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## Administration Message

We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break and recharged with fun activities. Thank you to everyone who came to support your children and celebrate their successes at our Parent Teacher Interviews last month. An additional thank you to those who visited the Book Fair. We are now into the April-May-June part of the year when things seem to shift into high gear!

April is also volunteer appreciation month. We could not do the things we do at our wonderful school without the support of our wonderful volunteers.

Hope to see you at our Volunteer Appreciation Tea on April 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the library.

*Regards,*

*Patti & Corey*

## Bouquets

- Thank you to Mrs. Parent and all of the parent volunteers who worked at the Book Fair during parent teacher interviews.
- Thank you to Mrs. Manchur and Mrs. Landiak for organizing our speech competition.
- Thank you to Mrs. Clare Wilson and her committee for organizing our Read-a-Thon. We raised \$5,000.
- Congratulations to Brady K. (4M), Teaden K. (5R) and Declan P.(6L) our WHF gold medal speech contest finalists.

## Are you Moving this Summer??



To help us with our enrollment projections for next year, if you are aware that your child(ren) will not be attending Wes Hosford School next year, please notify the school office at 780-464-1711. Thank you.

## Rubber Boot Weather

As many rubber boots look alike, please take a moment to label your child's boots. This will ensure you get the same pair home as your child comes to school in.



## Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Please join us at our:



*Volunteer Appreciation Tea*

*Thursday April 27th @ 2:00 pm.*

*We invite you to enjoy tea and treats in the WHF School Library.*

## Kindergarten Parent Information Night—April 20th

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on **Thursday, April 20th** at **6:30-7:30 p.m.**

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers; and
- gain insight about a typical day in kindergarten and the importance of play-based learning. Elk Island Public Schools has also put together an online toolkit to make the transition to school as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>.

Additional information regarding **Wes Hosford School's** kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at <http://www.weshosford.ca>

**NOTE: To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years of age on, or before, December 31, 2017.**

## Write-On Stationery



The Wes Hosford School Parents Fundraising Society has partnered with Write-On Stationery again this year to bring you an easy option for purchasing school supplies. Forms will be coming home in backpacks soon.

This is an easy and convenient way to get ready for the next school year *and* 10% of all school supplies purchased are returned to Wes Hosford as a fundraiser. The supplies will be delivered to students in June.

## Senior's Tea—May 4th

Next month, on May 4th, our school once again hosts the Senior's Tea. The Senior's Tea has been a Wes Hosford tradition for 31 years and continues to be a well received and much anticipated event. Kudos go out to all the parents who volunteer their time and talent in organizing this event; to the staff who help with decorations, preparing students for their performances and their visiting times; and to the students who entertain, serve and engage in conversation with our Senior guests.

The time devoted to this activity is time well spent! A host of valuable learning is provided to our students through this event, including:

- Development of leadership skills.
- Development of empathy.
- The opportunity to interact with people different than themselves – and older than their parents! Literature shows us that successful students often recognize that much of their success involves their ability to communicate with others.
- Students see how a collaborative effort, synergy, between parents, students and staff provide positive results.
- This is an opportunity to give back to the community and serve others.
- Students are rewarded with the kind words and warm smiles of the seniors who attend.

Thank you to all who are involved in the Senior's Tea. Your efforts are indeed far reaching.

***The oldest trees often bear the sweetest fruit. – German Proverb***



## New School in Sherwood Park

### Let's Talk About School Boundaries and Name

Planning is almost complete on establishing the attendance boundaries for the new K-6 school in the Davidson Creek area. The new boundaries will affect both elementary schools and junior high schools in the northeast quadrant of Sherwood Park.

Based on feedback from parents, students, staff and the community, EIPS has revised its proposed school boundaries for the area. Now, it wants to share those recommendations with you. EIPS is holding two information sessions where community members will have the opportunity to view the attendance areas being proposed, ask questions, share comments and speak with the representatives from Elk Island Public Schools.

Also, the naming process for the new school starts on April 10! And, EIPS wants your help. Submissions can be made by visiting [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) from April 10-30.

#### Public Information Sessions:

**Date:** April 19 & April 25

**Time:** 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Location:** Lakeland Ridge

\*free child care provided.

Unable to attend the information sessions? No problem. The proposed boundaries and a comment form are also posted online, as of April 19, at [www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark](http://www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark)

## National Volunteer Week—April 23-29, 2017

### A big *THANK YOU* to all of our volunteers!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), please accept our heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers within the Division who help make our schools and programs successful. Whether it's assisting at an athletic competition, co-ordinating a fundraising event or delicately cutting out poppies for a Remembrance Day celebration, the impact our volunteers have within our school community is profound. It also offers an incredible learning opportunity for our students as it encourages them to mirror that behaviour in their own lives.

