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Administration Message

Welcome Back!

On behalf of the staff, we extend a warm welcome to all of our Wes Hosford School families. I feel very fortunate to be part of such an excellent school and supportive school community. Wes Hosford School has an exceptional staff and in working together with you, we can achieve the best possible learning environment for all of our children.

September is an exciting time for all of us. Thank you for attending our meet the staff night Thursday evening. It was nice to see everyone again and to welcome new families to Wes Hosford School. We begin the new school year with eager anticipation. Your children will forge new friendships, meet new teachers and learn new routines. As we move into the new school year, it is a time for celebrating what's to come and re-establishing school routines.

Once again—welcome to Wes Hosford School and thank you for entrusting your children to us. We will have a great year of learning together.

Wes Hosford students do the right thing even when no one is watching!

Warm Regards,

Patti Berry, Principal

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Bouquets e! International

- Thank you to our janitorial staff for all the work they did this summer! Our school is sparkly clean!
- Thank you to all the staff for their diligence in getting their classrooms set up and ready to go.
- Thank you to the office staff for organizing us.
- Thanks to our students for coming back to school prepared to learn.
- Thank you to our parents for your ongoing support.
- Thank you to our communications department for the new wall graphics in our hallways.

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. after hours. The voicemail will also pick-up during the day when secretaries are on another line or busy attending to student needs. Please do not hesitate to leave a message, we will call you back as soon as we are able.

Signing Your Child In/Out During School Hours

For child safety, we require that all students arriving late, leaving for an appointment and/or returning from an appointment during school hours be signed in/out in the office. The sign-in/out sheet is located on the bulletin board across from Mrs. Ludwig's desk. Thank you for assisting us in keeping your child(ren) safe!

Meet Our Staff e! International

Principal Mrs. Patti Berry

Asst. Prin. Mrs. Kari Huk

Counsellor Mrs. Michelle Waddell

Kindergarten

Mrs. Kristy Thiessen (Mon/Thur & Tue/Fri)

Mrs. Nancy Borbe (Mon/Thur)

Grade 1

Mrs. Denise Chamczuk

Mrs. Stacey Large

Mrs. Dianne Parker

Grade 2

Ms. Kim Lerbekmo

Mrs. Nicole Niles

Ms. Shannon Pasma

Grade 3

Mrs. Jodi Elgie

Mrs. Darlene Gillis

Ms. Kayla Rusnell

Grade 4

Mrs. Pam Erickson

Ms. Donna Griffin

Mrs. Hana Murray

Grade 5

Mrs. Candice Daley/Mrs. Jill Norminton

Mrs. Colleen Tachuk

Mrs. Jen Pedersen

Grade 6

Mr. Richard Henderson

Mrs. Tanya Landiak

Mrs. Ingrid Manchur

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Karina Barnachea

Mrs. Cheryl Blink

Mrs. Jill Desmond

Mrs. Leslie Elliott

Mrs. Sonja Fitzsimons

Mrs. Peggy Karoly

Mrs. Trina Loucraft

Mrs. Theresa Munsterman

Mrs. Janet Steeves

Makerspace Mrs. Christy Nichol

Music Mrs. Heather Wieler/Mrs. Lori Gauthier

Library Mr. David Gibson

Secretaries Mrs. Lori Ludwig & Mrs. Terry Snow

WHF Expectations for Student Behaviour

Listed below are the expectations that were reviewed with students on the first day.

- Walk quietly down the hallway.
- Respect personal space of others.
- Play safely on the playground.
- Follow directions of supervisors.
- Recycle neatly and responsibly.
- Speak in quiet, inside voices.
- Keep your desk, the school, and the playground neat and tidy.
- Students should dress casually and comfortably for school, while wearing clothing that is well-suited for a school environment. Hats should not be worn indoors.
- Electronic devices must be stored during the school day

Student Arrival & Departure Behavior

- On arrival at school all children are to wait outside. When bell rings students are to line up and wait for a Teacher to welcome them to enter the school.
- To ensure all children’s safety at the end of each school day, we ask that parents please wait for their child(ren) outside of the school at a predetermined meeting place.

School Bell Times

Kindergarten to 6

8:37 a.m.	Classes Commence
10:13 a.m.	Recess
10:28 a.m.	Classes Resume
11:32 a.m.	Lunchtime
12:20 p.m.	Warning Bell
12:23 p.m.	Classes Resume
1:59 p.m.	Recess
2:14 p.m.	Classes Resume
3:18 p.m.	Classes Dismissed

On the first Wednesday of each month, students are dismissed at 2:18.

