



2016 at



Administrators' Message

Fall has arrived with its cold winds and cooler temperatures. It was a busy month as we settled into routines and began another year. We had a successful Terry Fox Run and our grade sixes had a great time at camp. We also had our first assembly on Oct. 5th and it was a wonderful celebration of the many fine things we are doing as a school.

On behalf of the staff, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving! Enjoy the extra days!

Christine and Paul

Bouquets



Thank you to all the parent volunteers who attended camp.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out at the Terry Fox Run.



Thank you to Parent Council for agreeing to continue the Milk Program, we look forward to it starting soon!

Pay school fees easily using PowerSchool

To access your fee information, simply login to your Parent Portal account (<https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html>) and click the green dollar sign symbol. Once logged in you will be able to view fees and have the ability to pay online using Visa, MasterCard, or INTERAC Online (if available from your financial institution).

Keep and mind, school fees may change. School fees may also be added to your child's account throughout the year for various school activities including field trips, class projects, athletic team fees, and more—so be sure to login to your account regularly in case new fees are added.

For more information about school fees and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/fees.

If you have additional questions regarding your child's fees, or if you are new to the school and need assistance, please contact **Kim Webster at 780-467-5591**.



Attitude of Gratitude

This Thanksgiving we are challenging staff and students to have an "Attitude of Gratitude"! Many times we take for granted simple things we have and the beauty that surrounds us. Brentwood School will continue the tradition of collecting nonperishable food items for the Strathcona Food Bank during the Thanksgiving season. Tables will be set up just inside the front doors for students to place donated food items on. Students can bring in donations from Oct. 5 - 21. Let's show our Bobcat Spirit and help families in need!

A smile from a friend, a sunny day, food to eat and clothes to wear, the bright autumn leaves falling to the ground, your favourite song playing on the radio. By demonstrating an Attitude of Gratitude we appreciate all the wonderful things in our lives, no matter how small. During this time of year we are reminded that there are many people in our community and school that need our help.



Taste Testers Are Back!

Thank you to our community partner Sobeys for bringing this great opportunity back to Brentwood School. Every month your child will have the opportunity to try a new fruit and vegetable. Increasing a child's exposure to a fruit or vegetable is an important step in increasing the likelihood that a child will like that food. This month we tried **Spaghetti Squash** and **Blackberries**. The links on the school website will provide you with more information on the nutritional value of these foods and some great preparation and recipe ideas. Thank you to our Parent Council and volunteers for your support on this project and for prepping the food!



Parent Council

Thursday, October 20th @ 6:30pm in library.



LOGOS Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th @ Sherwood Heights in the library.

Notes from Central

Head Lice

REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!

As many of you are aware, head lice are tiny, greyish brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp. Anyone can get lice and they are commonly detected on school-aged children—itching is the main complaint. As such, head lice can appear in school communities at any time.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the handling of it is a shared responsibility between the parent/guardian, school and community. To prevent the spread of head lice, we strongly encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. We also ask you to check your child's hair weekly for any signs of head lice or nits. If your child has head lice, notify the school, treat the lice using both a treatment solution and lice comb and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone. The school will support you by working discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit www.eips.ca/parents/health-safety-information/head-lice. Alternatively, you can contact the school at **780-467-5591**

Literacy and Learning Day

The 14th annual Literacy and Learning Day Conference takes place on Oct. 22, 2016 at the Edmonton Expo Centre. The event is a fun-filled day for both parents and teachers, and includes various free workshops and keynote speakers. Participants are guaranteed to walk away with new strategies, tools and resources to support children as they grow and learn. The conference is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, or to register, visit www.literacyday.ca.

No Child Without: Free Medic Alert for students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Brentwood Elementary School** is once again participating in the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides children—between the ages four of 14—who have chronic health conditions with Medic Alert services, at no cost. 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 would benefit from Medic

Alert services, please contact the school office at **780-467-5591**. To learn more about the No Child Without program visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

School Bus Safety Week: October 17–21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 17–21. The theme: Know the Zone, which is all about teaching children the danger areas surrounding the bus. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans, and bus-evacuations drills.

In addition, the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) is holding a provincial [poster contest](#) for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Each winner—one from each grade level—whose posters best illustrates the theme, Know the Zone, will receive a \$25 gift card, a framed original of their poster, an engraved plaque and \$100 for their classroom. **Brentwood Elementary** is excited to have our students participating in the contest again this year.

As part of School Bus Safety week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/student-tran or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

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.

Other

*Have you completed your correction forms?

*Have you submitted the most current medical information?

*Have you paid your school fees?

Thank you in advance for your assistance! Kim & Tracy ☺



Lost and Found

It is only early October and our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please check the bins in the hallway for coats, pants, water-bottles etc. We have a bin in the office which has IPods, cell phones, glasses and many sets of keys!



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