



2016 at



Administrators' Message

The beginning of December signals the start of a busy season filled with preparation for the holiday season. This year our break falls very close to Christmas so we have many activities to keep the students busy during the month. We hope you will be able to join us at our Family Winter Festival, the Events Committee has planned many fun activities that all members of the family can participate in. This year our annual ski trip will include all students in grades one to six. Please mark your calendars and if you can volunteer for the trip join us. We have booked Rabbit Hill for December 22 and they have guaranteed that we will be the only school on the hill that day.

On behalf of the staff at Brentwood we wish you a happy holiday season. Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

Christine and Paul

Bouquets



Thank you to all the parents who came out to interviews.



Thank you to all the students who volunteered to babysit, man the computers at the survey stations, and help out at the Book Fair--your leadership is appreciated.



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Thank you to the Events Committee for all their work planning the Family Winter Festival.

Dates in December

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| December 8 | - Field Trip Kindergarten/Muttart Conservatory |
| December 15 | - Hot Lunch |
| December 16 | - Snack Shack & Grade One Craft Day |
| December 19-21 | - Christmas Challenge (Teachers vs Grade 4, 5 & 6 students) |
| December 20 | - Chapel & Winter Celebration |
| December 22 | - Ski Trip - Rabbit Hill & Kindergarten Concert |
| December 23 | - Winter Break begins |
| January 9 | - School Begins following winter break |



Toque & Mitten Tree

This holiday season, we are setting up a 'Giving Tree' in our school. We will be accepting donations of new or gently used mittens, toques, and scarves to decorate our holiday trees. Donations can be brought in from December 1-16th and can be placed in the decorated boxes by the trees. All donations will be donated to the Bissell Centre to help those in need stay warm this winter.

Family Winter Celebration



On December 20th from 6:00 – 7:30pm, Brentwood School will host a Family Winter Celebration! There will be a variety of activities that families can choose to participate in both inside and outside of the school. Families can pick up their Winter Celebration passport that evening by the front doors of the school. Passports will list the different activities and activity locations that families can participate in together. While most activities will be focused on winter fun, we will also be offering some Christmas themed activities. We ask that families stay together as they move through the different stations. We hope all families will come out and join us for some winter fun! ****Please note that all students must be accompanied by an adult for the evening****

We are asking for donations for some of our stations. Some items we are in need of are:

- sprinkles for cookies
- styrofoam cups
- napkins
- hot chocolate
- plastic spoons and knives
- cotton balls
- stickers and foil decorations for crafts

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 Thursday, December 22nd. 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 **Friday, December 16, 2016. The ski trip fees must be **paid in full via PowerSchool** in order to participate.**

Thank you for your support of this activity.

Cold Weather and Indoor Recess



Students will be outside unless it is approximately -25 degrees Celsius or colder, taking into account the wind chill. During cold winter days, please make sure students are dressed appropriately with hats,

EIPS News

Boundary Exemption Request Process

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The Boundary Exemption Request Form—available as of Jan. 9, 2017—and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries.

NOTE: Students already accepted into a non-designated school don't need to reapply. Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's almost time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship. If you're planning to register for Kindergarten at SouthPointe School, the new school in Fort Saskatchewan opening in the 2017–2018 school year, you can submit a registration form to any elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan. The school will make sure your registration package is delivered to the principal at SouthPointe School.

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 www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding **Brentwood Elementary's** Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at <http://brentwoodelementary.ca/programs/kindergarten>

NOTE: To be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years old on, or before, Dec. 31, 2017.

Attendance Boundaries: New School in Sherwood Park

Thank you to all the parents, students, staff and community members who took the time to complete the online survey concerning the first phase of the boundary-update process for northeast Sherwood Park. The Division is currently reviewing the information collected to help inform its process as it develops attendance-boundary options for the new school in Davidson Creek and surrounding area. In the New Year, the Division will again ask for your feedback regarding the proposed boundary options. Stay tuned to www.eips.ca for updates.

Share your Thoughts: Report card survey

Elk Island Public Schools is asking all of our families to complete a brief survey regarding the new CSL elementary report cards currently being piloted at our school. The Division wants to fully understand:

- how well the achievement-level categories are defined in the report card
- if users find the digital report card easy to access and navigate
- what aspects of the report card users like
- what aspects of the report card can be improved

Please take a moment to complete the five-minute survey. Your feedback will help the Division as it moves forward with the implementation of the new CLS elementary report card. **The survey closes Jan. 8, 2016.**

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW: <https://docs.google.com/a/eips.ca/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxLVduf-HEgpUWC3Sfk1I5Dc--9AVngDQmXOFEWrQKJnmnew/viewform>

Winter Break

Brentwood Elementary will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 23, 2016 and will reopen on Jan. 9, 2017.

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Office will be open January 3-6. If you have any school-related questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Central Office during the below office hours.

EIPS Central Office Winter Break Hours

Closed December 26 to January 2
Open January 3-6 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

With 2016 now winding down and the winter break just around the corner, I want to take this time to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families. On behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees, we hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful holiday season with happiness that follows you throughout the New Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 9, 2016.

Thank you and best wishes,

Trina Boymook
EIPS Board Chair

Pay school fees easily using PowerSchool

Reminders to pay School Fees have been mailed out. 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 in 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**.

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