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Wes Hosford Elementary School

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## Administration Message

The falling leaves, cool winds and bright colors signal that fall really is here! September passed quickly as we continued to settle into a new school year. We have had the pleasure of visiting all of the classes as well as spending several recesses outside getting acquainted with the students. We would like to thank our staff for all of their hard work and commitment to our students and to our school in getting the school year up and running. Grade six camp was a resounding success! We had a wonderful Terry Fox Run and raised **\$647** towards Cancer Research. Our Parent Council had a successful meeting and the Fundraising Society also met for the first time this year. We are looking forward to working with both committees!

During the week of October 16-20 we will be collecting used shoes and/or new socks. Used shoes collected will be donated to the Strathcona County Waste Reduction Week Shoe Drive. All NEW socks will be donated to "Hearts 4 the Homeless".

Halloween will be here before we know it and we will celebrate with a carnival for our K-2 students and classroom activities for grades 3-6. Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school for the entire day on Tuesday, October 31st. Please send your children in easy to wear school friendly costumes. No weapons or scary masks please.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford Staff, we wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving long weekend!

Warm Regards,

*Patti & Kari*

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## Bouquets

- Thanks to the dedicated & professional staff at WHF for a smooth start up and a successful first month.
- Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to be part of the Parent Council and the Fundraising Society.
- Thanks to our many parent volunteers who are in our school daily helping our classrooms.

## Lunch Hour Reminder

Students who stay at school over the lunch hour are not allowed to leave the school grounds to purchase lunch unless they are accompanied by an adult who has signed them out at the office.



As well, please ensure you have packed the necessary cutlery (eg. spoon/fork) your child will need to eat their lunch with.

## Student Absences

Phones are answered daily by the secretaries between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm. We encourage you to call and use our voicemail option to inform us of your child's absence due to illness, appointments, etc. The voicemail will also pick-up during the day when secretaries are on another line or busy attending to student needs. Don't hesitate to leave a message, we will call you back as soon as we are able.

## Pay School Fees Online

School fee information for the 2017-18 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2017.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees) Alternatively, contact **Mrs. Terry Snow, Business Manager** at **Wes Hosford School** at **780-464-1711**

## Read In Week—October 2-6

Read In Week 2017 returns on **October 2-6**. The theme for this year is I'm a Reader! I Read for Me!. Through various activities, students will spend the week learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities planned for Read in Week include:

- Author Natasha Deen visited on Monday, October 2nd;
- Students to complete a book review/trailer of their favorite book; and
- Students to meet up with their buddy class and read together.



Read In Week is a Division-wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us either by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community. And, don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag [#eipsreads](#). We hope you discover some amazing stories.

## Literacy and Learning Day—October 28th

This year's Literacy and Learning Day Conference takes place at the Northlands Expo Centre on October 28th. The event is a fun-filled day for both parents and teachers, and includes various keynote speakers and free workshops. Participants are guaranteed to walk away with new strategies, tools and resources to support children as they grown and learn. The conference is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, or to register, visit [www.literacyday.ca](http://www.literacyday.ca)

## Celebrating World Teachers' Day—Oct. 5th

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their Kindergarten to Grade 12 years.



## Head Lice

### **REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!**

Head lice is one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, head lice are tiny, greyish brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp—itching is the main complaint. Lice don't jump from head to head nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it's essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. To prevent the spread of head lice, we strongly encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If head lice are found on your child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit [www.eips.ca/parents/health-safety-information/head-lice](http://www.eips.ca/parents/health-safety-information/head-lice). Alternatively, you can contact the school at **780-464-1711**

## School Bus Safety Week—Oct. 15-21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15–21. The theme: Rider Rules = Safe to School, which is all about teaching children about proper school bus safety. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans and bus-evacuations drills.

In addition, the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council (ASTAC) is holding a provincial [poster contest](#) for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Each winner—one from each grade level—whose posters best illustrates the theme, Rider Rules = Safe to School, will receive a \$25 gift card, a framed original of their poster, an engraved plaque and \$100 for their classroom. **Wes Hosford School** is excited to have our students participating in the contest again this year.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allow Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation) or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca)) directly.



## Municipal Election 2017: Vote October 16

**Strathcona County's** Election Day is Monday, Oct. 16, 2017. Polls open as early as 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. If you can't vote during those times, there's also the option of advance voting and voting by special ballot. To learn more about the election and candidates running— for mayor, reeve, councillor and public school trustee—visit:

Fort Saskatchewan: [www.fortsask.ca/city-government/city-council/2017-municipal-election](http://www.fortsask.ca/city-government/city-council/2017-municipal-election)  
Lamont County: [www.lamontcounty.ca/Election-2017](http://www.lamontcounty.ca/Election-2017)  
Minburn County: <http://minburncounty.ab.ca/2017-election/>  
Strathcona County: [www.strathcona.ca/election](http://www.strathcona.ca/election)  
EIPS School Trustees: [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca)

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <b>Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm</b> No Kindergarten	5 <b>PD Day — No School</b>	6 <b>PD Day — No School</b>	7
8	9 Thanksgiving (No School)	10	11	12 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20  <b>"Socktober Day"</b> Popcorn Day	21
22	23	24 <b>Treat Day</b>	25 ICON Photo Retakes	26 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	27 <b>Halloween Family Dance</b>	28
29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b> 	<b>Nov. 1</b> Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## Schedule of Events

### November Dates

- Nov 1 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
- Nov 9 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 10 Day in Lieu of Remembrance Day (No School)
- Nov 13-17 Fall Break (School Closed)
- Nov 20 Classes Resume
- Nov 23 Hot Lunch
- Nov 24 CSL Available Online
- Nov 27-30 Book Fair
- Nov 29/30 P/T Interviews

## Wes Hosford Milk Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



Individual Tickets

75 ¢ per Choc. Or White Milk  
(\_\_\_\_\_)

Total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet

20 Tickets - \$15.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total Included:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for

\_\_\_\_\_ ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack (\$20)