

November 3, 2020

To: Parents / Guardians of BRSD Students
From: Rita Marler, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Welcome to November!

Hello everyone! Here we are in November already. It feels like time is flying by, and at the same time 2020 seems to have gone on forever. But we are all working together and we are getting through it.

Here in Battle River, November comes with several milestone dates.

By Friday of this week (November 6), parents are asked to make a decision and notify their home school about whether or not their children will attend classes in-person or at-home for the second term.

Between now and next Tuesday, the first quarter of the school year is wrapping up. Report cards will be issued November 10.

November 10 will also see schools mark Remembrance Day, which is, of course, November 11. Although ceremonies will be different this year, it is important that our students understand and participate in the acknowledgement of Canada's veterans.

A combination of Fall Break and Days in Lieu of Parent-Teacher Interviews will allow both staff and students to enjoy time away from school November 12 to 17. I wish everyone a time of rest and rejuvenation.

When classes resume on November 18, we will start the second quarter of the school year.

We've had just one person in BRSD test positive for COVID-19 at this time. I'm both proud of and grateful for the work that everyone – staff, parents and students alike – is doing to help ensure our schools continue to be safe environments.

As I visit the schools and communities of Battle River, I am continually impressed by the efforts people are making to be positive and bring joy to those around them. Now that the days are getting shorter and the temperatures are soon going to dip, we must continue to be diligent in supporting those who are finding 2020 to be challenging. In this year, particularly, we want to remind everyone to be kind to themselves and to reach out to others.

Enjoy these last few warm fall days. Take good care.

Rita Marler