



# Breton Elementary Newsletter

January 2018



## Happy New Year from BES!

It's back to school at Breton Elementary! We hope families had a great opportunity to rest and relax and spend time together over the break, but now it is time to begin a new year, and to continue the great learning at Breton Elementary!

January is a time of **new beginnings and goal setting**, and so our students will either be beginning to **set personal and academic goals for the next term**, or continuing to do so. We will be asking students to think of something they would like to achieve, personally and academically, and then helping them to **set and track their progress** towards their goal. Be sure to ask your child what they want to achieve during the next term, and find ways to support their efforts!

We are continuing some excellent **Health and Wellness programs** here at the school to help students have healthy bodies as well as minds. **Laura Davies** continues to offer a **weekly yoga** drop-in sessions Monday and Tuesday mornings at first recess so kids have an opportunity to relax, stretch and rid themselves of stress. Our grade 6 students will be hosting **morning activities in the gym** for Grades 1-4 starting next week, allowing extra fun and movement time for students. And Mr. D and Mr. Johnson are mentoring the Intramurals Leaders in running **Intramurals in the gym** a couple afternoons a week so that the older kids can also get some extra exercise and play time.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 First Day of School	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Subway Day	20
21	22	23 Hot Dog Sale	24	25 Pyjama Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Upcoming Events at Breton Elementary



- January 8: Back to School!
- January 19: Subway Day
- January 23: First Hot Dog Sale (hopefully!)
- January 25: Pyjama Day
- January 30: Hot Dog Sale

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News



We will be having our meeting later in month, near the end of January, and it will serve as our January/February meeting.

The **next PAC Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 pm** in the Grade 6 room.

## Hot Lunch News

At this point we have a Subway Day coming up on January 19, and the grade 6 class is hoping to organize their first hot dog sale for January 23. Grade 6 hopes to be able to run two sales per month, every second Tuesday. Check our Facebook page for further updates on hot lunch dates, etc.

## Christmas Concert a Huge Success!

This year's Christmas concert was again a success - family and friends came out in droves to watch our students perform their Christmas plays and songs. In fact, it was once again standing room only!

Our raffles and 50/50 were very successful and helped raise much needed funds for PAC and school programs.

**Thank you** to everyone who attended our concert and helped support our students and school programs, and to the PAC volunteers for getting raffle items and 50/50 set up! **We appreciate all that you do for us!**



## Upcoming Field Trips

Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 get to enjoy some special field trips in the month of February.

On **Thursday, February 1** grades **4, 5 and 6** get to go to **Rabbit Hill** for a ski trip. This is the first time that grade 4 will be joining the 5's and 6's and it is sure to be an awesome day! Students will be riding either the BHS mini bus, or be on a full sized school bus. They will be leaving the school at around 9:00 and be returning in time to take buses home.

**Forms for the ski trip will be going home later this week.**

On **Tuesday, February 27** grade 5 and 6 classes get to go to the new Roger's Place in Edmonton to attend the annual "**Hockey Hooky**" event. Students will be leaving the school around 9:00 , but will **not return home in time for buses**. They should be back around 4:00

**Hockey Hooky** forms were sent home before Christmas and need to be returned ASAP.

\*\*Homeroom teachers will be contacting parents about supervising, etc.



## Grade 6 Fundraising Begins with Hot Dog Sales!

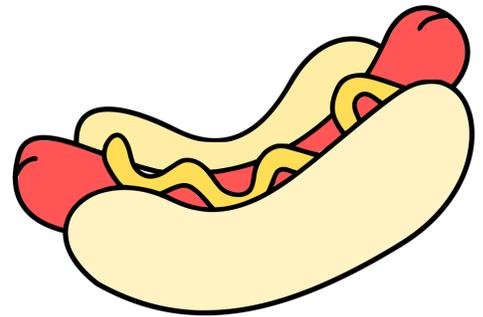
Earlier in the year our Grade 6 class decided they wanted to leave a legacy at BES by fundraising to purchase and install some new/more basketball nets on the playground.

We are going to **begin raising funds by bringing back hot dog sales twice a month**. We will hold them every second Tuesday, **beginning on Tuesday, January 23**. Hot dogs will once again be **\$2.00**.

\*\*In order to run these hot dog sales, **we will need some parent volunteers** to come around 11:00 to start cooking the hot dogs and help the grade 6 students organize and prepare the bins for each class. We only need 2 adults, and you don't have to commit to help with every sale...just one or two...whatever can work with your schedule.

**Please contact the office if you are willing/able to volunteer** 2-3 hours of time once in a while to help these kids reach their goal.

**Thank you in advance for supporting these young leaders as they take initiative to leave their school a better place before moving on to junior high.**



## Cold Weather is Here—Dress Appropriately!

Now that the cold weather has arrived it is **absolutely essential that students come dressed appropriately** for the temperature outside! They are expected to stay outside in the mornings until the bell goes, and are also expected to go outside to play during recess breaks.

Students should be wearing a warm **coat**, a **toque** or hat, **mittens** and warm **boots**. Soon **snow/ski pants** will be needed as well.

Please make sure your child's winter items are **labelled** with their name because many boots and coats look the same and can be easily mixed up. It is also a good idea to send a **spare set of clothes** for your child to keep in his/her locker in case they get wet when playing outside.



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## Student Absences

Just a reminder to parents...if your child is going to be absent from school, **please make sure to contact the office**. You can send an note in advance, phone, email or leave a message on the school answering machine.

## Valuables at School

Many students like to bring some of their favorite new “toys” or items to school after the holidays. However, we ask that students **please keep valuable or special items at HOME**, as they can sometimes get broken or stolen. If students choose to bring a valuable/special item to school, **they are solely responsible** for it.

## BES Thanks...

Breton Elementary would like to thank the following for their support of our programs here at BES:

- **The An family** for a generous donation to our school
- **Parent volunteers** of PAC who organized the 50/50 and raffle
- **Mrs. Bundt** for her generous donation to our music program

