



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that May has arrived and that we have less than two months left in the school year. This is always a busy time at the school as we are finishing up with course content, planning year end activities and field trips as well as planning for the coming school year.

We have many upcoming events that we want to ensure that our families are aware of. First of all our grade 2 and 4 classes will be participating in swimming lessons this month. Families have been provided with information regarding the dates and times that these students will be swimming. Thank you to our families for quickly returning their paperwork to ensure that these events can take place. Our grade 3 to 5 students have been involved in track and field tryouts and running practices during recess and lunch breaks for the past few weeks. Those students who qualify to move on will be involved in the City Track Meet which will take place on May 26th at ÉCCHS. Our running club has also been practicing and preparing for the Viking Run today in Camrose. We wish all of our students good luck as they participate in these competitions.

Next week all of our classes will be involved in the Eat the Rainbow competition. Each day students will be challenged to eat a fruit or vegetable with a certain color of the rainbow. For each fruit or vegetable of that color that they have in their lunch, they will have their punch card punched. The three classes with the highest number of punches at the end of the week will receive individual veggie trays for a snack and all participants will receive a frozen fruit bar. Thank you to Mrs. Barclay for organizing this event for our students and for her class for producing a video to help promote the activity. We are very fortunate to have nutrition grant funds that made our prizes and participation snacks available to us.

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting Success Starts Early sessions for all of our students who are registered to start Kindergarten in the fall. This will take place on May 17th from 1 to 5 pm in our school gym. Many members of BRSD's Learning Team and our staff will be on hand to meet with families and answer questions regarding this program for the fall. If you have already registered to attend Kindergarten at our school, you will be notified with a time to attend this session. Please see the BRSD website if you have not registered your child as you still have time to do so and join us for this information session.

Over the next week, Mrs. Glidden and I will be meeting with Human Resources to finalize our staffing for the coming school year. We are expecting to have staffing assignments in place in the next few weeks. As we plan for the coming school year, teachers are preparing students for a successful transition either between grades, or for our grade five students, to a new school. Plans for year end celebrations for our students, including our grade five farewell, are also underway. More details will be available in the coming weeks. In addition we are pleased to let families know that they are now able to order their 2021-2022 [yearbook](#). Please be sure to preorder your book to ensure that you receive one.

We hope that all of our students, staff and their families have a relaxing long weekend. Hopefully our weather will improve by then and everyone will have a chance to enjoy some outside family activities. We are looking forward to a successful end of the school year for everyone.

Library News

Our students recently had the opportunity to participate in the Camrose Public Library spring reading challenge for the month of April. Congratulations to Harper for winning the bag of goodies from the library.



The last day for students to take books out of the library is June 10. All library books are due back by June 17. Thank you.



Remember to bring a water bottle to school every day!

Important Dates

- May 13 - Professional Learning, no school for students
- May 15 - Last Day to Order for May 20 Hot Lunch
- May 16-20 Eat The Rainbow
- May 16-19 - Swimming for 2M & 4H
- May 17 - Success Starts Early Kindergarten Orientation 1-5 PM Contact Us to Book a Time
- May 20, 24-26 - Swimming for 2R, 2B, 2L & 4M
- May 23 - Victoria Day, no school for students
- May 27 - Staff Collaboration, no school for students
- June 1 - Bus Applications Open <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/transportation/registration>
- June 2 - Early Dismissal 2:15
- June 3 - P.D. no school for students
- June 10 - Sports Day
- June 24 - Grade 5 Farewell
- June 28 - Last day for students
- Kindergarten /Maternelle Friday's
- May 20- Monday/Wednesday Class
- June 10—Monday/Wednesday class
- June 22—Monday Wednesday Last Day of school
- June 23—Tuesday/Thursday last day of school

To begin the kindergarten registration process fill in the a short form "Kindergarten 2022/23 Expression of Interest" at <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/learning/pre-k-and-kindergarten>



Success Starts Early

Sign up now for
KINDERGARTEN

Full-time Kindergarten options available.
Please check our website [brsd.ab.ca](https://www.brsd.ab.ca) for details.





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ROAR Winners from March





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ROAR Winners from
April



SUCCESS STARTS EARLY!



Plan to be part of a *Success Starts Early* Kindergarten Event at your school

Everyone starting Kindergarten this fall is invited to attend a get-to-know-you event. Please confirm the exact time with your school! Events are happening:

May 10 Round Hill School
May 12 Sparling School, Camrose
May 17 Sifton School, Camrose
May 18 Bawlf School
May 19 Killam Public School
May 24 Ryley School
May 25 Forestburg School

May 26 Jack Stuart School, Camrose
May 31 Daysland School
June 1 Bashaw School
June 6 CW Sears School, Tofield
June 14 Viking School
June 16 Chester Ronning School, Camrose
June 23 New Norway School

Every child will receive a welcome gift. Plus, you can meet the teachers, tour the school, take part in fun activities in the gym, get info about learning supports that can be provided to meet student needs and even win a prize!





