

May Newsletter

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

Thank you to those families who were able to join us for the Kindergarten Open House. It was so nice to meet so many new families! Ms. Thiessen did a wonderful job of introducing the kindergarten program.

Please note some important dates coming up as noted at the end of the newsletter, including Whacky Hat and Sunglasses Day which celebrated the amazing job our school community is doing with the Readathon! More info regarding the Readathon will be in the Fundraising Newsletter.

Enjoy our longer days and nicer weather!

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Compassion Connects - Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week takes place May 6-12 this year. To mark the week, Wes Hosford School has activities and lessons planned for students, all centered on Mental Health Week's theme, "Compassion Connects."



We all have the capacity to be compassionate, and we know that doing so can make an enormous difference. Collectively, students will learn about community-based mental health care champions, programs and communities while showcasing the importance of securing universal mental health care, what it can look like and how mental health care can be expressed and nurtured, such as within art, music and dance.

For more information:

[Mental Health Week](#)

[Alberta Health Services: Help in Tough Times](#)

Hats on for Mental Health Day!

May 8 is Hats on for Mental Health Day. Albertans are invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Schools will relax their hat rules and encourage students and teachers to build understanding by wearing hats to school. Social media images and copies of the *Compassionate Classrooms* reference booklet are available on the [ATA website](#).



First Nations, Métis and Inuit News!

Please read the [newsletter](#) and learn about our new consultants!

THANK YOU! Bus Driver Appreciation Day is May 6

Join us on May 6 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators—who go above and beyond to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford community, THANK YOU to all of our school bus operators for a job well done.

EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2022-23](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

May Spotlight: the [EIPS Annual Education Results Report: Overview](#). Learn about EIPS':

- mission and belief statements
- Alberta Education Assurance Measures results
- successes and challenges;
- four-year education plan;
- plus, more.

RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2025-28](#)

Upcoming events and important dates:

- **May 1:** Early Dismissal
- **May 2:** Whacky Hat and Sunglasses Day!
- **May 2:** Treat Day
- **May 6:** Bus Driver Appreciation Day!
- **May 6-12:** Mental Health Week
- **May 3:** PD Day - no school for students
- **May 8:** Hats On for Mental Health Day - students may wear hats in class Popcorn Day!
- **May 9:** School Council and Fundraising Meetings at 6:30 in the Learning Commons
- **May 10:** Hot Lunch!
- **May 13:** Popcorn Day
- **May 16&17:** School Closure Days
- **May 20:** Victoria Day (schools closed to students and staff; Central Services closed)
- **May 30:** Blanket Exercises for Grade 5s