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# January NEWS

## Wes Hosford Elementary School

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### Administration Message

Welcome back everyone, and Happy New Year!

Our Wes Hosford School staff hopes that your Christmas break provided many opportunities to connect with family and friends during the holidays. Hopefully you were able to enjoy some fun activities over the past few weeks. We would once again like to thank all of our parents for your fabulous support of our school over the holiday season. Thanks for your help with classroom projects, class parties and your support and attendance at our Christmas Concert.

This second term of school is very productive with everyone quickly settling in their routines. New beginnings bring with them a renewed energy and enthusiasm for learning.

*Warm Regards,  
Patti Berry, Principal*

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### Bouquets

We had a wonderful December at Wes Hosford School and it is all due to the wonderful efforts of our staff and community! A big thank you to:

- Mrs. Wieler for planning our Christmas Concert.
- Thanks to the parents who volunteered to help move and set up equipment at Salisbury Composite High School.
- Thanks to the staff at Sal who set up the live stream for our concert.
- Thanks to Ms. Thiessen, Mrs. Borbe, Mrs. Blink and Mrs. Fitzimmons for our Kindergarten Christmas Concert.
- Thanks to each and everyone of you for all you do to make our school the wonderful community it is!

## Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2019-20 school year on **Feb. 1, 2019**. Details are available at [www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten).

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit—available at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/kindergarten)—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.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website at [www.weshosford.ca](http://www.weshosford.ca)



## Returning Student Registration for 2019-20

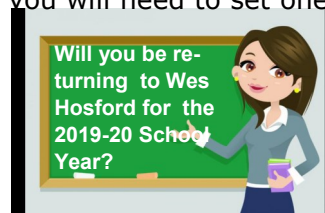
Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2019-20 school year. Families of all returning students will need to complete this process to confirm the school their children will attend for the 2019-20 school year, and to request to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. Returning student registration will take place at the same time as all registrations for the 2019-20 school year: **Feb. 1-28, 2019**.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you will need to set one up **before Feb. 1, 2019**.

### To create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account:

Go to <https://powerschool.eips.ca/public/>.

1. Click the button labelled, "Create Account."
2. Enter the parent or guardian information. Each account must have a unique email address and username—only one parent account is required regardless of the number of children you have attending EIPS schools.
3. Create a username and password of your choice—you'll need both the username and password to log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal.
4. You must have an Access ID and Access Password for each student that is added to your account. **Contact your child's school to obtain this information.**



## Help Take the "Brr" out of February!

On February 14, students are encouraged to wear their favorite mitts, toques and scarves indoors for the day and bring **NEW** mitts, toques or scarves to donate.

**We will be collecting NEW mitts, toques and scarves during the week of Feb 11-14.**



## Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions. If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools including: automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations, and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states: "school bus service may be suspended when...Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road condition. When school bus services are suspended, schools will remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

## Another Way to Stay Connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter Facebook

With 42 schools and close to 17,150 students there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each use the combination of news articles, videos and photograph that showcases the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division. Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using the hashtag #EIPS. Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

**NOTE:** *The Division Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by EIPS Communications Services. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language will not be allowed and may be deleted.*

## EIPS 2019-20 Division Calendar Now Available

The official 2019-20 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2019-20 school such as school-closure days; breaks; the first and last day of classes; professional learning days; and early dismissal days. Highlights from the 2019-20 EIPS calendar include:

Sept. 3	First day of classes (after long weekend)	Feb. 6-7	Teachers' Convention
Nov. 11-15	November Break	Mar. 30-Apr. 3	Spring Break
Dec. 23 to Jan. 3	Christmas Break	June 26	Last Day of Classes
Jan.31	Second Semester Begins	June 29	Schools Close for the Summer Break

To view the 2019-20 calendar, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). Also available online: the current school calendar and the 2020-21 calendar.

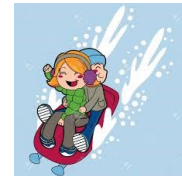
**Did you know you can sync the Division calendar to your own personal calendar?** You can. Simply, visit [www.eips.ca/calendar](http://www.eips.ca/calendar) and click on "subscribe to calendar." It's that easy.

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7 <b>School Resumes</b>	8	9 2:18pm Early Dismissal	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	18	19
20	21	22 <b>Treat Day</b>	23	24 <b>Parent Council/Fund-raising Mtg. 6:30pm</b>	25 <b>Popcorn &amp; Twin/Triplet Day</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	<b>Feb 1</b>	2
3	4	5	6 2:18pm Early Dismissal	<b>Teachers' Convention No School</b>		9

## February Dates

- Feb 6 2:18 pm Early Dismissal
- Feb 7 Teachers' Convention & 8 School Closed
- Feb 14 Hot Lunch/Wear Mitts & Toques. Bring new mitts, scarves and toques to donate!
- Feb 15 Professional Learning Day
- Feb 18 Family Day—School Closed
- Feb 19 Treat Day
- Feb 22 Popcorn
- Feb 23 Young Author's Conference
- Feb 27 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 28 Hot Lunch



## Wes Hosford Milk Program

Please make cheques for Milk to:  
Wes Hosford School



<b>Individual Tickets</b>	\$1 per Choc. Or White Milk ( )	Total \$ _____
	20 Tickets - \$20.00	\$ _____
<b>Name:</b> _____ <b>Class:</b> _____	Total Included: \$ _____	

## Purchase Milk Card Online!!

### Remember!

The PowerSchool parent portal now has the option for you to order and pay for 20 individual tickets for your child(ren) online.

