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Elementary School

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### Administration Message

Happy New Year



Welcome back everyone, and Happy New Year!

Our Wes Hosford School staff hopes that your Christmas break provided many opportunities to connect with family and friends during the holidays. Hopefully you were able to enjoy some fun activities over the past few weeks. We would once again like to thank all of our parents for your fabulous support of our school over the holiday season. Thanks for your help with classroom projects, class parties and your support and attendance at our Christmas Concert.

This second term of school is very productive with everyone quickly settling in their routines. New beginnings bring with them a renewed energy and enthusiasm for learning.

*Warm Regards,*

*Patti Berry, Principal*

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### Bouquets

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

- Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Elgie, Mrs. Busenius and Mrs. Nichol for planning our Christmas Concert.
- Thanks to the parents who volunteered to help move and set up equipment at Salisbury Composite High School.
- Thanks to the staff at Sal who set up the live stream for our concert.
- Thanks to Ms. Thiessen, Mrs. Borbe, Mrs. Blink, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Langille, and Miss Schwarze for our Kindergarten Christmas Concert.
- Thanks to each and everyone of you for all you do to make our school the wonderful community it is!

## Help Take the "Brr" out of February!

On February 2, students are encouraged to wear their favorite mitts, toques and scarves indoors for the day and bring **NEW** mitts, toques or scarves to donate to "Hearts 4 the Home-less", a local organization that supplies the basic necessities for homeless men, women and youth.

*We will be collecting NEW mitts, toques and scarves during the week of January 29 – February 2.*



## Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration opens for the 2018-19 school year on Jan. 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. **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 is sent to the given email address.

**NOTE:** The online registration form is available as of Jan.15, 2018—the paper version no longer exists.

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).



## Request to Attend a Non-Designated School

Effective for the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is changing the way in which students apply to attend a non-designated school. **From March 1 to 15, 2018, parents of all EIPS students are being asked to pre-enroll their children online and indicate whether their child will be attending their designated school or if they wish to register at a different school.**

Acceptance at a non-designated school is based on available space—families will be advised of the outcome by April 13, 2018. Because of high enrolment numbers, some schools won't be accepting any non-designated students. Schools with closed boundaries will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process.

Please note that should you request a non-designated school for your child and need busing, there are fees associated with this choice. Visit [Transportation Services](#) for more information.

As part of the pre-enrolment process, parents are also asked to check and update phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address and other important data – doing so will both make sure that the Division has the most current information available and eliminate the need to fill in the paper Correction Form that has traditionally been sent home every fall. Better yet, families will be able to go online and update their child's data throughout the year as circumstances change.

To determine your child's designated school, please check [EIPS school boundary maps](#).

## Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended when...Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

## EIPS 2018-19 Division Calendar Now Available

The official 2018-19 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2018-19 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days.

Highlights from the 2018-19 EIPS calendar include:

Sept. 5	First day of classes (after long weekend)	Feb. 7-8	Teachers' Convention
Nov. 16	November Break	March 25-29	Spring Break
Dec. 24 to Jan. 4	Christmas Break	June 27	Last Day of Classes
Jan.31	Second Semester Begins	June 28	Schools Close for the Summer Break

To view the 2018-19 calendar, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2019-20 calendar.

**Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar?** You can. Simply, visit [www.eips.ca/calendar](http://www.eips.ca/calendar) and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

## Another Way to Stay Connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter & Facebook

With 42 school and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcase the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag [#EIPS](#).

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

**NOTE:** *The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.*

## Accountability Pillar Survey 2018

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4, 7 and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with your school. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly. As part of our Wes Hosford School Education Plan, we are working on improving the number of parents actively engaged in communication with the school. One of our goals is to increase the number of Accountability Pillar Surveys returned this year. We appreciate your help with achieving this goal! Check your mailbox!

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8 <b>School Resumes</b>	9	10 2:18pm Early Dismissal <b>No Kindergarten</b>	11	12 <b>Crazy Hair &amp; Popcorn Day</b>	13
14	15	16	17	18 <b>Parent Council/Fund-raising Mtg. 6:30pm Hot Lunch</b>	19	20
21	22	23 <b>Treat Day</b>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<b>Feb 1 Hot Lunch</b>	2 <b>Popcorn Day/Mitts &amp; Togues Day—Wear &amp; Donate New</b>	3
4	5	6	7 2:18pm Early Dismissal <b>No Kindergarten</b>	<b>Teachers' Convention No School</b>		10

## February Dates

- Feb 1 Hot Lunch
- Feb 2 Popcorn/Wear Mitts & Toques Bring new mitts, scarves and toques to donate!
- Feb 7 2:18 pm Early Dismissal (No ECS Classes)
- Feb 8 Teachers' Convention & 9 School Closed
- Feb 15 Gr. 4-6 Ski Trip
- Feb 16 School Closure
- Feb 19 Family Day—School Closed
- Feb 22 Hot Lunch
- Feb 27 Treat Day



## 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: \$ _____	

## Purchase Milk Card Online!!

**NEW!**

The PowerSchool parent portal now has the option for you to order and pay for a 20 punch milk card or 20 individual tickets for your child(ren) online.

