

August 29, 2022

Dear Wes Hosford Family,



We are excited to start school on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:35. Dismissal is at 3:10.

As you may recall, we were able to have most children meet their teacher in June, and we even had them visit the classroom. We hope this will ease the transition and might help them find their teacher more easily on Thursday. When they arrive, staff will be outside and teachers will be holding a sign with their name on it. Staff will help students who are unsure where to go, especially our younger students.

To make our first morning together easier, you may wish to remind your child what door to go to, or even visit the school and show them in person, so that they are more confident on Thursday. If you walk your child to school, we recommend a quick hug and a wave goodbye when the teacher announces that the class will be going in, to ease separation anxiety. Doors:

- Kindergarten – front doors on Granada Blvd.
- Grade 1 – east doors nearest the handball courts
- Grade 2 and 3 – east doors nearest the playground equipment
- Grade 4 – north doors nearest the ramp
- Grade 5 – north doors across from the ramp
- Grade 6 – west doors by the basketball courts

As our Kindergarten parents are aware, they will have a staggered start. An email with your date/time was sent in June. If you registered for Kindergarten later in June or over the summer, or if you have misplaced this email, please call Mrs. Snow in the office at 780-464-1711 for this information.

For school supply lists, school calendar, and other information for [back to school](#), please visit our website at [www.weshosford.ca](http://www.weshosford.ca). The Write-On Stationery Deadline was August 1st so you will have to shop in person at this time.

Our first Early Dismissal Day is Wednesday, September 6. The first Wednesday of every month students are dismissed at 2:10.

Please remember that September 4th is a Statutory holiday, so no school for students or staff. More information will be forthcoming, in our September Newsletter. Please check our website and calendar for current information.

Enjoy these last sunny days of summer! I look forward to seeing you all next week!

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### Hot Lunch Orders

Ordering for term 1 opens on September 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't wait! Mark your calendar to go to [MunchaLunch.com](http://MunchaLunch.com) to order on September 1!

### Meet the Staff

On Tuesday, September 5 from 6:00-7:00 please drop in with your child to meet the staff and see your child's classroom. There is no assembly. The format is more of an open house style, where you can pop in and see your child's classroom and meet their teacher.



### Student Pick Up / Drop Off

Please send or deliver students to school at 8:20 or later as there is no supervision prior to this time. After school, supervisors need to clear the playground by 3:20 so that they have the visual that all students have left or have been picked up.

### Parking

The west parking lot is for staff parking; no parent/guardian parking is available here in the morning or after school, however you may loop through to quickly drop students off. As you exit, remember that there is no left turn when exiting and it is a "blind corner", requiring you to stop before the sidewalk, which the police enforce frequently.

Please, park in the GARC parking lot whenever possible. GARC requests that we be as courteous as possible as they have clients trying to park in order to get to various courses and scheduled events.

## Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices



Elk Island Public School Board Policy 24, requires that students of Divisions 1 and 2 (Grades K-6) not access a Personal Communication Device at school, unless required for: diagnosed medical conditions; or an identified inclusive educational need.

This means that students are not allowed to use cell phones or personal devices during the day. If a student brings a device, the homeroom teacher(s) will inform them of the process for storing them.

## Parent Council and Fundraising Society

We have our first Parent Council meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30. You can attend in person in our library by entering the east parking lot doors (which will be locked at 6:30) or virtually. The link will be available on the website closer to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Fundraising Society meets immediately after the Parent Council meeting and we are always looking for VOLUNTEERS to support our fundraising initiatives. Use this [link for more information](#).

## 2023-24 Bell Schedule

No changes for this year!

Regular Day	
Welcome	8:30
1	8:35 - 9:07
2	9:07 - 9:39
3	9:39 - 10:11
Recess	10:11 - 10:26
4	10:26 - 10:58
5	10:58 - 11:30
6	11:30 - 12:02
Lunch Break	12:02 - 12:32
	12:32 - 1:02
7	1:02 - 1:34
8	1:34 - 2:06
9	2:06 - 2:38
10	2:38 - 3:10
Dismissal	3:10

Early Dismissal	
Welcome	8:30
1	8:35 - 9:01
2	9:01 - 9:27
3	9:27 - 9:53
Recess	9:53 - 10:08
4	10:08 - 10:34
5	10:34 - 11:00
6	11:00 - 11:26
Lunch Break	11:26 - 11:56
	11:56 - 12:26
7	12:26 - 12:52
8	12:52 - 1:18
9	1:18 - 1:44
10	1:44 - 2:10
Dismissal	2:10