



Breton Elementary Newsletter

February 2020



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WINTER WALK DAY!

Breton Elementary is passionate about encouraging students to “sharpen the saw” - that means taking care of the intellect, the body, emotional/social connections and the soul.

We support student growth in academics, we encourage mental wellness through programs like “Move Your Mood” and weekly yoga/relaxation programs, and we also seek to promote physical wellness and care of the body.

One way we can encourage movement and activity is through “**Winter Walk Day**” - a day that encourages Albertans of all ages to be active outdoors in the winter.

“Winter Walk Day” is on **Wednesday, February 5**. On that day (providing the weather is pleasant) our entire school - students and staff - will be going for a walk! Around **1:30 we will leave the school** and walk around the town of Breton, then back to the school.

The walk is estimated to **take about an hour**. Parents/families are welcome to join us - the more the merrier!

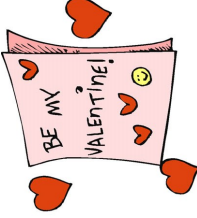
If you are unable to join us, that’s okay—just think of other ways you can get outside this winter and be active. It’s all part of “sharpening the saw” so we can be the best we can be!

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»» **On February 5th,
Open The Door
and Go For It!** ««

February 2020

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Upcoming Events at Breton Elementary



- February 5: Winter Walk Day
- February 6 and 7: Teachers' Convention—No School
- February 10: After School Art Club
- February 13: School Spirit Day: Red and Pink Day
- February 14: No School
- February 17: Family Day - No School
- February 20: 100 Day; "100 Years Old" Day; Hot Lunch
- February 25: Hockey Hooky (grades 5 and 6)
- February 26: Pink Shirt Day

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

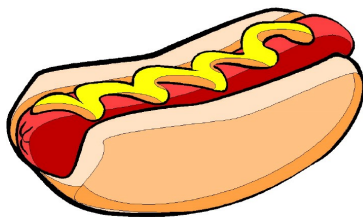


Our next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 in the grade 4 room .**

We continue to invite all parents/guardians to come out and be part of the planning and discussions around ways to continue to support and enhance the programming and experiences for students at Breton Elementary.

Hope to see you next Monday!

February Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs and Cookies



In February PAC will be offering a Hot Lunch on the **February 20 School Spirit Day.**

The lunch will be hot dogs and cookies (just like the Grade 6's used to do last year).

Forms will be sent home later this month.

“Red and Pink Day” to Celebrate Valentine’s Day!

Thursday, February 13 is **Red and Pink Day** at Breton Elementary!

The **Breton Elementary Lighthouse Team** are asking staff and students to **wear red and/or pink clothing** that day to celebrate Valentine’s Day, which is on Friday, and is a day where staff/students do not come to school.

Some classrooms will also be having Valentine’s celebrations that day - classroom teachers will be sending home more information closer to the day.



“Everyday Around the World” - After School Program



Brighter Futures’ After School Program is set to begin later in February here at BES. The program will run on **Tuesdays**, starting on **February 11** and **continue until March 17**. It runs from **3:00—5:00**.

This program is for **students in grades 1– 3** and is **FREE**. The program is provided by Brighter Futures, in partnership with Breton Elementary and Breton FCSS.

Each session offers children the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as crafts, gym activities, and fun interactive group activities with their peers.

Registration forms were sent out last week. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Miss Saluk.

Give us Your Feedback!

It's that time of year again! Each year we get students and parents of students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 to complete the “**Accountability Pillar Survey**”. Though the name isn't catchy, and may be somewhat confusing, the **purpose of this survey is to get feedback from students and parents** on the culture, safety and learning environment of Breton Elementary.

Student participation in the survey is **completely anonymous**. Students in Grade 4, 5, and 6 are assigned a random username and password so that survey responses cannot be attributed to any individual student. Students will be **surveyed before the end of February**. The survey **takes about 10 minutes** to complete on-line and will be done within the school day during regular class time.

Parents of students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 will also have been sent a survey and **we would really appreciate it if parents could take the time to complete and submit the survey** so we can get a more accurate and current idea of parent perception of our school and how well it serves our young people.

The **data gathered from the survey will be used for our school's Education Plan** and the data should be available by the spring 2018.

If you have any questions about the survey, please **contact Mrs. Feist at 780-696-3555**.



Grades 5 and 6 Play Hooky in February!

On **Tuesday, February 25**, students in Grades 5 and 6 have the pleasure of “skipping school” and enjoying the annual field trip to the “**Hockey Hooky**” event sponsored by the Edmonton Oil Kings. Students will be leaving the school around **9:00** and returning after buses between **4:00** and **4:30**.



100 Days Smarter!



Thursday, February 20 has been chosen for our annual “**100 Day**” **Celebration** for grades 1 and 2. Students will be in the gym for half the day to experience an abundance of fun games, crafts and activities to help them celebrate and demonstrate their understanding of the number 100.

Classroom teachers will be **sending home a newsletter later in the month** with more details.

School Spirit Day: - “100 Years Old Day” - February 20

100 Day is usually just celebrated by students in Grades 1—2, and they get to have fun in the gym exploring the number 100 and showing their understanding.

