

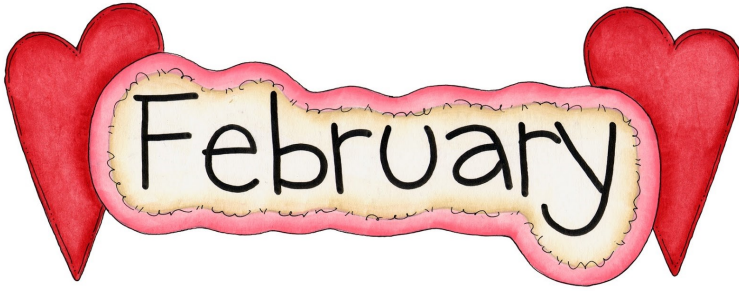


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Administration Message—Patti Berry, Principal

February will be a very busy month with Teachers' Convention and a number of very special school events. Please check the calendar for upcoming dates.

Thanks to Mrs. Kropp and to all staff for their enthusiasm and participation for once again organizing our Hair Massacure to be held at the school on February 16. To date we have raised \$12,695 with the goal to match or better our donations of over \$30,000 that we raised last year! Click the link on our webpage if you would like to make a donation to the Wes Hosford Team and help support this amazing cause.

I hope everyone will have a chance to celebrate a wonderful Valentine's Day together and a fun filled Family Day long weekend. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate so you can enjoy many outdoor activities together.

Bouquets

- ♥ Thanks to Ms. Griffin for helping organize our students for the Young Author's Conference.
- ♥ Thanks to Ms. Lerbekmo and Mrs. Gillis for their work with running club.

Student Absences, Lates, Leaving/Returning

Just a reminder for your assistance in the following office procedures.

- ♥ When students are **late** for school (morning/afternoon); **leaving** school for an appointment; **returning** to school from an appointment, the student or their parent **must come to the office** and sign in/out on the **Student Sign In & Out Log** located on the bulletin board.
- ♥ Please call the school when your child will be **absent**. Messages can be left on our answering machine any day at anytime.
- ♥ To alleviate stress for your child and last minute calls to the office, please make note in the agenda of any changes for end of day pick-up. If your child usually takes the bus and there is no note... your child will be put on the bus.

We appreciate your willingness to assist our office staff in ensuring your children are safe. Thank you!

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Kindergarten Registration Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, bring your completed [Student Registration Form](#) to the school you're enrolling your child at 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 <http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten>. Additional information regarding Wes Hosford's kindergarten program can be found on our school website at www.weshosford.ca.

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

Boundary Exemption Request Process for 2017/18

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) boundary exemption request process for the 2017–2018 school year is now open.

EIPS students—in kindergarten to Grade 12—wanting to attend a non-designated school in the upcoming school year can now apply to do so. All interested families must fill out a Boundary Exemption Request Form and submit it directly to their requested school. The application deadline is April 7, 2017. Boundary exemption requests received after April 7, 2017 will be declined. There is no late or secondary process.

The [Boundary Exemption Request Form](#) 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/boundary-exemption-request-process. **Final decisions will be made by April 12, 2017.**

*Please note that WHF is closed to accepting new out-of-bounds registrations for Kindergarten and Grades 1 through 6 for the 2017-18 school year. Siblings from current WHF students are grandfathered and therefore do not require an out-of-bounds exemption.

Let's Talk About: School Boundaries

Planning is now underway to establish the attendance boundaries for the new K-6 school in the Davidson Creek area. The new boundaries will affect both elementary schools and junior high schools in the north-east quadrant of Sherwood Park.

To ensure the new attendance boundaries meet the needs of the community, EIPS is holding two public information sessions. At the sessions, community members will have the opportunity to view the proposed attendance areas, ask questions and share comments.

Public Information Sessions: **Date:** February 8 & February 16
Time: 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Lakeland Ridge
*free child care provided.

Unable to attend the public information sessions? The proposed boundaries and a comment form are also available, as of February 8, at www.eips.ca/schools/newschoolsandmodernizations/sherwoodpark.

Public Meetings: Ministik School

As you may be aware, in December, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees approved the motion to consider the possible closure of Ministik School.

To ensure a fair and transparent process and that a decision be made in the best interests of both students and the Division, a public-meeting process is being undertaken as outlined in the province's *School Act* "Alberta Regulation 238/1997: Closure of Schools Regulation.". A comprehensive information package is being provided to all Ministik School families. The package is also available online at www.eips.ca/schools/ministik-school.

Two public meetings are being held which will offer insight and information regarding the school's possible closure. Parents, guardians and community members will have the opportunity learn about what is being considered, ask questions and offer feedback.

Meeting details: **Date:** February 7 and February 15
 Time: 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)
 Location: Ministik School gymnasium
 Address: 21246 Highway 14, Sherwood Park, AB.
 *child care provided

More information about the meeting and related updates are available at www.eips.ca.

EIPS Changes to Sharing Information via Email

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) appreciates the opportunity to stay connected with parents and one of the ways it does so is through email. However, federal law—Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)—requires that the Division must be given direct consent to continue to email its families, because occasionally, emails may contain what could be "commercial content."

On February 15, you will receive a message from the Division that will give you the option to either subscribe or unsubscribe from school- and Division- generated emails. The same message is being sent to every email address you have provided to the Division. To remain on EIPS' distribution list, you will have to make a choice as to whether or not you wish to continue receiving email for each of those addresses.

If you unsubscribe, or do not respond, you will no longer receive school- and Division-generated emails such as school newsletters, information about upcoming school and Division events, parent and community engagement opportunities and others. That's because these messages may contain advertising or promotional content from time to time—for example, school fundraisers; lunch programs; field trips; the sale of yearbooks; purchasing of student photos, books, graduation, school productions or dance tickets; athletic events with an entry fee; options for purchasing third-party supplies or products or similar events and offers—and will therefore no longer be sent out.

NOTE: Even if you unsubscribe, you will continue to receive emails regarding emergency situations and financial matters. Those who received notifications about high school attendance will also still receive those messages.

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Dismissal @ 2:18pm No Kindergarten	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Teachers Convention School Closed			
12	13	14 Valentines Day Wear Red	15	16  12:30 Hot Lunch	17 PD Day No School	18
19	20 Family Day No School	21	22 Pink Shirt Day	23	24 Gr 4-6 Ski Trip/ Popcorn Day/ Crazy Hair Day	25
26	27	28 Treat Day	March 1 Dismissal @ 2:18pm No Kindergarten	2	3 PD Day No School	4

Schedule of Events

March Dates to Note:

- Mar 1 Early Dismissal Day
No Kindergarten Classes
- Mar 2 Hot Lunch
- Mar 3 PD Day
- Mar 10 Popcorn/Twin & Triplet Day
- Mar 16 School Council Mtg. & Hot Lunch
- Mar 17 Digital Report Card Available
- Mar 21 & 22 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Mar 21-23 Book Fair
- Mar. 24 Day in Lieu
- Mar 25-Apr 2 Spring Break
(No School)



Wes Hosford Milk Program



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

Feb. 16th

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