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Wes Hosford Elementary School

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Administration Message

The falling leaves, cool winds and bright colors signal that fall really is here! September passed quickly as we continued to settle into a new school year. We have had the pleasure of visiting all of the classes as well as spending several recesses outside getting acquainted with the students. We would like to thank our staff for all of their hard work and commitment to our students and to our school in getting the school year up and running. Grade six camp was a resounding success! We had a wonderful Terry Fox Run and raised \$795 towards Cancer Research. Our Parent Council had a successful meeting and the Fundraising Society also met for the first time this year. We are looking forward to working with both committees!

On Friday, October 21st we will be having our first annual "Socktober" Day. Students can "wear a pair" of their favorite socks and are encouraged to "bring a pair" of NEW socks to donate to "Hearts 4 the Homeless." We will be collecting socks during the week of October 17th-21st.

Halloween will be here before we know it and we will celebrate with a carnival for our K-2 students and classroom activities. We hope you will read through the newsletter and familiarize yourself with all that is happening at the school. We welcome comments and suggestions so feel free to contact us through the school website or by phone.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford Staff, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Warm Regards,

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Bouquets

- Thanks to the dedicated & professional staff at WHF for a smooth start up and a successful first month.
Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to be part of the Parent Council and the Fundraising Society.
Thanks to our Fundraising Society for providing the new rock climbing structure for our playground.

Lunch Hour Reminder

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.

School Fee Reminder

Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees. If you haven't paid your fees, payment can be by cheque to the school office or online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you require assistance with logging onto the Parent Portal, please contact the school office at 780-464-1711.

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

Socktober Information

On October 21st, "Wear a Pair" of your favorite socks and "Bring a Pair" of **NEW** socks to donate to "Hearts 4 the Homeless", a local organization that supplies the basic necessities for homeless men, women and youth. We will be collecting socks during the week of Oct. 17th-21st. They are in need of men's and women's socks.



Read In Week—October 3-7th



Read In Week 2016 returns on **October 3-7**. The theme for this year is **One World, Many Voices**, which focuses on the stories of other people. Through various activities, students will spend the week learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities our school has planned include: Guest Readers in classrooms and a school wide banner with every student saying something about reading.

Read In Week is an annual division-wide initiative that promotes a lifelong love of reading in students and enhances literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in

Read In Week with us either by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

And, don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag *#eipsreads*. We hope you discover some amazing stories.

Literacy and Learning Day—October 22nd

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

Celebrating World Teachers' Day—Oct. 5th

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work, and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their Kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

No Child Without: Free Medical Alert for Students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Wes Hosford School** is once again participating in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides children—between the ages four of 14—who have chronic health conditions with MedicAlert services, at no cost. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and would benefit from MedicAlert services, please contact the school office at **780-464-1711**. To learn more about the No Child Without program visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

Head Lice

REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!

As many of you are aware, head lice are tiny, greyish brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp. Anyone can get lice and they are commonly detected on school-aged children—itching is the main complaint. As such, head lice can appear in school communities at any time.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the handling of it is a shared responsibility between the parent/guardian, school and community. To prevent the spread of head lice, we strongly encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. We also ask you to check your child's hair weekly for any signs of head lice or nits. If your child has head lice, notify the school, treat the lice using both a treatment solution and lice comb and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone. The school will support you by working discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit www.eips.ca/parents/health-safety-information/head-lice. Alternatively, you can contact the school at **780-464-1711**.

School Bus Safety Week—Oct. 17-21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 17–21. The theme: **Know the Zone**, which is all about teaching children the danger areas surrounding the bus. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus safety lesson plans, and bus-evacuations drills.

As part of School Bus Safety week, we'd like to remind our students and our families all EIPS school buses are equipped with both a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses and 600 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child scanned onto a bus.

More information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/student-tran or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

Parent Council/School Fundraising Society News



**ENTER YOUR NAME TO
WIN PRIZES FOR EACH
BAG BROUGHT IN!**

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
WES HOSFORD PLAYGROUND
UPGRADES

October 14th
Wes Hosford Bottle
Drive/Pizza Fundraiser

DROP OFF:
3:30-6PM
PARKING LOT

**PREORDER PIZZA
COMBOS AT OFFICE BY
OCT 7TH! PICKUP AT
BOTTLE DROPOFF!**

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 Treat Day	5 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm <small>No Kindergarten</small>	6 PD Day — No School	7 PD Day — No School	8
9	10 Thanksgiving (No School)	11	12	13 Hot Lunch	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21  Socktober Day Popcorn Day	22
23	24	25	26 ICON Photo Retakes	27 Hot Lunch	28 Family Dance	29
30	31	Nov. 1 Treat Day	2 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm <small>No Kindergarten</small>	3	4	5

Schedule of Events

November Dates

- Nov 1 Treat Day
- Nov 2 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
- Nov 10 Hot Lunch
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day (No School)
- Nov 14-18 Fall Break (School Closed)
- Nov 24 Parent Council/Fundraising Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. in the Library
- Hot Lunch
- Nov 25 Popcorn Day/School Colors Report Cards Issued
- Nov 30/Dec 1 P/T Interviews

Wes Hosford Milk Program

Name: _____

Class: _____



Individual Tickets

75 ¢ per Choc. Or White Milk
(_____)

Total

\$ _____

Booklet

20 Tickets - \$15.00

\$ _____

**Please make cheques for Milk to:
Wes Hosford School**

Total Included:

\$ _____