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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. We had a wonderful Terry Fox Run and raised **\$695** 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!

During the week of October 15-19 we will be collecting used shoes. Used shoes collected will be donated to the Strathcona County Waste Reduction Week Shoe Drive.

Halloween will be here before we know it and we will celebrate with a carnival for our K-2 students and classroom activities for grades 3-6. Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school for the entire day on Wednesday, October 31st. Please send your children in easy to wear, school friendly costumes. No weapons or scary masks please.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford Staff, we wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving long weekend!

Warm Regards,

*Patti & Kari*

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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 many parent volunteers who are in our school daily helping our classrooms.

## 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.

## 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.

## Pay School Fees Online

**Pay School Fees Online!** School fee information for the 2018-19 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees) Alternatively, contact **Mrs. Terry Snow, Business Manager** at 780-464-1711.

## Volunteers Needed for Wee Reads Program

In conjunction with Alberta Reads, Wes Hosford is offering a reading program for students in Kindergarten and grade one. This is a volunteer opportunity that requires a one hour session reading with 4 students, 2 sessions at 30minutes each for 8 weeks.

There is a short training session required by volunteers that will be offered on the following:

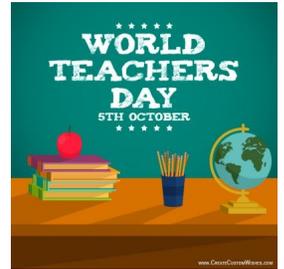
- October 15 @ Westboro Elementary School 6:30-7:30
- October 16 @ Brentwood Elementary School 4:00-5:00
- October 17 @ SouthPointe Elementary School 6:30-7:30
- October 17 @ A.L. Horton Elementary School 4:00-5:00
- October 19 @ Central Office @ Elk Island Schools 1:00 -2:00 and 2:30-3:30

You only need to attend one.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Stacey Large @ [Stacey.large@eips.ca](mailto:Stacey.large@eips.ca) or call the school 780-464-1711

## 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 students, families 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.

## Head Lice

### REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!

Head lice is one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, 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—itching is the main complaint. Lice don't jump from head to head nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it's essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. 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. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If head lice are found on your child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.



For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit [www.eips.ca/programs-services/healthy-schools/head-lice](http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/healthy-schools/head-lice). Alternatively, you can contact the school at **780-464-7111**.

## School Bus Safety Week—Oct. 22-26

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 22-26. The theme: School Bus...Bully Free Zone, which is all about promoting the importance of healthy relationship among students, staff and school bus operators. Throughout the week, various activities are planned including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation 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 allow 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/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation) or by contacting Student Transportation (780-417-8151, [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca)) directly.



## No Child Without—Free MedicAlert for Students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Wes Hosford School** continues to be registered in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four of 14—who have chronic health conditions. 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 could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at **780-464-1711**.



**no child without<sup>®</sup>**  
Canadian MedicAlert<sup>®</sup> Foundation

To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca).

# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	<b>3 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm</b> No Kindergarten	4 Dress as Your Favorite Book Character	5 PD Day No School	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Day	9	10	11 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	12	13
14	15	16 <b>Treat Day</b>	17	18	19 <b>Popcorn Day</b>	20
Waste Reduction Shoe Drive Week →						
21	22	23	24	25 <b>Hot Lunch</b> ICON Photo Retakes	26 <b>Family Halloween Dance</b>	27
Bus Safety Week →						
28	29	30	31 <b>Halloween</b> 	Nov. 1	2	3

## Schedule of Events

### November Dates

- Nov 6 Treat Day
- Nov 7 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
- Nov 8 Hot Lunch
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 13-17 Fall Break (School Closed)
- Nov 19 Classes Resume
- Nov 22 Parent Council/Fundraising Society Meeting
- Nov 23 Report Card Available Online
- Nov 26-29 Book Fair
- Nov 28/29 P/T Interviews

### Wes Hosford Milk Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: \_\_\_\_\_



Individual Tickets

\$1 per Choc. Or White Milk  
(\_\_\_\_)

Total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Punch Card

20 Milks - \$20.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques for Milk to:  
Wes Hosford School

Total Included:

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