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## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are sending out the last newsletter of the school year. Although we have faced many challenges with the pandemic this year, it has been great to be able to resume some of our usual activities this spring including field trips, sporting events and our school Sports Day. It has been a very successful and memorable year.

This last full week of classes has been a busy one as students are completing their course work, we plan and participate in many year end activities. Our Pre K and ECS classes have their last day of classes this week and all our other classes have their last day next Tuesday, June 28th. Thank you to our School Council who provided a pizza lunch for all of our classes last week. The students and staff enjoyed this treat, it was greatly appreciated. Our grade five farewell celebration will take place on Friday, June 24th. Students will enjoy lunch from East Side Marios and their goodbye video prepared by Mrs. Barclay. Report cards will go home with students on their last day of classes. Report card comments and marks are also available to view on PowerSchool for instructions and portal access go to <https://sifton.brsd.ab.ca/families/powerschool-parent-portal-instructions>. Report cards not sent home on that day will be mailed to families.

We always have mixed feelings as we approach the end of a school year. Although we are excited for the holidays, we are sad to say goodbye to staff and students who will not be back in the fall. First of all I am sad to announce that Monsieur Zoukekang will not be returning to our school next year. He and his family are planning a move to Eastern Canada. We would like to thank Monsieur for all his contributions to our school and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. We would also like to say goodbye to Amanda Remesoff who will not be returning to her position as Program Lead in our Pre K program. Ms. Remesoff is taking an opportunity to pursue work in another career. We are so thankful for all her contributions to our Pre K program and we know she will have great success in her new career. Although we are sad that Mrs. Trautman and Madame Urkow will not be back in the fall, we are excited that they will be returning to our staff the following year. Both of them will be away for a year on leaves. From all of the staff at École Sifton School, we want to thank our staff that won't be returning in September. It was a pleasure having you as a part of our school community and we wish you all the best. To our grade five students, and any other students leaving École Sifton School this year, we wish you all the best at your new school in the fall. We hope you always look back with fond memories of your time here. We hope that you all stop by in the future and keep us updated on what you have done since leaving our school.

We are pleased to welcome Madame Moore to our staff and to welcome back Madame Kendall. Mme Moore will be teaching one of our grade three French Immersion classes and Mme Kendall will be teaching our Maternelle classes while Mme Urkow is away. I am also excited to announce that Madame Ballhorn will be returning to our staff in September. She will be teaching the other grade 3 French Immersion class. We are pleased to have our teaching staff in place before we leave in June and that we have three great new additions to our staff.

If you have been by the school lately you will have noticed a new addition to our playground. Thank you to our school council for purchasing our new Gaga pit. A special thank you to Ben Shank who purchased materials, assembled and installed the pit for us. His help on this project was greatly appreciated. Our students love it and are so appreciative that our students had the opportunity to use it this spring before school let out!!

As we finalize our plans for the coming school year, we are pleased to have our homeroom assignments set for the fall. Please see information later in this newsletter regarding homeroom teachers for the 2022-23 school year. Students will be going to visit their homeroom teacher and classroom on the last day of classes.

We did it!!! Once again we faced a year of uncertainty and we appreciate all of the support that we received from our school community. It has been a very challenging year but also a very rewarding one. We wish all of our students, staff and their families a wonderful relaxing and rejuvenating summer break. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.



## Homeroom Teachers

Maternelle - Mme Kendall

Kindergarten - Mrs. Broekhuizen

Gr 1 ENG - Mrs. Kelly

Gr 1 FIM - Mme Lowe

Gr 1 FIM B - Mme Bird

Gr 2 ENG - Mrs. Myck

Gr 2 FIM - Mme Rostad

Gr 3 ENG - Mr. Elashuk

Gr 3 FIM - Mme Moore

Gr 3 FIM B - Mme Ballhorn

Gr 4 ENG - Mr. Heidt

Gr 4 FIM - Mme Maisonneuve

Gr 5 ENG - Mrs. Barclay

Gr 5 FIM - Mme Jutai

## Important Dates

June 1 - Bus Applications Open <https://www.brsd.ab.ca/families/transportation/registration>

June 24 - Grade 5 Farewell (For Students & Staff)

June 28 - Last day for students

Sept 6 - First Day for Students! Welcome back

Sept 7 - Apple Fundraiser Orders Due Online

## Kindergarten /Maternelle

June 22—Monday Wednesday Last Day of school

June 23—Tuesday/Thursday last day of school



M. Zoukekang's class releasing butterflies

Remember to bring a water bottle to school every day!