Arrival at School

Outside supervision is provided at 8:20 a.m. Students will have entry into the school when the warning bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Prior to 8:30 a.m. students remain outside.

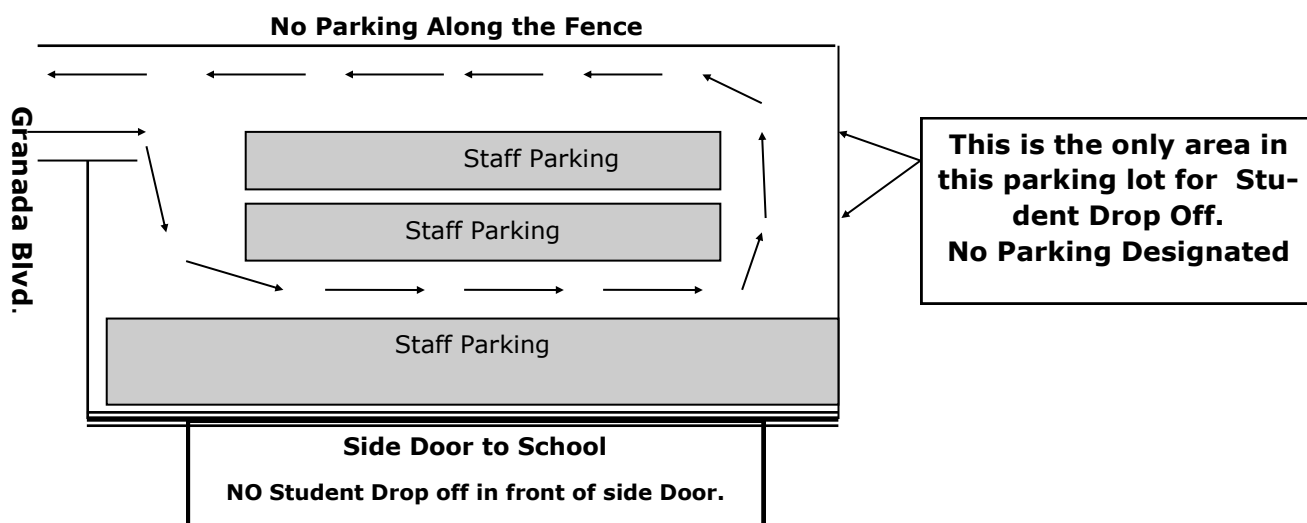
On days with inclement weather, students will be permitted to wait inside.



Wes Hosford Parking and Student Drop-off

The safety of our students is our first concern. Your consideration in parking or stopping in appropriate locations is greatly appreciated. We know it isn't always as convenient to park in designated areas, but we are truly grateful.

- A very limited number of parking spots (4) are available for visitors in the west parking lot. Please do not park or stop in the staff assigned parking spots.
- Note new signage to **turn right only** out of WHF parking lot.
- The extension of the Glen Allen Recreation Centre parking lot is close to the east entrance of Wes Hosford School. Please use this area for picking up and dropping off students as this will lessen the congestion of our own parking lot and increase the safety factor for our students. Parent volunteers can also use the Glen Allen Recreation Centre during the day for parking.
- Do not park in the bus lane at the front of the school. RCMP officers and by-law officers do monitor and ticket/tow vehicles who have stopped in a bus loading zone.
- Please drive with care when parking at GARC.



Student Phone Usage



Please help us alleviate the need for students' use of the office phone. Communicate with your child regarding arrangements for lunches, rides, medical appointments, after school activities, or anything that may be different from their normal routine. This will hopefully reduce the stress that some students have because they are unsure. Phone usage will be monitored. Please provide the teacher with a note.

Lunch Utensils

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.

Milk Costs \$1



The cost for milk is now \$1. Parents can purchase milk punch cards through the PowerSchool portal for \$20 (good for 20 milks) or individual milk tickets for \$1 each. You can also fill out the milk form located on the last page of this newsletter and send with payment of cash or cheque with your child.

Wes Hosford ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack Fundraiser

Wes Hosford School and **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** (formerly SUTP) have again teamed up this school year to offer your family the 2018/2019 Ticket Pack. The **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** is filled with over \$25,000 in savings on everyday items for everyone in your family. New this year is that on the inside cover of each book is an activation code that will enable you to download the app for free! Not only will you save a lot of money, but you will be supporting our school, as \$10.50 from every \$25 **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** you purchase will help support school projects that benefit our students.

