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Administration Message

March brings thoughts of spring and the year feels like it speeds up as we head to the finish! March is report card month. Digital report cards will be ready to view on March 16th and Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on March 20th and 21st. While you visit the school for these events we hope you will drop by the Book Fair and pick up some spring time reading material. Our annual Division 2 Speech Competition is now underway.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford staff, enjoy a great Spring Break and a wonderful Easter celebration.

Regards,
Patti Berry

Bouquets

- Thanks to Ms Lerbekmo, Mrs. Gillis and Mrs. Pedersen for all their work with Running Club.
- Thanks to Mrs. Babiuk & Mrs. Oliver for organizing our book fair.
- Thanks to Mr. Hendersen for running intramurals.

Lost & Found

LOST AND FOUND The School has accumulated quite an assortment of clothes and items in our lost and found. We would appreciate you taking a few moments to check through the items when you are here for the Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Please note that items will be packed up and donated to charity at the end of the day on March 22nd. Thank you!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We are pleased to invite you to our **Parent/Teacher Interviews** that will be held on **Tuesday, March 20th and Wednesday, March 21st**. We are excited to offer you the option of booking your appointment times online.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the office and we will be happy to schedule an appointment for you.

www.schoolInterviews.ca will be open for booking on **Friday, March 9th**.

Procedures for Booking Interview Appointments

- ♥ Website: www.schoolinterviews.ca
- ♥ **Enter the appropriate Event Code:**
 - ♥ **84n2f** (for Gr. 1-6)
 - ♥ **67dtk** (for Kindergarten)
- ♥ **Click GO**
- ♥ **Enter your details:** Your Name/ Student(s) Name/Email Address
- ♥ **Choose teachers:** Choose from the Menu the teachers you want to meet.
- ♥ **Choose times:** From the timetable showing availability of your teachers, simply click on the times that suit you.

When you are done, ***an email confirming your times will arrive in your inbox.*** If something comes up, you can return to the site and cancel or change your bookings whenever you want.

WHF Division 2 Speech Competition



It is time again for Wes Hosford's annual speech competition which culminates with Elk Island's District Finals. At Wes Hosford, by the end of February, division two teachers will have heard speeches from all their students and will have selected 4 students to go to the pre semi-finals.

The pre semi-finals determined the top 6 speeches from each grade who will compete in the Wes Hosford semi-finals on March 6th. The 18 competitors will be heard by 3 judges who will announce the top three speeches from EACH grade. On the afternoon of March 13th, Wes Hosford will host their final speech competition in the gym and will hear the final 9 contestants. A new panel of judges will then decide who the winners of the gold, silver, and bronze medallions are for grades 4, 5 and 6. The three gold medalists, one in each grade, will compete in the EIPS District Finals on April 26th at the Agora Center in Sherwood Park.

Complete the Pre-Enrollment Process: March 1-15

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.

On March 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the 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.



All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form prior to March 15, 2018.

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. 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.

Have Your Say! EIPS Survey Opens March 5th



Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2018 Parent Survey—open from March 5-23.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Three-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY Survey closes March 23, 2018

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	12	13 Treat Day	14	15 School Council Mtg @ 6:30 a.m.	16 Digital Report Cards Wear Green-Popcorn Day	17 
18	19 Book Fair	20 P/T Interviews	21	22 Hot Lunch	23 Day in Lieu No School	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 MARCH BREAK!						
	April 2 Easter Monday	3	4 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm No Kindergarten	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

April Dates to Note

- Apr 2 School Resumes
- Apr 5 Early Dismissal
No Kindergarten
- Apr 12 Hot Lunch
- Apr 17 Treat Day
- Apr 26 Hot Lunch
Panoramic Photo & Gr. 6 Grad Photos
Volunteer Tea (12:30-2:00 p.m.),
ECS Parent Info. Night @ 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 27 School Closure Day



Wes Hosford Milk Program

Please make cheques payable
Wes Hosford Elementary School



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

Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, wants to remind families about the dangers of thin ice at this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs, and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit www.lifesaving.ca.

Did you Know?

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water actually become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*.

STAY SAFE

KEEP OFF



DANGER THIN ICE