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Wes Hosford

Elementary School

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Administration Message

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas... the beautiful art projects, the music, the decorations, the excitement of children, and the hustle and bustle of the season. It is also a season of giving and your generous donations towards the Strathcona County Christmas Bureau continue to be appreciated.

The staff and students have been working very hard preparing our Gr. 1-6 Christmas Concert production of "**Jingle Bell Jukebox**". Please join us, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Salisbury Composite High School in the large gym. There is truly nothing more special than watching your children sing and perform from the heart.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford School staff, I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. May your holiday season be filled with happy family times and opportunities to create many pleasant memories.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Patti Berry, Principal

Bouquets

We had a wonderful November at Wes Hosford School and it is all due to the exceptional efforts of our staff and community! A big thank you to:

- Staff for all their work on preparing report cards.
- Parents for engaging in your child's learning by attending our P/T Interviews.
- Parent Council and the Fundraising Society for their continued support.
- Thank you to Kim Oliver for organizing & working the Book Fair, as well as the many parent volunteers who helped out.
- Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Elgie, Mrs. Busenius and Mrs. Nichol for your hard work preparing for the Christmas Concert.
- Mrs. Huk, Ms. Griffin and Mrs. Norminton for organizing the Christmas Bureau donations.
- Thanks to each and everyone of you for all you do to make our school the wonderful community it is!

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Christmas Concert Details (Gr 1-6)—December 13th

Jingle Bell Jukebox

Wednesday, Dec 13th

7:00 p.m.

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Salisbury
Composite High School
20 Festival Way**

**Limited Seating**

Please be respectful to ensure each student is able to have a family member attend. With viewing possible through live streaming, please limit the number of family members attending.

**Parking is available in front/
side/back of school and also
at Festival Place.**

Changes Coming to Kindergarten Programming

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing its kindergarten program. Starting in the 2018-19 school year, all elementary schools will offer one kindergarten option, alternating full-day programming. Children will attend two full-days a week and occasionally, three days a week to meet the required 475 instructional hours—the quality and hours of education will remain the same. Already, more than half of EIPS' elementary schools offer the alternating full-day kindergarten, which have all seen positive results around preparing students for successful transitions to Grade 1.

The decision to standardize kindergarten programming is based on available funding to sustain the noon-hour bus service. The alternating full-day program allows the Division to keep education dollars in the classroom rather than subsidizing transportation.

The complete kindergarten program schedule will be available prior to registration on January 15. For more information, visit www.eips.ca.

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's almost time to register for Kindergarten. Kindergarten **registration opens for the 2018-19 school year on Jan. 15, 2018.** To register, simply complete the [online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice will be sent to the given email address.

NOTE: The online registration form is available as of Jan.15, 2018—the paper version is no longer available. To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition 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 kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www. Weshosford.ca](http://www.Weshosford.ca).



2018-19 Attendance Boundaries Update

As you're aware, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is opening a new K-6 school in Sherwood Park, named Davidson Creek Elementary, in fall 2018. In preparation for the new school, the Board of Trustees recently approved the new school's attendance boundaries and, consequently, the new elementary and junior high attendance boundaries for the northeast quadrant of Sherwood Park. A letter is being sent home that will describe exactly how the changes will impact your children. General information is also available by visiting the EIPS [website](#).

Please note that students residing in the Davidson Creek Elementary attendance area will be designated to this new school and boundary exemptions will not apply. The exception is for "grandfathered" students entering Grade 6. Students in Grade 6 for the 2018-19 school year may continue at their current elementary school. The new attendance boundaries do not apply to students taking French Immersion, German Bilingual, Alternative Christian, Logos and system programs.

Lost & Found



Is your child missing a mitt, a hoodie, a pair of pants, a hat, or a pair of boots?? Yup... we have all these items and much, much more in our **LOST & FOUND**.

If you have missing items please take the time to check and take home any items that belong to you and your children by the end of the day December 22nd!

All items will be bagged up and delivered to a charity at the end of that day.

Enjoy the Winter Break

Wes Hosford School will close for the winter break at the end of the day on Dec. 22, 2017 and will reopen on Jan. 8, 2018. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact the Central Administration office at Elk Island Public Schools.

EIPS Central Administration Office Winter Break Hours

Closed December 25-29

Open January 2-5 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*for location and contact information visit www.eips.ca.

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.



Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

It's the holiday season once again and the winter break is just around the corner. Before we take time off to enjoy with our loved ones, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families, on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday, and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

Thank you and best wishes,
Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11	12 Treat Day	13 Christmas Concert @ Sal Comp 7pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Hot Lunch	22 Christmas Spirit Day (wear green/red) ECS Christmas Concert 10:15 am	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Winter Break						
31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5	6
Winter Break						
7	8 First Day Back to School!	9	10 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm No Kindergarten	11	12 Popcorn Day Crazy Hair Day	13

January Dates

- Jan 8 School Resumes
- Jan 10 Early Dismissal Day 2:18pm
No Kindergarten Classes
- Jan 12 Popcorn Day
- Jan 18 Parent Council/Fundraising Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. Library



Wes Hosford Milk Program

Please make cheques for Milk to:
Wes Hosford School



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

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