If you wish to take advantage of these discount Ticket Packs you have **two ways to order**:

- **Through your Parent Portal** (will be an option by Monday, Sept. 10th)
- **The Order Form on page 10** and send in with your child with cash or a cheque to the school office (**cheques made payable to Wes Hosford School**).

When we receive your order and payment, we will forward the book(s) home with your child.

This Fundraiser ends Friday, October 5th, 2018



Early Dismissal Days

The first Wednesday of every month is Early Dismissal Day to facilitate School Staff Meetings in Elk Island Schools. The students at Wes Hosford are dismissed at 2:18 p.m. on these days. Please take the time to enter these days into your calendars as these days quickly creep up on us and are easily forgotten. Thank you for helping to alleviate those panic phone calls on these days. The days listed below are the Wednesdays that are early dismissal days!

Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, June 5

Individual and Class Photos—Friday, September 21st

The Icon Photography Experience by Life Touch is returning as our school photographer. They will be here on Friday, September 21st to take individual and class photos. Photos will be taken outdoors weather permitting.

SAY CHEESE!



Please note: For Sibling photos, please contact ICON and make an appointment that is convenient for you and your family. There is no charge for booking. There will no sibling photos taken during this day.

Pay School Fees Online

School fee information for the 2018-19 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 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 students fees you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

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

Stay Connected: Subscribe to Our News

As of the 2018-19 school year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is moving to a new service provider for sending phone and email notifications to families, School Messenger. Families won't notice much of a difference—all email subscription are being transferred so, there is no need to resubscribe.

If you're new to EIPS and want to start receiving Division news and update, or just want to review your subscription information, visit www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe. Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires the Division to have direct consent before engaging in electronic communication with its families. **Only those who have subscribed to receive emails** will get information about Division and school-related news, such as 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.

Improving Home-School Communication

Improving Home-School Communication To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. Additionally, the manual offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, emails and any social media efforts. The "Communication Protocol for Schools" is available at www.eips.ca/download/40981.

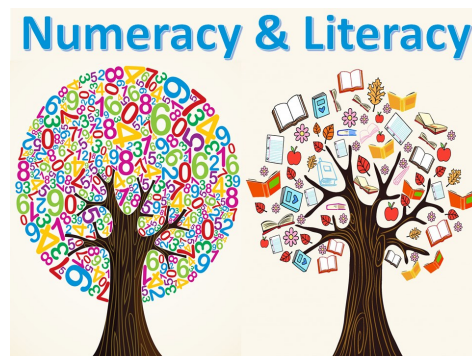
Enhancing Literacy and Numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/ Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2018-19 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each offers the teacher a clearer picture about a student's learning needs and helps determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments are not used towards a student's grade and there is no need to study ahead of time. Both simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact Deb Barron, the Director of Learning Supports, at 780-464-3477.



Quick Facts: EIPS Buses are all Equipped with Video Surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? The video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- deter from destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct, and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit <http://weshosford.ca/about/calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

NOTE: Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of **Wes Hosford School's** important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Strathcona County and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support youth mental health. The free sessions provide parents, caregivers, teachers and community members with information about challenges that can impact children and adolescents. Some of the session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, cannabis, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, building executive functioning skills, and limit setting.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

September 2018

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9	10 Grade 6 Camp	11	12	13 Hot Lunch	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 School Council Mtg. @ 6:30pm	21 School Photos Popcorn	22
23	24	25	26	27 Terry Fox Run Hot Lunch	28 Orange Shirt Day	29
30	October 1	2 Bus Evacuation Drill	3 Early Dismissal Day 2:18pm	4	5 PD Day No School	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day	9	10	11 Hot Lunch	12	13

October Dates

- Oct. 2 Bus Evaluation Drill
- Oct. 3 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
- Oct. 5 No School (PD Day)
- Oct. 8 Thanksgiving (No School)
- Oct. 11 Hot Lunch
- Oct. 16 Treat Day
- Oct. 19 Popcorn Day
- Oct. 25 Photo Retakes & Hot Lunch
- Oct. 26 Family Dance

Wes Hosford Milk Program

Name: _____

Class: _____



Individual Tickets	\$1 per Choc. Or White Milk ()	Total \$ _____
Booklet	20 Tickets - \$20.00	\$ _____
Please make cheques for Milk to: Wes Hosford School		Total Included: \$ _____



Student Name: _____

Class: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for:

_____ ADmazing Ticket Pack(s) \$25

Parent Signature: _____