jan.)
GOALS I	Kristy Elkow
GOALS II	Heather Plesniarski
Gr. 1	Stefanie Cunha Teri Pearn, Celeste Kallis

Gr. 2	David Snaterse, Patti St. Jean, Darlene Shield
Gr. 3	Stacey Johnson, Pat Heydanus, Dustine Vicic
Gr. 4	Heidi Nicks-Tambasco, Tracey Hansen, Raina Landry-Doran
Gr. 5	Eunice Querengesser, Scarlett Larsen (Nicole Rossman in Jan.)
Gr. 6	Tracy Russell, Don Vantour, Jordan Smith
Music	David Merriman
Counsellor	Corey Kropp
Assistant Principal	Paul McKay
Principal	Christine Romanko

\*\*EA placements will not be decided until September after budget is done.

Kim Webster and Tracy Beaudry will continue to work in our office.

### **Grade Groupings**

Due to budget restraints, we will be downsizing our school by one classroom. We will only have one class of grade five students. It will be a large class but Mr. McKay will provide support for the core subjects. We are hopeful that our enrolment will increase and we will be able to hire extra staff.

### **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.

### **Supply List - Goggles**

Brentwood believes strongly in the benefits of daily physical activity and we are continually working to become a leader in physical education within Elk Island Public Schools. Every year we add resources to our equipment supply so that teachers have access to a broad range of games and sports.

We believe when children participate in daily physical activities, they not only increase their physical fitness and self-esteem, but they also learn about teamwork, self-discipline, and produce greater results in the classroom. Taking proper safety precautions during physical activity is of utmost importance.

Sport and physical activity related eye injuries are quite common, yet the number of children who use protective eyewear (safety glasses or goggles) is extremely low. We must consider the potential for eye injuries when children participate in daily physical activities and realize the potential damage a stray ball, puck, stick or bat can do if it strikes the eye. Alberta Learning's Physical Education Guidelines states that: *"Instruction related to eye protection is recommended for all sports. Special consideration should be given to eye protection for students with pre-existing impaired vision."*

Everyday fashion eyewear is not held to the same protective standards as products labeled as protective eyewear for sport use. The lens in a child's regular eyeglasses could easily pop out and puncture the eye. Lenses should be made from polycarbonate materials because they provide the highest level of impact protection that can withstand a ball or projectile travelling up to 144 km/hr. Protective goggles can fit over regular glasses but it is recommended that families visit a local sporting goods store to ensure proper fit.

Brentwood will provide a class set of protective eyewear that all children in the school will have access to during physical education classes, but there are no guarantees that they can be cleaned after each use. Elementary schools are commonplace for outbreaks of pink eye and lice; therefore, having individual eyewear would help prevent the spread of these conditions.

Thank you for your continued support for Brentwood's Health and Wellness initiatives and our goal of being proactive leaders in Elk Island Schools. Quality of programming in all areas, as well as the safety of your children, are always our first priorities. Please contact the school if you require further information.

## Taste Testers



Thank you to Lakeland who donated both a fruit and veggie every month for taste testing. Thanks for keeping us healthy.



## Brentwood Green Team

The Brentwood Green Team will be selling Smencils – wonderfully scented pencils made of recycled newspapers at lunch recesses from June 6 -10 – any profits earned will be donated to Tree Canada! Smencils will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5!

Smencils are healthy for the environment. In manufacturing Smencils, recycled newspapers, environmentally friendly fragrances, recycled plastic, and biodegradable erasers are utilized. The scents used to make Smencils are the same as those used to make soaps and candles, which are safe for reasonable personal use as tested by the manufacturers. By using recyclable plastic tubes, even our packaging is environmentally friendly.

## Brentwood in Motion - June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

On June 21<sup>st</sup> students will be participating in **Brentwood In Motion** as the culminating wellness activity for the year. This annual event is our biggest of the year and we require many volunteers. If you are available to help with set up and takedown or coordinating a station, we would greatly appreciate it. If you are able to volunteer your time on June 21<sup>st</sup> or have any questions, please email: [besc.info@gmail.com](mailto:besc.info@gmail.com).

## Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Brentwood Elementary will be closed and will reopen on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am. We will be accepting new registrations from August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm. If you have school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed you can contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School—the office will be open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2016–2017 school year.

### **EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)**

Open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Phone 780-464-3477  
Address 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

### **Statutory Holidays**

Closed Friday, July 1 Canada Day  
Closed Monday, August 1 Heritage Day

*NOTE:* Student Transportation will also remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.

## Tools for School in Elk Island Public Schools

Schools across Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) have once again partnered with the United Way for the 2015-2016 *Tools for School* campaign. Annually, *Tools for Schools* provides backpacks filled with school supplies to students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources.

If you are a parent, or know a parent, who needs access to the program please contact the school directly. We will respectfully distribute the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, feel free to pick up few extra supplies when you're out back-to-school shopping. Drop-off boxes will be located at various businesses in the community during the summer months. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into education in that community.

For more information about *Tools for School* at EIPS contact your principal, school secretary, or call our Central Office at 780-464-3477.