Battle River School Division
Every Student, Every Day, A Success

Do you enjoy driving? Do you enjoy working with children? Are you looking for a part-time job that will give you free time during the day? We require quality people to transport Battle River School Division students.

Join the

Battle River School Division Team Today!

No class 1 or class 2? No problem!

Battle River School Division will pay for successful applicants to take the MELT program and obtain their class 2-S in order to be road worthy.

Driving school bus is rewarding and makes a positive impact on a child's life. Be the one they rely on to transport them to school and home again safely.

Qualifications

- Clean driver's abstract
- Criminal record check
- Intervention record check

Benefits

Bring your children along for the ride
Summer and Holidays off

Apply today at www.brsd.ab.ca

Not sure if driving bus is right for you?

If you'd like more details please contact Corey Halabi, Director of Transportation at 780-672-6131 ext. 5245.



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ÉCKS OPEN HOUSE

May 19, 2022

5:30 - 7:00

For students new to ÉCKS for the 2022-2023 school year!

- Meet some of the staff
- Tour the school
- Find out about School Council
- Learn about some of our programs

International students want to join us in Battle River

Will you help welcome them?



Battle River School Division believes that promoting and fostering global citizenship is an important component of a well-rounded education.

Welcoming students from other countries is a great way to bring diversity and a rich experience to students in our schools. Each year, students from multiple countries apply to be part of our program.

With more international students expressing interest, we are seeking more caring families to welcome these students into their homes.

Host families:

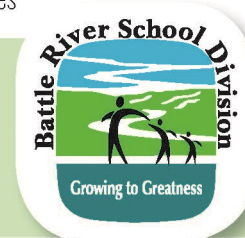
- Grow their understanding of the world and its peoples
- Make lifelong friendships
- Get to share the beauty of their home and community with others
- Ensure the local economy benefits from the booming international education industry
- Receive a generous allowance to offset expenses

Please contact Gail Rombough, Relationship Manager to talk about hosting a student in your home next school year.

Phone 780-781-0615 Email homestay@brsd.ab.ca

Visit our website for information

<https://www.brsd.ab.ca/learning/international-students/about-brsd>





Benefits of serving others

Serving others can help children feel good about themselves, believing they can make a difference in the world.

When children start to reach out and help others, their world grows and so does their confidence.

Conversation starters with kids

- What gets you excited about doing things for others?
- How does it make you feel when you help in your family, school or neighbourhood?
- How can we make a difference in the world? How can we as a family begin?

Serving as a family

You don't need to do a large project to make a difference. Here are 5 simple tips to get started:

1. Visit residents at a nursing home.
2. Take a dog for a walk.
3. Organize a yard sale for charity.
4. Visit or call someone who can't leave home.
5. Cat-sit. House-sit. Child-sit. Plant-sit.

The value of giving back

The best way to teach young people the value of helping others is to be a role model.

Activities such as providing a meal to a new parent, driving a neighbour to an appointment, or welcoming a newcomer can make a huge difference in someone's life.

MORE RESOURCES

www.doinggoodtogether.org
www.search-institute.org

Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



 MyHealth Alberta.ca

Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642

 **811 Health Link**
Health Public 24/7

 **Alberta Health Services**

More scenes from our skating field trips in March.





Frequently Asked Questions – BRSD Transportation

Q: My child actively rode a bus from a rural property to/from school during the 2021/22 school year. Do I need to reapply?

- Students who will be actively riding a rural bus to/from school in June 2022 do not need to reapply for busing, IF rural address **AND** your school remains the same.
- If your child will **NOT** be actively riding the bus in June 2022, you will need to reapply for busing. Please apply online through our website.

Q: My child's school will be changing due to going to high school or moving. Do I need to re-apply for busing if they were already on a bus?

- YES, anytime you change schools or move, you must reapply for busing.

Q: I met a bus on route so my child could attend a school of choice. Do I need to reapply?

- YES, Cross Boundary busing needs to be reapplied for each new school year. You must contact transportation through email at transportation@brsd.ab.ca to apply. Cross boundary busing cannot be guaranteed. Transportation will notify families as soon as route capacities have been determined. (Late August)

Q: My child lives in the City of Camrose and rides a bus to/from school. Do I need to reapply for a new bus pass?

