



Wes Hosford
Elementary School

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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. 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.

Our Vision Statement: At Wes Hosford, we will be the change we want to see in the World.

Our Mission: To provide an engaging atmosphere which facilitates and supports lifelong learning and wellness. In a safe environment, we will meet the diverse needs of students while modeling responsible citizenship for a global society.

Our motto: Wes Hosford students do the right thing even when no one is watching.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. Patti Berry, Principal

Bouquets

- 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.

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

Principal Mrs. Patti Berry

Asst. Prin. Mrs. Kari Huk

Counsellor Mrs. Corey Kropp

Kindergarten

Ms. Kristy Thiessen (am and pm)

Mrs. Borbe (am)

Mrs. Cheryl Blink am & pm ECS E.A.

Mrs. Theresa Munsterman am & pm ECS E.A.

Mrs. Amanda Beck-Platz am ECS E.A.

Grade1

Mrs. Denise Chamczuk/Mrs. Carol James E.A.

Mrs. Jennifer Pedersen/Mrs. Leah Langille E.A.

Mrs. Dianne Parker/Mrs. Peggy Karoly E.A.

Grade 2

Mrs. Pamela Erickson

Mrs. Nicole Niles/Mrs. Randi Marion E.A.

Ms. Shannon Pasma

Grade 3

Mrs. Jodi Elgie

Mrs. Darlene Gillis/Leslie Elliott E.A./
Jill Desmond E.A.

Ms. Kim Lerbekmo

Grade 4

Mrs. Keri Busenius/Ms. Donna Griffin

Ms. Alexis Hallier

Mrs. Ingrid Manchur

Grade 5

Mrs. Candice Daley/Mrs. Colleen Tachuk

Ms. Cindy Mundell/Mrs. Jill Desmond E.A./
Mrs. Leslie Elliott E.A.

Ms. Kayla Rusnell/Mrs. Janna Zielinski E.A.

Grade 6

Mr. Richard Henderson

Mrs. Tanya Landiak/Mrs. Janet Steeves E.A.

Mrs. Hana Murray

Music

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 in a single file on the right side of the hallway.
- Respect personal space of others; no inappropriate body contact.
- 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

<u>Grade 1 to 6</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>
8:30 a.m. Entry Bell	8:35 a.m. Morning Class Begins
8:37 a.m. Classes Commence	
10:13 a.m. Recess	
10:28 a.m. Classes Resume	
11:32 a.m. Lunchtime	11:30 a.m. Class Dismissed
12:20 p.m. Warning Bell	
12:23 p.m. Classes Resume	12:23 p.m. Afternoon Class Begins
1:59 p.m. Recess	
2:14 p.m. Classes Resume	
3:18 p.m. Classes Dismissed	3:18 p.m. Class Dismissed
*On the first Wednesday of each month, students are dismissed at 2:18.	*No School for Kindergarten on the first Wednesday of each month.

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.

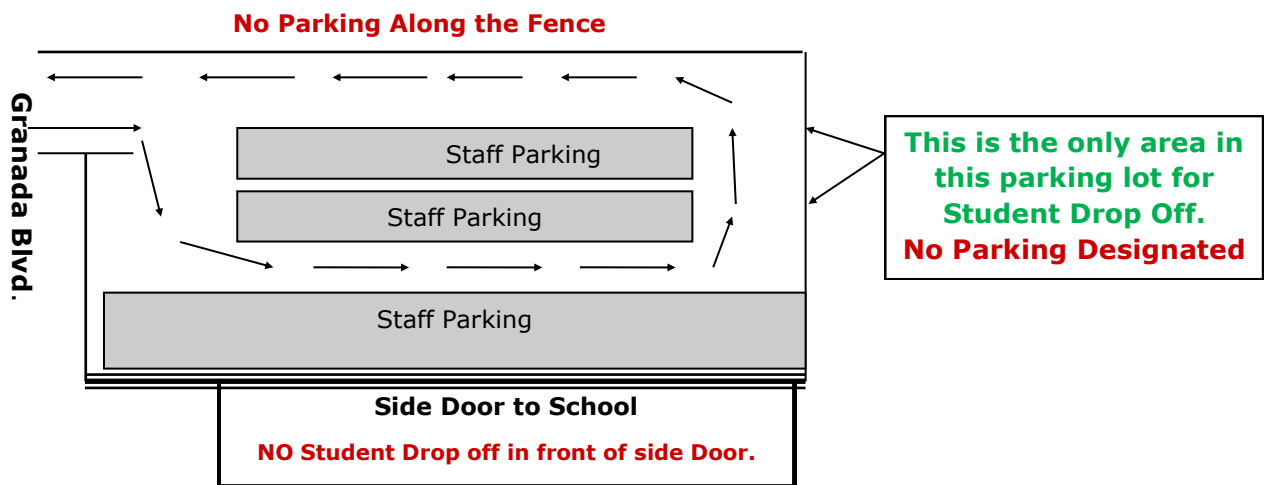
Meet the Teacher Night—Thursday, September 8th

Please join us Thursday, September 8th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for Meet the Teacher Night. We will gather in the school gym at 6:30 p.m. for a brief introduction of staff as well as information about School Council. You will then be able to visit your child(s) classrooms. Looking forward to seeing you then. ***NEW THIS YEAR — Grade Six Camp Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym.**

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.
- 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.



GARC Parking Lot



Thank you to Strathcona County and GARC for allowing us to continue to use their parking lot for drop off and pick up. They are in their last phase of construction and will be paving the parking lot from September 1-18. During that time, there will still be limited access to the parking lot. Parents will be able to stop and drop off in any area that is not barricaded off. If you would like to avoid the congestion, please plan to park in the surrounding residential areas and walk to the school grounds to drop off and pick up your children for this brief time. A very limited number of visitor parking spots (4) are available in the west staff parking lot. Please do not park, wait or drop off students in the staff assigned parking spots. Thank for your patience during this time. We will keep you updated on any changes!