To begin the kindergarten and PreK registration process fill in the short form "Kindergarten 2022/23 Expression of Interest" form 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.





## Library Learning Commons News

All library books are due back to the school.



Over the summer months Mrs. Grant will be running a Summer Reading Challenge for all students who wish to participate. Students will receive the reading challenge sheet in June, and will return their completed forms to Mrs. Grant in the first week back in September.



Our School's subscription to [Tumblebooks](#) is active over the summer months. Students can access Tumblebooks through the website or app and use the school username and password to gain access to ebooks in French, English & Spanish!



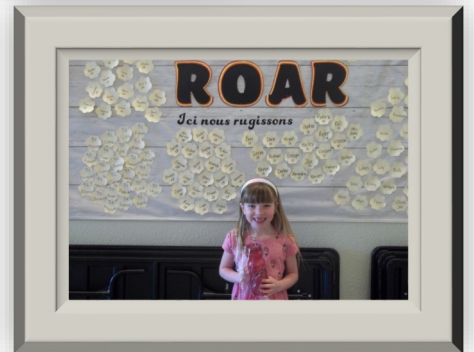
Battle River School Division has a subscription to Sora the online reading app. All students who have a BRSD account have access to this subscription. You can access it by website or app from the app store. Students use their BRSD email and login information to access the ebooks and audio books available. This program is available for all k-12 students and staff. go to [Sora App](#) to get started. Select Battle River School Division as your school to sign in with.



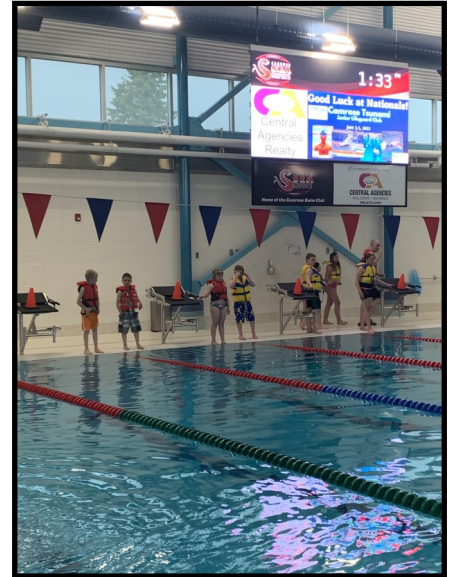


**R**espect  
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**R**esponsibility

ROAR Winners from  
June







# Grade 2 & 4 Swimming Lessons





# Class 5J Wetlands Field Trip







**Grade 1 Muttart  
Conservatory Field  
Trip**





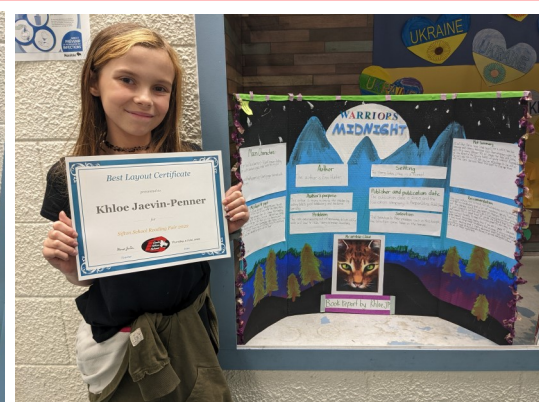
# Year End ROAR Prize Winners



# Sports Days 2022







Grade 5J Reading Fair. Congratulations to all students who participated the time and effort that went in to each of your projects was evident!

