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Elementary School

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### Administration Message

February, while the shortest month of the year, tends to be one of the busiest with many special days to recognize important events. February embraces Valentines Day, Family Day, Teachers Convention, Random Acts of Kindness Week and Pink Shirt Day (Stand Up To Bullying).

I hope everyone will have a chance to celebrate a wonderful Valentine’s Day together and a fun filled Family Day long weekend. Hopefully, the weather will co-operate so you can enjoy many outdoor activities together.

*Warm Regards,  
Patti Berry, Principal*

### Bouquets

- ♥ Thanks to Ms. Griffin for helping organize our students for the Young Author’s Conference.
- ♥ Thanks to Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Pedersen and Ms. Lerbekmo for their work with running club.
- ♥ Thanks to Mrs. Elgie for organizing "Take the Brrr" out of February charity campaign.

### Student Absences, Lates, Leaving/Returning

Just a reminder for your assistance in the following office procedures.

- ♥ When students are **late** for school (morning/afternoon); **leaving** school for an appointment; **returning** to school from an appointment, the student or their parent **must come to the office** and sign in/out on the **Student Sign In & Out Log** located on the bulletin board.
- ♥ Please call the school when your child will be **absent**. Messages can be left on our answering machine any day at anytime.
- ♥ To alleviate stress for your child and last minute calls to the office, please make note in the agenda of any changes for end of day pick-up. If your child usually takes the bus and there is no note... your child will be put on the bus.

We appreciate your willingness to assist our office staff in ensuring your children are safe. Thank you!

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## Hair Massacure Update



We are thrilled to announce that the Hair Massacure has found new partnerships with the Alberta Cancer Society and The Children's Wish Foundation. The big head shave event will take place at the beginning of Spring Break at West Edmonton Mall on March 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Due to the short notice and timing, Wes Hosford isn't able to host a head shave event at the school this year, but we encourage our Wes Hosford participants to go to the event at West Edmonton Mall. We will be creating a Wes Hosford Team on the Hair Massacure website. If you would like to join the Wes Hosford team, go to <http://northernab.hairmassacure.com/> to register. Staff member Mrs. Elgie will be shaving her head and again appreciates any support. A collection box for our Wes Hosford Team will be set up in the office and donations will be accepted until March 22. Go Team Wes Hosford!

## Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2018-19 school year. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/registration/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 paper copy is no longer available. For step-by-step instructions on how-to use the online form visit the [EIPS Registration](#) web page.**

Families will be advised in April about the results of the application process. Additionally, to help families prepare for kindergarten, 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 [www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten](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)

## Stay Connected: Subscribe to EIPS Email News

Did you know that?



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). Once subscribed 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 Launches New Pre-Enrollment Process for All EIPS Students

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information, and manages requests to attend a non-designated school. The pre-enrolment process allows the Division to verify all student information for every child prior to the start of the new school year.

Each spring, EIPS families will receive an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year using a secure online pre-enrolment form. By logging in to PowerSchool, families can indicate which school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts. If circumstances change, families also have the ability to update their child's data throughout the year.

**\*\*The pre-enrolment process for the 2018-19 school year takes place from March 1-15 of this year.\*\***

### **Applying to attend a non-designated school?**

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have closed boundaries because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. These schools will be identified prior to the pre-enrolment process. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

**NOTE:** Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline. For more information visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).

## Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check up on the province’s education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, Grade **4** students and teachers at **Wes Hosford School** are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren’t linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7, and 10 are also being surveyed—the province mailed the surveys in January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The completed survey must be returned to Alberta Education by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its three-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division’s *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

## Letter for Canadian Revenue Services (CRS)

### Student Verification of Address and Attendance

#### ***New to the EIPS website...***

This form is for a parent/guardian or student to request a verification letter from Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) of a child's address and attendance at an EIPS school in order to send to Canada Revenue Agency.

***Note: if you need this letter for multiple children, please complete a separate request for each child.***

This letter is considered a service request; as such, a **cost-recovery fee of \$25** applies. Requests will be completed within five business days after payment is made.

To access this page go to: <http://www.eips.ca/parents/parent-resources/cra-letters>



# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7 Dismissal @ 2:18pm No Kindergarten	8 <b>Teachers Convention School Closed</b>	9	10
11	12	13	14 <b>Valentines Day</b> Wear Red/White	15 <b>Gr 4-6 Ski Trip</b>	16 <b>School Closure Day</b>	17
18	19 <b>Family Day No School</b>	20	21	22 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	23 <b>Wear Team Canada Colours!</b> 	24
25	26	27 <b>Treat Day</b>	28 <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Professional Development Day</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm No Kindergarten	<b>8</b> <b>Hot Lunch</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

## Schedule of Events

### March Dates to Note:

- Mar 1-15 Pre-Enrollment Process
- Mar 7 Early Dismissal Day  
No Kindergarten Classes
- Mar 8 Hot Lunch
- Mar 13 Treat Day
- Mar 16 Digital Report Card  
Popcorn Day
- Mar. 19-21 Book Fair
- Mar 20 & 21 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Mar 22 Hot Lunch
- Mar 23 Day in Lieu—(No School)
- Mar 26-Apr 3 Spring Break (No School)



## Wes Hosford Milk Program



<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: \$ _____

## MILK ORDERS

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.