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 **and put a reminder for them in their agenda.** This will hopefully reduce the stress that some students have because they are unsure. Phone usage will be monitored.

Pay School Fees Online

School fee information for the 2016–2017 school year are now available on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account (<https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/home.html>) and click the tab entitled, "**Student Fees**". Once logged in, you will be able to view and pay fees online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online (if available from your financial institution).

Remember to regularly login to your PowerSchool Parent Portal throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities including field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees, and more.

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

Updating Your PowerSchool Information

During the first week of school, families will receive a PowerSchool Correction Form for each student enrolled in **Wes Hosford School**. The form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding each of its students. When you receive the form, please review it carefully and make sure all the information is correct. If any changes need to be made, please update the form and add any new details you think are necessary. **Please have these forms returned to the school by Friday, September 9th.**

If you have any technical questions regarding PowerSchool, please contact the school office at **780-464-1711**. Thank you for your assistance.

Wes Hosford ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack Fundraiser

Wes Hosford School and **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** (formerly SUTP) have teamed up this school year to offer your family the 2016/2017 Ticket Pack. The **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** is filled with over \$25,000 in savings on everyday items for everyone in your family. Not only will you save a lot of money, but you will be supporting our school, as \$10 from every \$20 **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** you purchase will help support school projects that benefit our students.

Sell 5 and you will get 1 Free!!

Please use the form on page 9 if you wish to take advantage of these discount Ticket Packs. Please send your cash or cheque to the school office (**cheques made payable to Wes Hosford School**) by *Wednesday, October 5th, 2016*. When we receive your order and payment, we will forward the book(s) home with your child.

Individual and Class Photos—Tuesday, September 16th

Icon is returning as our school photographer. They will be here on Friday, September 16th to take individual and class photos. Photos will be taken outdoors weather permitting.

Early Dismissal Wednesdays

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. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, June 7

Please note: There are no kindergarten classes on Early Dismissal Days.

Quick Fact: Student Transportation

All Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) buses are equipped with video surveillance equipment. The equipment helps to ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; to deter destructive acts and is in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The video surveillance equipment records and stores several days' worth of data. Both video and audio recordings are regularly reviewed by EIPS Student Transportation to help monitor 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, please contact the EIPS FOIP co-ordinator at 780-417-8266.

Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? 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, simply follow the instructions that appear on your computer screen or mobile device. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of **Wes Hosford School's** important dates including holidays, school-closure dates, school activities and events, and more.

Parent Council/Fundraising Society

Hot Lunch News

Just a reminder that your Fundraising Committee implemented an online ordering system Munch a Lunch and it has been a HUGE success! Parents are urged to place their childrens' Hot Lunch, Pop-corn, and Treat Day orders online using **MunchaLunch.com!** **Fall Session online ordering is now open!** **You can only pay for your orders by VISA, MasterCard, PayPal & Cheques.** In the event online ordering is NOT an option for your family, but you still wish to participate, please contact the Fundraising Society at whsfundraisingsociety@gmail.com

To register simply go to:

www.munchalunch.com/schools/weshosford and it's as easy as 1, 2 3!

- Click the "**Register Here**" button and the system will guide you through
- After adding your children, click the green **Order Lunch!** button to order
- Next time, just click the "**Login Here**" button to access your account.



Hot Lunch is September 15th, so go online and order today!

We are on Facebook

Your Parent Council and Fundraising Society has an official FACEBOOK page! The goal of this group is to share Parent Council & Fundraising information and events at Wes Hosford.

Join us and stay up to date on Parent Council and Fundraising Society events in the school!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1506976802908895/>

Click **JOIN** to get regular updates and make sure you set the **GET NOTIFICATIONS** button to receive the updates on your newsfeed.

***Our next Meeting is September 15th, 2016 at 6:30pm in the school library.
Come join us!***

New to EIPS: Tools to Enhance 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 introducing two new assessment tools during the 2016–2017 school year—STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI). These assessments focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to show their learning in ways not possible with paper-based tests. The goal is to provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure all student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 2 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. Grade 1 students will take the STAR 360 exam in February. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and can be taken on any digital device. Also in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will take 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 to complete and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results of each assessment give the teacher a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if any subsequent instructional planning is needed.

Literacy and Learning Day

The 14th annual Literacy and Learning Day Conference takes place on Oct. 22, 2016 at the Edmonton Expo Centre. The event is a fun-filled day for both parents and teachers, and includes various free workshops and keynote speakers. Participants are guaranteed to walk away with new strategies, tools and resources to support children as they grow and learn. The conference is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, or to register, visit www.literacyday.ca

September 2016

Schedule of Events

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

- October Dates**
- Oct. 5 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
 - Oct. 6 & 7 No School (PD Days)
 - Oct. 10 Thanksgiving (No School)
 - Oct. 13 Hot Lunch
 - Oct. 21 Popcorn Day
 - Oct. 26 Photo Retakes
 - Oct. 27 Hot Lunch
 - Oct. 28 Family Dance

Wes Hosford Milk Program

Name: _____

Class: _____



Individual Tickets	\$.75 per Choc. Or White Milk ()	Total \$ _____
Booklet	20 Tickets - \$15.00	\$ _____
<p>Please make cheques for Milk to: Wes Hosford School</p>		Total Included: \$ _____



Student Name: _____

Class: _____

I have enclosed \$_____ for:

_____ ADmazing Ticket Pack(s) (\$20 ea.)

Parent Signature: _____