- YES, **ALL** City of Camrose students (BRSD & EICS) must reapply for busing each school year. BRSD & EICS students can apply online through the BRSD website.
- Eligible students (those living 2.4 KM or further away from their designated school) will be served first.
- Ineligible students (those living closer than 2.4 KM) will be served next on a first come, first served basis, dependant on seat availability. An ineligible fee will apply. Ineligible passes could be revoked if an eligible student requires the seat during the school year.
- Any student who requires a second bus pass will also need to pay the ineligible busing fee, regardless of eligibility.
- Bus passes will be delivered to your child's school and you will receive an email verifying ridership and busing details in late August.

Application Deadline

Online applications open **June 1st, 2022** at 8:00 AM
& must be received **no later than August 12th, 2022.**

Applications received after August 12th may not be processed until after school starts.

Bus fees from previous years must be paid in full prior to your application being considered.

Elk Island Catholic Students should apply through the BRSD website

Late French Immersion at ÉCKS

What is Late Immersion?

In Late Immersion, you'll learn to speak, read, write and understand French. This means that you'll be able to have conversations in French and travel around the world and be able to communicate with

There are lots of words that mean and sound the same in French and English. Some are even spelled exactly the same!

The French language has the second-highest number of words after English... (and you probably recognise a few of them!)

apéritif, pamplemousse, baguette, salut!, déjà vu, sabotage, champagne, bon voyage, Château, adieu, à la carte, femme fatale, poipourri



You'll learn the language by having all your courses in French (except for ELA!). You'll be in a small class with other Late French Immersion students, but you get the same chances to take part in our Options courses.



Learning French opens up opportunities for your future! Knowing French can help you get into university, and may help you get a job when you are older.

Knowing French also makes it easier to learn other languages like Spanish and Italian!





Late French Immersion at ÉCKS

Parent and Student Information Package

What is Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion is a proven program designed for students who want to learn to speak, read and write French to a high degree, but who did not begin the program in Kindergarten or Grade 1. In BRSD, students who take Late French Immersion begin learning French in Grade 6.

Who should take Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion is designed for students:

- Whose first language is not French
 - Parents do not need to speak French for students to join Late French Immersion
 - For over 90% of students currently in French Immersion, neither parent speaks French.
- Who want to develop the ability to speak, read, write and understand French to a high degree.
- Who have good work habits, who are motivated to learn and who want to be successful
- Who want to be in a small class. Our current Late French Immersion class has 15 students

What are the benefits to learning French?

French is the second official language of Canada. Students who take Late French Immersion will develop enhanced study, communication and listening skills. Students who understand a second language have increased educational and employment opportunities after graduating. Students will also have better access to other cultures through study and travel.

Quality Instruction

Our teacher, Mme Aaron Cammack ensures that all students receive a quality education while also developing their language skills. Mme Cammack creates a positive classroom environment where students are comfortable taking the risks necessary to learn a second language.



BRSD First Ride Program



First Ride Program - A Program for First Time Bus Riders

Battle River School Division is pleased to welcome your child to the experience of riding the school bus. As we want this to be a happy and rewarding time for both you and your child, we invite you to take part in the informative "First Ride Program," a school bus safety program for first time bus riders.

This FREE program for students is provided to educate parents and children on how to ride the school bus safely. It is typically for children in Kindergarten however, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will accept any school aged children. This program is open to all students who attend or will be attending any school in Battle River or Elk Island Catholic School Divisions.

What Can You Expect

The format for the "First Ride Program" will be as follows:

1. Program starts promptly at **6:30 P.M.**

2. Topics covered in the presentation include:

- Bus Driver responsibility
- Parent responsibility
- Student responsibility
- School Board responsibility
- School bus facts and information
- Safety rules on and around the school bus

3. Go for a short bus ride to review safe loading, unloading and bus riding procedures.

"First Ride" is a positive learning experience for you and your child. This program gives parents and students a basic understanding of safety, rules, and procedures on the school bus. We hope you will be able to take part in the "First Ride Program".

2022-2023 First Ride Date

- **Thursday August 25, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.**
- **Location: Chester Ronning School (6206—43 AVE, Camrose, AB)**

The program will run approximately 1.5 hours.

To Register

To register please email transportation@brsd.ab.ca no later than **July 15, 2022**

In your email, please include:

1. Your child's full name and the grade they will be entering in September 2022.
2. School they will be attending.
3. The number of adults attending (Please do not bring siblings, due to limited space)
4. Parent/Guardian's names and contact information (Emails and Phone Numbers)



For more information:
Contact Transportation
780-672-6131 ext.5279



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