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, which runs April 23-29, EIPS extends our thanks and celebrates the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who dedicate countless hours of their time in our schools.

Trina Boymook

Chair, Board of Trustees

## EIPS—2016-17 Parent Survey Results

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is committed to ensuring all parents and guardians of students within the Division have a chance to share their thoughts on the overall performance of their school and the Division. One of the ways EIPS ensures its parent's voices are heard is by conducting an annual parent survey.

In January, the Division invited EIPS families to participate in the 2016–2017 Parent Survey. The survey included 15 questions regarding topics such as the quality of teaching, school leadership, parent engagement and more. The overall response rate was 16 per cent, which included close to 2,700 responses from parents and guardians across the Division.

The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015–2018 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve its students and the wider community.

Complete Parent Survey results for the Division are available by visiting [www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey](http://www.eips.ca/about-us/planning-and-results/parent-survey).

You can also review **Wes Hosford School's** Parent Survey results by visiting [www.weshosford.ca](http://www.weshosford.ca)



## Stay Connected: Subscribe to EIPS Email News—CASL

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events taking place at your school? Make sure to subscribe to Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) email distribution list. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) now requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families.

If you haven't yet subscribed, simply visit [www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice](http://www.eips.ca/contact/synrevoice). As soon as you sign up, you'll begin receiving Division- and school-related news—newsletters, information about upcoming events, parent and community engagement opportunities, important school-based updates and more.

**NOTE:** Even if you're not subscribed, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also continue to receive those messages.

EIPS appreciates your co-operation in ensuring its distribution lists are compliant with CASL and you continue to receive only the information you feel is important.



## EIPS Continuing Education Summer Youth Camps

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**SUMMER  
YOUTH CAMPS**

**REGISTER EARLY!**

Registration is now open for these youth camps!

Summer Spikers Volleyball  
 Summer Slammers Basketball  
 Sherwood Park Volleyball  
 Young Chef Boot Camp  
 Young Chef Cake Boss  
 Tastes of the World  
 Snacks and Appetizers  
 Fun with Dough  
 Lunchtime Lineup!

Sweet Treats Camp  
 Code Breakers  
 Minecraft Modders\*  
 Minecraft Animators\*  
 Minecraft Designers\*  
 Make Your First 3D Video Game\*  
 Maker Labs: Make Your First 3D  
 Creation  
 Extreme Babysitting

*\*Returning campers can create more advanced projects that build on the previous year.*



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CONTINUING EDUCATION  
**LEARN LOCAL**

Register today at  
[www.eipscontinuinged.ca](http://www.eipscontinuinged.ca)  
 780.467.7292

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm No Kindergarten	6 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Good Friday No School</b>	15
16	17 <b>Easter Monday No School</b>	18	19	20 <b>2017-18 ECS Parent Info Night</b> <b>Hot Lunch</b>	21 <b>Popcorn Day Crazy Hat Day</b>	22
23	24	25 <b>Treat Day</b>	26	27 <b>Touch of Class &amp; Volunteer Tea 2:00 pm</b>	28 <b>PD Day School</b>	29
30	<b>May 1</b>	2	3 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm No Kindergarten	4 <b>Seniors' Tea 1:30-3pm</b>	5	6

## May Dates to Note

- May 3 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
- May 4 Senior's Tea (1:30-3:00 p.m.)
- May 11 PAT - Gr 6 LA (Part A)  
Hot Lunch
- May 18 School Closure
- May 19 School Closure
- May 22 Victoria Day—No School
- May 25 Hot Lunch  
School Council Meeting
- May 26 Popcorn Day/Backwards Day
- May 30 Treat Day

## June Dates to Note

- Jun 5-6 **150th B-Day Celebration Week**
- Jun 7 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
- Jun 8 Hot Lunch
- Jun 16 Popcorn Day  
Sunglasses Day
- Jun 19 PAT - Gr 6 LA (Part B)
- Jun 20 PAT - Gr. 6 Math
- Jun 21 Aboriginal Day
- Jun 22 PAT - Gr. 6 Science  
Hot Lunch
- Jun 23 PAT—Gr. 6 Social Studies
- Jun 26 Sports Day
- Jun 27 Treat Day  
Last Day of Kindergarten
- Jun 28 Gr 6 Farewell  
Present Your Passion
- Jun 29 Movie Day (pm)  
Last Day of Classes for Students

## Wes Hosford Milk Program

Please make cheques for Milk to:  
**Wes Hosford School**



<b>Individual Tickets</b>	75 ¢ per Choc. Or White Milk (____)	Total \$ _____
<b>Booklet</b>	20 Tickets - \$15.00	\$ _____
<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Class:</b> _____		Total Included: \$ _____