

August 30, 2024

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

We are excited to start school on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:35. Dismissal is at 3:10.

In order to ease the transition from vacation to school, and to ease first day jitters, we are trying something new this year...



Our **Meet the Staff** evening will be on Wednesday, **August 28<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00-7:00. There won't be a formal gathering, it is meant to be drop in style.

Prior to the event, teachers will be sending out welcome letters to the students in their class, so you will know which classroom and which teacher to go to. When you arrive, teachers will be in their classrooms. You are invited to either go to the door that your child will be using this year, or you can come to the front office to say hi, and to get directions to your classroom. Staff will be available to help families who are unsure where to go.

Our School Council and Fundraising Society will be there to visit, and to give you tips on how to be involved in our fabulous school. They will be set up at the front doors, and our fundraising society will also be showcasing our new Wes Hosford apparel, with items available to try on and make your orders. If you'd like to place your order now, please do so [HERE](#).

You will also be able to visit our awesome new playground, our new Learning Commons, and our Reset Room. To make our first morning together easier, you are encouraged to bring the majority of your child's supplies on that evening, and to help them set up their desk. Teachers will have directions regarding this.

## *Meet the* **STAFF**

The first day of class for grades 1-6 will be on Thursday morning, and to ease any separation anxiety we recommend a quick hug and a wave good bye when the teacher announces that the class will be going in. Lingering makes it harder on our kiddos. As our

Kindergarten parents are aware, they will have a staggered start. An email with your date/time was sent in June. If you registered for Kindergarten later in June or over the summer, or if you have misplaced this email, please call Mrs. Snow in the office at 780-464-1711 for this information.

Our first Early Dismissal Day is Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The first Wednesday of every month students are dismissed at 2:10.

Please remember that Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> is a Statutory holiday, so no school for students or staff. More information will be forthcoming, in our September Newsletter. Please check our website and calendar for current information.

Enjoy these last sunny days of summer! I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Sue



### Doors

Doors:

Kindergarten - front doors on Granada Blvd.

Class 1P(Parker) and 1/2C (Chamczuk) - east doors near handball courts

Class 2/3N(Niles) and 3BT(Borbe Tachuk) - east doors nearest the playground equipment

Class 4/5G(Gillis) - north doors nearest the ramp

Class 4P(Pedersen) and 5D(Daley) - north doors across from the ramp

Class 6E(Erickson) and 6M(Manchur) - west doors by the basketball courts

### Playground

We are so excited about our new playground, and we know you are, too! We want all our students to have an opportunity to enjoy the equipment safely, so we have a plan in place to start the year out. Teachers will be able to book time on the equipment for gym classes, Fit Kids, and other times during the day. At recess there will be a schedule, that includes a first recess rotation with Grade 6s using it on Mondays, Grade 5s on Tuesdays, Grade 4s Wednesdays, Grade 3s Thursdays, and Grades K-2 on Fridays. For the lunch recess, K-2 students will use the playground every day. In October we will assess how the rotation is working and will make adjustments as necessary.

### School Supplies

For school supply lists, school calendar, and other information for [back to school](http://www.weshosford.ca), please visit our website at [www.weshosford.ca](http://www.weshosford.ca). The Write-On Stationery Deadline was August 1st so you will have to shop in person at this time.



## Yearbook

Our yearbook ordering page is now set up and accepting orders. The order deadline has been extended to August 30, 2024. The cost is \$18.50 per book. Please go to [ybpay.ca](http://ybpay.ca) to order your 2023-24 Yearbook. Enter the Yearbook ID Code: 14371624



### Student Pick Up / Drop Off

Please send or deliver students to school at 8:20 or later as there is no supervision prior to this time.

After school, supervisors need to clear the playground by 3:20 so that they have the visual that all students have left or have been picked up.

## Parking

The west parking lot is for staff parking; no parent/guardian parking is available here in the morning or after school, however you may loop through to quickly drop students off. As you exit, remember that there is no left turn when exiting and it is a "blind corner", requiring you to stop before the sidewalk, which the police enforce frequently.

Please, park in the GARC parking lot whenever possible. GARC requests that we be as courteous as possible as they have clients trying to park in order to get to various courses and scheduled events.

## Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices

There is government legislation regarding personal electronic devices in schools and this is used to determine Elk Island Public School Board Policy 24 and AP 145, which require that students in Divisions 1 and 2 (Grades K-6) not access a Personal Communication Device while at school, unless required for: diagnosed medical conditions; or an identified inclusive educational need.



This means that students are not allowed to use cell phones or personal devices during the day. If a student brings a device, the homeroom teacher(s) will inform them of the process for storing them.

Students may come to the office to use the phone if they have forgotten their lunch or other similar scenarios. You are welcome to phone the office if you need, for example, to let your child know of a change in how they will be getting home. We will share that information with your child. Please try to call as early as possible (ex. Prior to 2:00) as classes are often outside at the end of the day.

## Parent Council and Fundraising Society

We have our first Parent Council meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. You can park in the east parking and use the east doors which will be locked at 6:00. If child care is tricky, you may wish to join virtually. The link will be available on the website closer to the date. Our Fundraising Society meets immediately after the Parent Council meeting and we are always looking for VOLUNTEERS to support our fundraising initiatives. Use this [link for more information](#).



## Hot Lunch Orders

Ordering for term 1 opens on September 4<sup>th</sup> and closes on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't wait! Save the date and then go to [MunchaLunch.com](http://MunchaLunch.com) to order!

## Bell Schedule

No changes for this year!

See images, below, which you can cut out and put on your fridge! :D

Regular Day	
Welcome	8:30
1	8:35 - 9:07
2	9:07 - 9:39
3	9:39 - 10:11
Recess	10:11 - 10:26
4	10:26 - 10:58
5	10:58 - 11:30
6	11:30 - 12:02
Lunch Break	12:02 - 12:32
	12:32 - 1:02
7	1:02 - 1:34
8	1:34 - 2:06
9	2:06 - 2:38
10	2:38 - 3:10
Dismissal	3:10

Early Dismissal	
Welcome	8:30
1	8:35 - 9:01
2	9:01 - 9:27
3	9:27 - 9:53
Recess	9:53 - 10:08
4	10:08 - 10:34
5	10:34 - 11:00
6	11:00 - 11:26
Lunch Break	11:26 - 11:56
	11:56 - 12:26
7	12:26 - 12:52
8	12:52 - 1:18
9	1:18 - 1:44
10	1:44 - 2:10
Dismissal	2:10