Support students and education in our communities—be part of the 2015-2016 *Tools for School* program in EIPS.

## **Logos Parent Council**

Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ Brentwood Elementary @ 7pm (Refreshments & Babysitting Provided)

## **Up Coming Activities**

- ❖ Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm - LOGOS
- ❖ Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – PAT LA Part B
- ❖ Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – PAT Math
- ❖ Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – PAT Science
- ❖ Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – PAT Social
- ❖ Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Brentwood In Motion
- ❖ Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Farewell
- ❖ Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Brentwood's Got Talent
- ❖ Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Last Operational Day – *Have a GREAT Summer!!!*

## **Notes from the Office**



We encourage everyone to utilize our website: <http://brentwoodelementary.ca/> for any questions you may have. We will try our best to have everything current including the calendar, forms, fees and contact information.

### **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



A Note from from the:

### Be Proactive with Exam Time Stress

Is it exam time? Are your children anxious or stressed about upcoming exams or with the pressure of school? Research shows a strong link between regular physical activity and improved mental health and academic performance. When we are active, our muscle cells get stronger in the heart, in our limbs and in our brains. Being physically active also increases blood flow to the brain, helping us to better understand and learn new concepts and ideas.

One of the best reasons to be physically active is that it is fun. Engaging in physical activity provides an opportunity to get away from the stresses and strains of everyday life. Whatever activities your child chooses – and whether they do it in a group or on their own, indoors or out – they are likely to benefit physically, socially, mentally and emotionally.

Regular physical activity can lift their mood, help them deal with negative emotions (such as frustration and anxiety) and bring a general sense of mental wellbeing. It can help them sleep better, reduce tension levels, feelings of stress or fatigue, and give them more energy. All of this can help when taking exams or dealing with the day-to-day stress of being a student.

Children (5-11 years) and youth (12-17 years) should accumulate at least **60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity** daily. *Moderate-intensity* physical activities will cause a child's heart to beat faster than normal; they will breathe more deeply while still being able to carry on a short conversation but not be able to sing (e.g., biking, playground activities). *Vigorous-intensity* physical activities will cause a child's muscles and heart to work harder and they will be unable to say more than a few words without pausing for a breath (e.g., running, swimming).



Tips for parents:

- The 60 minutes of daily recommended activity does not have to be all at once, but can be accumulated throughout the day.
- Encourage your children to walk, bike or skateboard to school or when visiting their friends. Encourage children to get off the bus or out of the car a few blocks from home or school so they can get some walking time.
- Encourage your family to get active together.
- After school and in the evening, encourage children and youth to connect with friends in person and be active instead of only communicating with them online.



## Busing and Transportation



**Student Transportation: 2016-2017 Registration is now open!**

<https://www.eips.ca/transportation>

If your child plans to use Student Transportation for the 2016–2017 school year, please make sure to register as soon as possible.

Families currently accessing transportation will soon receive tentative route schedules and invoices. Transportation fees are due by June 30, 2016.

If you have questions about registration, invoicing, or if your child isn't currently registered for bus service and you have plans to access transportation for the 2016-2017 school year, please contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca).

*NOTE:* Student Transportation is open in the summer, so if you have any questions about registration or invoicing please contact EIPS' Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or by using the online contact form at [www.eips.ca/contact](http://www.eips.ca/contact).



## **Little Elk Island Adventures: Registration**

Elk Island Public Schools is once again offering its Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for *first-time school bus riders*.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding, and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then adventure out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventures are for *first-time school bus riders* entering the 2016-2017 school year. Sessions and times are available in these locations:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
EIPS Central Office	August 23	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 23	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	September 2	10:30 a.m.
Fort Christian/Fort Elementary	August 25	6 p.m.

*EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park*

Fort Christian School is located at 9806 101 St., Fort Saskatchewan

**Space is limited and pre-registration is required.** To register for this year's Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <http://goo.gl/forms/cJIUleWobg>.

More information regarding busing for Kindergarten students can be found at:

[www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq)



**EIPS News**

## **EIPS 2016-2017 Division Calendar Now Available**

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees has approved the division calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

<http://www.eips.ca/>

## **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:

[www.rosshavenbiblecamp.com](http://www.rosshavenbiblecamp.com)

## **LITTLE MINION EVENTS PRESENTS: TOUCH A TRUCK**



**Bring out your kids big and small for a day of fun!**

JOIN US on June 12th 10am-2pm

\$20/Family \$5/Person Kids 1 year and younger are FREE!

for an interactive activity for all ages! A chance to explore the vehicles and meet the amazing people that operate them.

BBQ's, Balloon Art, Face Painting and SO MUCH MORE!!

June 12th, 2016 at the CN Station in Legacy Park!

Tow Trucks, Fire Trucks, Ambulances, Police Cars, Garbage Trucks! AND SO MUCH MORE

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# CONTINUING EDUCATION

Choose from a variety of summer camps that are fun and interesting and are sure to convert a summer of boredom into an engaging, active season your child won't want to end!

## Summer Camps



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Make a Video Game

Golf Lessons  
Summer Slammers Basketball  
Summer Spikers Volleyball  
Sherwood Park Volleyball

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