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Administration Message



Welcome back everyone, and Happy New Year!

Our Wes Hosford School staff hopes that your Christmas break provided many opportunities to connect with family and friends during the holidays. Hopefully you were able to enjoy some fun activities over the past few weeks. We would once again like to thank all of our parents for your fabulous support of our school over the holiday season. Thanks for your help with classroom projects, class parties and your support and attendance at our Christmas Concert.

This second term of school is very productive with everyone quickly settling in their routines. New beginnings bring with them a renewed energy and enthusiasm for learning.

Warm Regards,

Patti Berry, Principal

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Bouquets

We had a wonderful December at Wes Hosford School and it is all due to the wonderful efforts of our staff and community! A big thank you to:

- Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Elgie, Miss Hallier, and Mrs. Tachuk for planning our Christmas concert.
- Thanks to the parents who volunteered to help move and set up equipment at Salisbury Composite High School.
- Thanks to the staff at Sal who helped live stream our concert.
- Thanks to Ms. Thiessen, Mrs. Borbe, Mrs. Blink, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Munsterman, and Miss Schwarze for our Kindergarten Christmas Concert.
- Thanks to our Grade 5 Team who helped coordinate the generous donations to the Christmas Bureau.
- Thanks to each and everyone of you for all you do to make our school the wonderful community it is!

Inclement Weather—Proper Winter Attire & Bus Cancellation Info.

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. All morning bus cancellations will be posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended...[when] Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition.

When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather. For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Kindergarten 2017-18 Registrations Now Open!

To be eligible for Kindergarten in the 2017–2018 school year, children must be five years old on, or before, Dec. 31, 2017.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2017–2018 school year on **Jan. 16, 2017**. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child in along with proof of your child's name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding **Wes Hosford School's** Kindergarten program, can be found on our school website at www.weshosford.ca

EIPS' Boundary Exemption Process for 2017-18 School Year

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year takes place from February 1 to April 7. The boundary exemption request process is the only time of year EIPS students—in Kindergarten to Grade 12—wishing to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can apply to do so. Interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school.

The Boundary Exemption Request Form—available as of Jan. 9, 2017—and additional information about the boundary exemption request process, schools with closed boundaries and frequently asked questions can be found by visiting www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries. ***Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017***

NOTE: Students already accepted into a non-designated school don't need to reapply.

Hair MassaCure

Wes Hosford is proud to announce our involvement in the February 16, 2017 **Hair Massacure**. Last year we raised over an amazing \$30,000. The **Hair Massacure** supports three outstanding local charities that help children and families with life-threatening illnesses.

If you would like to take part and join the **Wes Hosford Team** you can go to www.hairmassacure.com



Any questions can be emailed to Mrs. Kropp (Corey.Kropp@eips.ca)

Thank you so much for your support and donations!

Have your say: Take the EIPS Parent Survey

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is inviting all of our parents and guardians to complete a survey about your experiences with **Wes Hosford School** and the Division.

Annually, EIPS conducts a Parent Survey, which acts as a supplement to Alberta Education’s Accountability Pillar survey for families with children in grades 4, 7 and 10. The EIPS Parent Survey is a chance for all EIPS families to share their thoughts on the overall performance of the Division and their school, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in the EIPS 2015–2018 Three-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve our students and the wider community.

We encourage all of our families to complete the survey, which only takes a few minutes. Also, if you wish to share the experience of more than one of your children, you can respond to the survey more than once. The survey is open until Jan. 30, 2017. [TAKE THE SURVEY NOW](#)

EIPS 2017-18 Division Calendar Now Available

The approved EIPS 2017–2018 school year calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2017–2018 school year including: school-closure dates; holidays; dates for the fall, winter, spring and summer breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal dates.

Highlights from the 2017-2018 Division Calendar include:

August 30	First Day of Classes	February 8-9	Teachers’ Convention
November 13-17	Fall Break	March 26-30	Spring Break
Dec. 25 to Jan. 5	Winter Break	June 28	Last Day of Classes



To view the 2016–2017 Division calendar and 2017–2018 Division calendar, visit www.eips.ca. You can also sync the calendar to your own personal calendar for easy reference throughout the year.

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9 School Resumes	10 Hair Massacure kick-off	11 2:18pm Early Dismissal No Kindergarten	12 Hot Lunch	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Western & Popcorn Day	21
22	23	24	25	26 Parent Council/ Fundraising Mtg.	27	28
29	30	31 Treat Day	Feb 1 2:18pm Early Dismissal No Kindergarten	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Teachers' Convention
No School

February Dates

- Feb 1 2:18 pm Early Dismissal (No ECS Classes)
- Feb 9 Teachers' Convention & 10 School Closed
- Feb 11 Hot Lunch
- Feb 16 Hair Massacure Hot Lunch
- Feb 17 PD Day—No School
- Feb 20 Family Day School Closed
- Feb 24 Gr 4-6 Ski Day Popcorn & Crazy Hair Day
- Feb 28 Treat Day



Wes Hosford Milk Program

Please make cheques for Milk to:
Wes Hosford School



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

Supporting Student Success

As part of our ongoing efforts in Elk Island Public Schools to support the infusion of First Nations Metis Inuit perspective into curriculum, Wes Hosford students will have the opportunity to learn from Nakota Elder, Wilson Bearhead. Wilson Bearhead was once the chief of Paul First Nation. He later went on to become Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations and Deputy Chief for the Alberta Assembly of First Nations. Wilson also served as Cultural Commissioner for the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

Wilson will visit Wes Hosford once a month. He will be working in classrooms, sharing information about the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. We are grateful for the opportunity to access culturally relevant learning opportunities for our students.