But this year **ALL** students (and staff) get to have fun with 100 Day by dressing up to **show what they might look like if they were 100 years old!**

So dig out some polyester, some comfortable shoes, glasses, a cane or whatever your “100 year old self” might wear and come celebrate 100 Day on **Thursday, February 20!**



Pink Shirt Day 2020 - "Let's Lift Each Other Up"



Once again Breton Elementary, lead by our Lighthouse Team, is supporting **Pink Shirt Day**. This year's theme is "Lift Each Other Up".

This year Pink Shirt Day is on **Wednesday, February 26**. On this day we ask that you try to send your child to school in a pink shirt (or a shirt with some pink on it) in order to support and bring awareness to **anti-bullying**.

We **hope to see LOTS of pink shirts** at Breton Elementary to show that we are leaders who stand together against bullying!

PARENT SUPERPOWERS



Community
Parenting
Coalition

PRESENTS DR. JODY CARRINGTON

Come join us for a free evening with Dr. Jody Carrington, where she will be talking about one of the hardest jobs on the planet, parenting. You can expect an evening of laughter, stories and maybe a few tears. Jody will share how attachment and connection to our babes and our partners can give our children the most important skill they will ever learn: how to be the kind and connected people we can be proud of.

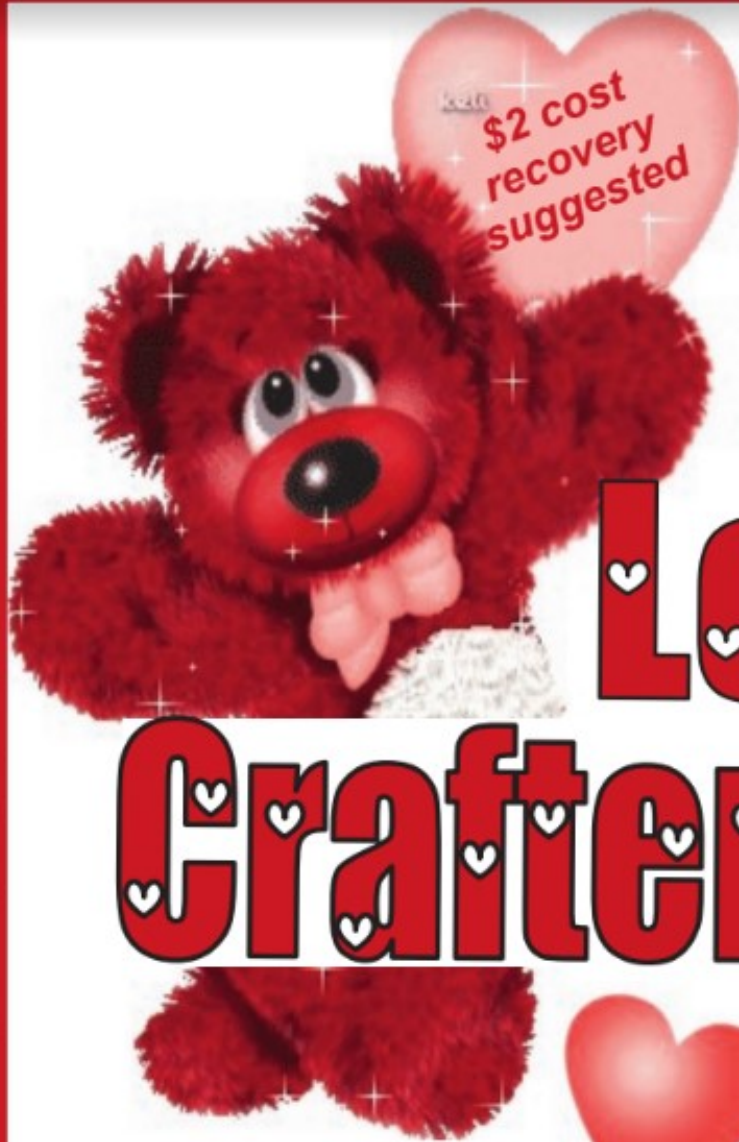


★ **FREE** ★
ADMISSION
NO REGISTRATION
★ **IS REQUIRED**

Breton High School
4707 - 49 Avenue
Breton, AB

6:30 - 8:30 pm
March 17, 2020

If you have questions, please contact leah.odynski@wrsd.ca



Join us for a

Lovely Crafternoon

1 PM to 3 PM Friday Feb 7

At the Breton Municipal Library

All Ages Welcome

Snacks

More info on this activity on Breton Municipal Library Facebook page

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****Please note doors open at 8:15 am.**

BES THANKS....

Staff and students of BES would like to **thank Parent Council** for purchasing a new “mini-fridge” for the office.

This gives us a central area to store fresh lunches that are provided from the Lunch Program and make sure they are easily available to students. **THANK YOU!**



After School Art Club—February 10!



After School Art Club is back! Mrs. Feist had great intentions for a club project in January, but with the bus cancellations and other obligations, the month of January just sort of flew by before she knew it.

However, she has come up with a fun and frivolous project for February - “**Fluffy Rainbow Cat**”!

This month’s Art Club will be on **Monday, February 10** and once again run **until 5:30**.

Art Club is open **only to students in grade 5 and 6** and costs **\$10.00 per participant** for canvases and paint costs.

Forms were handed out to interested students last week, and are **due buy Wednesday, February 5**.

****There is only room for 15 participants, so get those forms/money to the school ASAP!**