# 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:

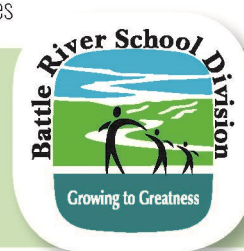
- Grow their understanding of the world and its peoples
- Make lifelong friendships
- Get to share the beauty of their home and community with others
- Ensure the local economy benefits from the booming international education industry
- Receive a generous allowance to offset expenses

**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](mailto:homestay@brsd.ab.ca)

**Visit our website for information**

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





# 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](mailto: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





## **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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** at 8:00 AM  
& must be received **no later than August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Applications received after August 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

# Getting started with Sora



With Sora, you can get free ebooks and audiobooks from your school.

1

Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to [soraapp.com](https://soraapp.com).

2

In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

3

Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

4

Close the book and go to your **Shelf** to see all your books (including assignments). From there, you can:

- Tap **Open Book** or **Open Audiobook** to read or listen to the book.
- Tap **Options** to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

## We asked and you answered!



More than 240 people responded to our recent surveys asking about Literacy and Numeracy programs within Battle River School Division. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.



### *Here's what you told us about Literacy:*

- 95% of respondents feel teachers are providing high quality Literacy instruction.
- Respondents appreciate the large literacy focus in BRSD schools. They also appreciate the opportunities students receive for individual support through intervention time and phonics; one on one or small group instruction and speech therapy if needed.
- You also said you'd like schools to provide more. More writing, more small group / one on one time, more intervention, more support for home, more resources, more fun and more challenge for those doing well.

### *This is some of what BRSD will be doing next year, based on your input:*

- All K-3 schools have been provided resources to support teachers in developing foundational literacy skills, plus K-9 teachers will work elbow-to-elbow with our Literacy staff to build skills in small group instruction and creating challenging activities.
- Using writing benchmark assessment to support teachers in planning their writing programs for students.
- Implementing a reading intervention pilot program in 8 schools, as well as working with schools to develop flexible timetables that allow for additional intervention time and supports.
- A monthly newsletter supporting literacy at home will be shared with families.

### *Here's what you said has been going well with Numeracy:*

- Building confidence, by helping students have a positive attitude and view themselves as 'good at math';
- Learning fundamental concepts and basic math skills, sometimes using 'the old
- Respondents appreciate working come home, and also having access to Power School, in order to see students' progress.



### *Here's what you would like to see more of, related to Numeracy:*

- More emphasis on 'the basics' and more help for those who need it.
- More regular updates to parents from the school, along with ideas and resources to support them at home.
- More challenge and advanced courses for those who are doing well.

### *This is some of what BRSD will be doing next year, based on your input:*

- Providing teachers with training on the new Math curriculum and strategies for teaching the basics.
- Schools will be expected to share resources, ideas and communicate with parents, to support their children at home.
- Using Locally Developed Courses, resources and adjusted school timetables to provide opportunities for students who need more challenge in not only Math, but all curriculum areas.

***Thank You for your feedback.***

***Your input helps BRSD serve students better!***





## 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.



# 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!



# 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](http://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.



## École Sifton School Apple Fundraiser

with apples from Davison Orchards



Picked by hand, packed by hand & delivered fresh from our farm!

This is no ordinary fundraiser! Support your community and enjoy premium BC apples, delivered right to you! This is a healthy option to support a great cause!

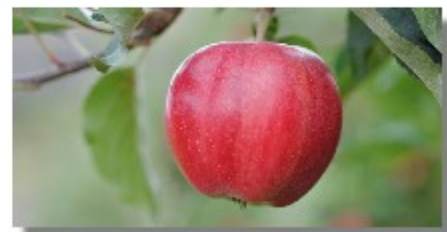
Order Deadline: September 7th, Midnight  
Pick-up Date: September 20th & 21st 3-5pm

Royal Gala \$31 | Okanagan Blend \$31 | Davison Honeycrisp \$37 | Bartlett Pears \$34

All apples are hand packed into a 15lb box



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in Vernon B.C.



Davison Orchards is a family farm and the Okanagan's favourite family destination. Specializing in apples, their farm is nestled in the hills of the beautiful Okanagan valley. The Davisons offer fresh & high quality fruit and vegetables in a safe & sustainable way.



