

January 17, 2025

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

Students have been enjoying the Kindness Club (Gr4-5), Mindfulness Club, Art Club (Gr6), Intramurals (Gr4-6), Running Club (Gr4-6) and just starting this month, Grade 4-6 students have the option to do Coding Club on Fridays.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

In February, another article will be sent to you with instructions on how to sign up, but we wanted to remind you that K-6 Parent /Teacher Interviews will be held on February 4th and 5th from 4:00-7:00. **Beginning on January 27**, parents will be able to book an interview time with their child's teacher. If you do not have access to a computer or want to book an appointment with the Principal, Assistant Principal or Counselor, please contact the office and we will be happy to schedule an appointment for you. Report Cards will be available March 14th. Also, see Bottle Drive info, below!

Bottle Drive!

Holiday cans and bottles taking up space in your garage? No worries! **During Parent Teacher interview night on February 4 & 5**, we will again be having a **Bottle Drive!** A truck or trailer will be located by the west facing doors in the school parking lot. Last time, we collected 20 bags...let's see if we can get to 40 bags for this event! As an added bonus, everyone who brings in a bag of recycling will be entered to win a \$20 Book Fair shopping spree on February 10!

Did you know?

If your child misses just two days a month for any reason for ten of their school years, they'll have missed the equivalent of one entire year of school. Students who frequently miss school, even as early as kindergarten, are also more likely to have difficulty in school, at post-secondary and in their career. As every family has unique circumstances, EIPS uses a multi-tiered approach to re-engage students with chronic absenteeism. In addition, the Division promotes strategies to support and encourage regular attendance for all students. If you're concerned about consistent student attendance for your child or youth, contact the school for support. An informative [video](#) is also available.

Fees for 2025-26

At our next School Council meeting on **March 13 at 6:30** we will have the second and final fee discussion. I appreciate the suggestions given at the last meeting and have made adjustments accordingly. Our fee schedule for 25-26 is below. If you would like to offer further input but cannot attend the meeting, please feel welcome to call me at 780-464-1711.

Fee Name/Description	Per Student 2025-26	Per Student 2024-25	Per Student 2023-24	Fee Category
Field Trip - ECS	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$62.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 1	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$62.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 2	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$62.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 3	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$62.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 4	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$62.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 5	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$62.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 6	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$62.00	Activity Fees
Young Authors Conference	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Activity Fees
WISEST Conference	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	Activity Fees
Extracurricular Sports/Clubs	\$2.00-\$20.00	\$2.00-\$20.00	\$2.00-\$20.00	Activity Fees
Noon Supervision	\$115.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	Supervision
ECS Noon Supervision	\$57.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	Supervision

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2025? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2025-26 school year on Feb. 1, 2025.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool Kit](#) 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.



From the Sunshine Committee!

On Tuesday, February 4 at lunch time we will be providing our amazing staff a meal to show our appreciation for all they do. We are fortunate that we can provide our hard-working staff with a meal especially since they are staying late to meet with us for Parent Teacher Interviews.



We are looking for volunteers to bring main dishes, appetizers, salads, desserts, beverages, buns and plates/cutlery, napkins. Please have them dropped off at the school by 11:30am or earlier. Please mark items "Staff Potluck".

PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NUT FREE!

Here is the link to sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/E3H4W>

Thank you for helping out!
From your Sunshine Committee

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are always needed to help out on Popcorn, Treat and Hot Lunch Days.



We need volunteers to fill several of our executive roles for next year, including:

- School Council Chair
- School Council Vice Chair
- Fundraising Society Chair
- Fundraising Society Vice Chair
- Fundraising Society Treasurer.

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information about our executive positions, please send an email to whfschoolcouncil@gmail.com with your name and contact information. Someone will reach out to you!

Thank you!
From your School Council

EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2023-24: Now available!

EIPS' [Annual Education Results Report 2023-24](#) is now available online. The report details how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. A brief [overview](#) of the report is also available.

Returning Student Registration for 2025-26

The Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) [returning student registration](#) process for 2025-26 takes place Feb. 10-24, 2025. Through the online form, all families will confirm the school and program their child will attend next year or advise the Division if they aren't returning. For students who want to attend a non-designated school next year, these requests must be submitted through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space.

On February 10, the parent/guardian on file in PowerSchool identified as the Permission Click contact for each pre-kindergarten to Grade 11 student will receive an email through Permission Click with a link to the form. If your family hasn't received any Permission Click forms this school year, contact the school office so we can investigate any technical issues before registration season.



Digital Well-Being: For Parents and Caregivers of Youth Ages 9 - 14 years

Save the Date! Thursday, January 30, 2025, 6 - 7:30pm Wes Hosford Library

Learn how to help your child with the social and technological pressures they face in the world today. Together we will go through research-based ways we can support teens when they are feeling the pressure of their digital lives. Issues addressed include interacting with strangers online, understanding their digital identity, and healthy relationships.

The content of this workshop is geared for parents and caregivers with children between 9-14 years of age. The presentation is from 6 to 7:30 pm, with an opportunity for Q & A from 7:30 to 8 pm

Sign Up: [Digital Well-Being: For Parents and Caregivers of Youth Ages 9 - 14 years, Thursday, January 30, 2025, 6 - 7:30pm - Family and parenting supports | Strathcona County](#)

Caregiver Series: January and February sessions

Recovery Alberta offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. The list of [January and February 2025 sessions](#) is now available.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- January 20: Readathon starts!
- January 20: Hot Lunch!
- January 29: Professional learning day (schools closed to students)
- January 30: Parent Night 7:30 - Cyber Bullying
- February 1: [kindergarten](#) and [grades 1-12](#) new student registration opens for 2025-26
- February 4 & 5: Parent/Teacher Interviews 4 - 7 pm

Other Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- March 13: School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings at 6:30
- March 14: Report Cards available
- March 20: School Dance
- March 21: No school - Spring Break begins
- March 31: Classes resume after Spring Break
- April 10: Spring Concert for Grades 4, 5 & 6
- April 24: Kindergarten Open House
- May 15: School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings at 6:30
- May 28: LA Part A PAT
- June 12: Gr 6 LA Part B PAT
- June 13: Gr 6 Math Part A PAT
- June 17: Gr 6 Math Part B PAT
- June 18: Gr 6 Social PAT
- June 24: Sports Day
- June 25: Last day of school for students

