

October 1, 2024

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

The Terry Fox Run was awesome! The students ran a gazillion laps around the property! And Orange Shirt Day was a big success, as well. We were a sea of orange!

Thank you, also, to our amazing School Council and Fundraising Society. Our elected members are:

School Council		Fundraising Society	
Chair	Tawnia M.	Co-Chairs	Loretta C. & Chantelle A.
Vice Chair	Kilby R.	Vice Chair	Trenna S.
Secretary	Amy P.	Secretary	Courtney K.

We are so grateful for these VOLUNTEERS (❤️) and those who run Hot Lunches, Treat Days, Popcorn Days, our dances, the Readathon, Book Fair, etc. etc. etc.!

Often, it's the same 6-12 people who keep coming out to help, so please consider pitching in to help out 1 or 2 initiatives! Contact the Parent Fundraising Society via email at whsfundraisingsociety@gmail.com

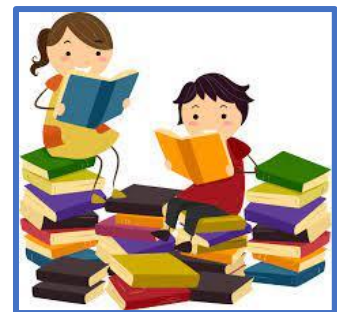


Remember to send in receipts from the Wye Road Save On Foods, and any Boston Pizza!



Read In Week October 7-11

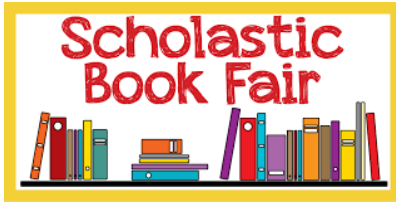
Read In Week is a division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, families and community members. This year's theme: "Reading is for everyone." One of our activities planned for Read In Week include inviting our parents to come in and read!



We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community. For more information, visit the [Read In Week website](#)

Book Fair

📖 Join Us at the Book Fair! 📖



We're excited to invite all our students, families, and book lovers to the **Book Fair** on teacher interview nights **October 23 & 24** from 3:30 PM - 7:00PM. It's a fun-filled event where you can explore an amazing selection of books and find new favorites. The best part? Every purchase helps support our school library, bringing even more great books to our shelves. Come join the adventure, foster a love for reading, and make a difference! 📖👉

Volunteers Needed for the Book Fair!

We're also looking for volunteers to help set up the fair on **Monday October 21** or assist with taking payments and helping families find books during the evenings of **Wednesday & Thursday (October 23 & 24)**. If you're available, we'd love your support to make this event a success! Please sign up [HERE](https://volunteersignup.org/DJKM7). (volunteersignup.org/DJKM7). 📖👉

Parent - Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the evenings of Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24, between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. Appointments for interviews are made online at www.schoolbookings.net

Select the "Make a Booking" button from the top right side of the screen, then use Event code: **nbypn**

Booking availability begins on October 9. If you go to the site prior to it being activated, you will see a message that says Interviews are currently closed. Bookings will remain open until Tuesday, October 22.

If you have any questions about booking an Interview time, please contact the school at 780-464-1711.

Volleyball

We thank Mrs. Daley, in advance, as she begins preparations for Volleyball Club. Students in grades 6 will be given the opportunity to join Volleyball Club, and all the details will be shared with them in the coming weeks.



Practice at Home

While we do the teaching at school, we DO need your help! We ask you to read with your child every day for 30 minutes or more. I know it can be hard, and that there will be days



when the reading happens in the car on the way to a practice, or in the stands at the practice! But the benefits are huge! For math, even just practicing basic facts while unloading the dishwasher can help. These habits are essential.

If you'd like to talk to your classroom teacher, or to our school Counsellor, Christy Nichol, about more ways to help your child at home, please get in touch!

And remember, at school we challenge students by teaching them with materials that push their level of understanding. At home practice should be about practice, developing good study habits, and building confidence, so using materials at an easier level than we use at school is recommended. Your teacher can advise you if you're unsure.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day October 5



October 5 is World Teachers' Day! World Teachers' Day recognizes the integral role teachers play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents, caregivers 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 Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

WHF Connection to the Land Club

Self-identified students will have the opportunity to participate in a Connection to the Land Club at Wes Hosford. Our EIPS Indigenous consultant, Danielle Booker and Mr. Arndt will help facilitate this endeavor. The club is completely voluntary, and students will participate in cultural teachings, land-based learning, student-led activities, etc. Our first meeting will be on **October 8th**.

EIPS Indigenous Newsletter

Please click on the link for the [October EIPS Indigenous Newsletter](#).

Counsellor's Corner

This month's article in Counsellor's Corner is all about digital citizenship. It contains useful information for parents and shares some of what we are doing as a school to support our families. Use the link below to learn more!

[Counsellor's Corner | Wes Hosford Elementary](#)

Christmas and Spring Concerts



Kindergarten will offer a Christmas concert during the day, as usual. We are also excited to offer an evening Christmas Concert for Grades 1-3 in our school gym on December 5th and a Spring Concert for grades 4-6 in March. More information will follow in next month's newsletter!

Did you know?

EIPS is committed to a productive and collaborative relationship with parents and caregivers. As such, the Division has a Committee of School Councils (COSC) comprised of representatives from school councils across EIPS. From October to May, COSC members meet monthly with the Board of Trustees and senior EIPS administration to discuss educational issues and trends, while sharing valuable information with one another to best enhance student success. In recognition of the effort and dedication of EIPS families and staff in engaging with their school communities, the Division was honoured to receive the Division School Council Engagement Award from the Alberta School Councils' Association last April. To learn more, visit the [EIPS website](#).

Elk Island Public Schools is on Instagram!

Want reminders and news about EIPS? You can now follow the Division on Instagram [@elkislandpublicschools](#). Stay in the know about what's going on, from division wide celebrations to reminders about important dates and deadlines. You can also connect with EIPS on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#) and the [EIPS website](#).

Interested in school-specific updates? Follow Wes Hosford Elementary School of Facebook.

School Bus Safety Week October 15-21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15-21. The theme: 'Stand Back From Yellow and Black,' which focuses on proper school bus safety behavior. 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, Wes Hosford reminds students and families all Division school buses are equipped with a Tyler Drive tablet, bus-pass scanner, GPS technology, the Child Check-Mate system and surveillance equipment, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 175 buses. Families and students also have access to the Traversa Ride 360 app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus. For more information visit EIPS Student Transportation or contact 780-417-8151.

Pay School Fees Online!

[School fee information](#) for the 2024-25 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. If you're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#). The application deadline is Dec. 16, 2024.

NOTE: 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, extracurricular activities fees and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit <https://www.weshosford.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Snow at Wes Hosford at 780-464-1711.



Important Dates

October

- 2 Early Dismissal
- 2 Retake Day!
- 4 PD Day! No school for students
- 5 [World Teachers' Day](#)
- 7 Read In Week begins [Read In Week](#)
- 9 School Bus Evacuation Drills & Little Elk Island Adventurers
- 10 KTB (Tues/Thurs Class) will be doing Little Elk Island Adventurers
- 10 [World Mental Health Day](#)
- 11 Treat Day!
- 14 Thanksgiving! No School!
- 18 Hot Lunch Day!
- 21 Book Fair begins
- 23 Parent/Teacher Interviews - Book Fair Shopping!
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- 25 Popcorn Day!
- 31 Halloween! Come to school dressed up! No knives or guns, of course! 😊

