

November 20, 2023

Dear Wes Hosford Families,

There is a lot happening this week and the rest of the month!

Saffron Presentations

On November 21 and 22 Saffron will be presenting the sessions, below, to our students. These are great to follow up with a discussion at home.

Kindergarten and Gr. 1 - Llamas Spit

This story-led presentation allows young students to learn about how different animals respond when they feel scared or uncomfortable. They are encouraged to act out the actions alongside the story as we talk about how different animals either freeze, flee, or fight when frightened. Students can talk about how these different actions feel and what these reactions might tell us about someone's level of comfort.

Kindergarten and Gr. 1 - Percy's Got a Bubble!

This story-led presentation for young students begins the conversation on healthy boundaries by following Percy - a small, golden puppy - as he learns about his personal bubble. Percy learns how to tell his friend Elsie that she has crossed his physical and emotional boundaries so that their friendship can be strengthened. He also learns the importance of talking to a trusted adult when he is experiencing big feelings or feeling uncomfortable in any way.

Grade 2, 4 and 5 - My Body, My Boundaries

The presentation begins by exploring what boundaries are and the different types they may have: emotional, physical, and online. Next it discusses how to share your own boundaries with conversation examples and who you should be sharing your boundaries with. Then, it shows how to listen to other people's boundaries, including how to look for signs you are crossing someone else's boundary. Followed by talking about trusted adults.

Grade 3 and 6 - Internet Safety

This presentation begins by discussing the importance of integrity and responsibility when using the internet. We then introduce the concept of trusted adults and explore their role in internet safety. This presentation covers the risks and the available safety features of many popular websites and apps including YouTube, Snapchat Instagram, Tik Tok, and gaming sites. We also briefly discuss online scams and what students can watch out for. Finally, we talk about cyberbullying and the negative effects it can have, while introducing the practice of empathy when understanding those negative impacts on others.

Giant Indigenous Floor Map

All students in the school will have to opportunity to visit the giant floor map in the gym, tomorrow. They will learn about indigenous cultures in Canada, Residential Schools, and truth and reconciliation.

Grades 1-3 Christmas Concert

Our grade 1 – 3 Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Because of limited seating we are asking parents to pre-book tickets for the evening. You should have received a google form link on Nov 20 and each family will be able to book 2 tickets at this time. Bookings will be open from Nov. 20 to Nov. 23. The concert will also be live streamed so it can be watched from home.

For families who would like to bring additional guests a second round of tickets will be made available from Nov. 27 to Nov. 30, on a first come first served basis. Families will be able to order up to 2 additional tickets at this time, while supplies last! A second google form will be sent out for these orders. [Order Christmas Concert Tickets](#)

Seating will be on a first come basis. Doors will open at 6:30.

If you have mobility issues, several aisle seats will have a "Reserved for Mobility Issues" sign on them. We cannot guarantee priority seating, or provide guests with mobility issues early access. Please consider having one family member wait in line and text individuals with mobility issues to let them know when they can make their way into the school.

Report Cards

Report cards will be available on December 1st at 4:00. Parents and guardians can access them through PowerSchool by logging in to your account and clicking on the "Report Card" button in the lefthand sidebar.

Students are assessed on a Learner Attributes Scale and Achievement Scale. Please see the [Guide to Reporting Student Achievement](#) for more information.



Perogy and Cookie Dough Fundraiser – Pick Up

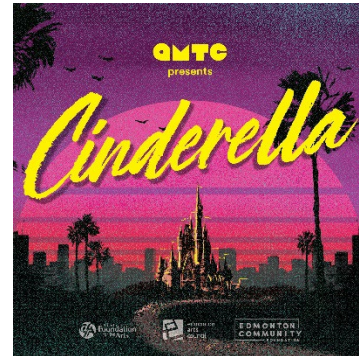
Cookie dough and perogy pickup is on **Thursday, November 23, from 2:00-5:00 PM** at the west entrance (off the teachers parking lot) of the school. If those hours don't work with your schedule, send us a message at: whsfundraisingsociety@gmail.com, and we'll figure something out.

Earth Rangers Assembly

The Earth Rangers School Assembly will be held in the gym, for all students, on Friday, November 24th. It is an inspiring, interactive presentation featuring live animals, games and trivia, captivating video content, and two enthusiastic educators who not only teach kids about the environmental issues our planet is facing, but empower them to take action. Their assembly is reinvented every year so it is always fresh, with the most up-to-date science and real-life work conservationists are doing in the field.

Alberta Musical Theatre Company

On November 30th, all students will be able to enjoy the presentation, "Cinderella", by the Alberta Musical Theatre Company.



Strathcona County Food Bank

Our grade 3s will be helping to organize our Strathcona County Food Bank donations this year, as it fits in with their Social Studies Curriculum (quality of life, rights and responsibilities and community organizations). Along with grocery items, we are accepting gift cards to local grocery stores. The Food Bank volunteers will be picking up all our donations on November 30th, so **please send in your donations from November 27th to November 29th** so that we have time to box everything up.

November Dates

November 20 – Popcorn Day!

November 21 – Giant Indigenous Floor Map

November 21 and 22 – Saffron Presentations

November 23 – Perogy and Cookie Dough pick up from 2:00-5:00

November 24 – Earth Rangers Assembly

November 27-29 – Send in a Christmas Bureau Donation

November 30 – Alberta Opera

December 1 – Craft Market in Sherwood Park at the Agora

December 1 – Report Cards Published

December 5 – Intramural kickball will be starting on a rotating basis for grades 4-6. More details to follow in the December newsletter.