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## Administration Message

February, while the shortest month of the year, tends to be one of the busiest with many special days to recognize important events. February embraces Valentines Day, Family Day, Teachers Convention, Warm Hearts for Cold Days, Random Acts of Kindness Week, Pink Shirt Day (Choose Kind) as well as our Math-athon kick-off.

I hope everyone will have a chance to celebrate a wonderful Valentine's Day together and a fun filled Family Day long weekend. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate so you can enjoy many outdoor activities together.

*Warm Regards,*

*Patti Berry, Principal*

## Bouquets

- ♥ Thanks to Mrs. Erickson for helping organize our students for the Young Author's Conference.
- ♥ Thanks to Mrs. Tachuk, Mrs. Pedersen and Ms. Lerbekmo for their work with running club.
- ♥ Thanks to Mr. Henderson for organizing basketball intramurals.
- ♥ Thanks to Mrs. Murray & Ms. Griffin for hosting math club during lunch.

## Student Absences, Lates, Leaving/Returning

Just a reminder for your assistance in the following office procedures.

- ♥ When students are **late** for school (morning/afternoon); **leaving** school for an appointment; **returning** to school from an appointment, the student or their parent **must come to the office** and sign in/out on the **Student Sign In & Out Log** located on the bulletin board.
- ♥ Please call the school when your child will be **absent**. Messages can be left on our answering machine any day at anytime.
- ♥ To alleviate stress for your child and last minute calls to the office, please send note with your child of any changes for end of day pick-up. If your child usually takes the bus and there is no note... your child will be put on the bus.

We appreciate your willingness to assist our office staff in ensuring your children are safe. Thank you!

## Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at [www.eips.ca/kindergarten](http://www.eips.ca/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)



## Complete the Returning Student Registration: February 1-28

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Returning Student Registration Process is now open. On February 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend and apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable.

**All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2019.**

Don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account: Follow the instructions below to set an account up:

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



1. Choose "Create Account."
2. Enter the parent or guardian information—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 the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
4. Enter your school-provided Access ID and Access Password for each student being added to the account.
5. Then, select "Enter."

For more information or assistance, contact your child's school.

## Math-A-Thon Fundraiser for our New Playground!

Wes Hosford School is having a **Math-A-Thon!** The Math-A-Thon is an academic fundraiser that allows all students in grades K-6 the opportunity to 'show off' their math skills while earning pledges for their school at the same time.

On Thursday, March 14 students will participate in Mathletic events where they will complete a variety of math stations appropriate for their grade level. Math-A-Thon proceeds will be used to support fundraising for the new playground.

### Important Dates:

- February 13 – Math-A-Thon Kick Off Assembly
- February 14 - March 13 - Students collect pledges for Math-A-Thon
- March 14 - Math-A-Thon Mathletics
- March 18 - All pledges and donations returned to school



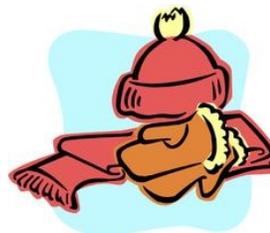
### Rewards:

- The class with the highest pledge donations will receive a pizza party for their class.
- The highest pledge earner from each grade will get to have a special luncheon with the principal.

## Warm Hearts for Cold Days

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 to the Bissell Centre.

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



## Spoons & Forks



Let's do our part to reduce waste! Many students are coming to the office daily asking for spoons and forks.

Please help to ensure your child has the needed utensils for his/her lunch or snack in their lunch bag. Thank you.



## Hair Massacre



On February 22, 2019 Mrs. Elgie will again be participating in the Hair Massacre. The Hair Massacre is founded, supported and organized by the MacDonald Family, in honor of their daughter Kali (a childhood cancer survivor). The event supports outstanding local charities focusing on children with cancer and life-threatening medical conditions.

Donations will be taken in the office all month. You can also donate to Mrs. Elgie's team online at <https://childrenswish.akaraisin.com/hairmassacre/jodieelgie> Thanks for your support!

## Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey—an annual check up on the province’s education system. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities. The survey looks at various measures such as engagement levels, student wellness, student outcomes, and the classroom(s) and school climate.

Throughout the month of February, **Grade 4** students and teachers at **Wes Hosford School** are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is voluntary and completely anonymous. Students are assigned a random username and password to ensure survey responses aren’t linked to any individual student. The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is done within the school day during regular class time.

Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also being surveyed, which can be done online or by mail—information about the survey was mailed to these families in mid-January. Again, the survey is anonymous and asks questions about experiences with your school. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we highly encourage you to participate. The survey must be completed by the end of February.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses that data to inform its four-year education plans, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement. The results are also shared with EIPS families and school communities each fall in the Division’s *Combined Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report*.

For more information about Alberta Education’s Accountability Pillar Survey visit [www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar](http://www.education.alberta.ca/accountability-pillar).



## Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Alberta Health Services and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students’ addiction and mental health challenges. The sessions are free and open to parents, caregivers, teachers and community members. Session topics include: dealing with anxiety, teenagers and technology, sleep and how it impacts the developing brain, understanding depression and self-injury, test anxiety, and building problem-solving and goal-directed skills.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

## Summer School and Youth Camps

### Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Youth Camps: Registration opens March 11



There's something for everyone.

**Summer School:** Open to students entering grades 10-12

With more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

*Courses include:*

- CALM, Physical Education 10, and Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English, math, social and all the sciences at the 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience

## Summercamps

**Summer Youth Camps:** Open to participants in grades 5-9

From sports to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while also making friends and learning new skills.

*Camps include:*

- sports
- cooking and baking
- babysitting
- Handball—new

**Registration opens on March 11.**



# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm	7 <b>Teachers Convention School Closed</b>	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Treat Day</b>	13 Math-A-Thon Kick-off!	14 <b>Hot Lunch Valentines Day</b> Warm Hearts for Cold Days	15 <b>Professional Development Day</b>	16
17	18 <b>Family Day No School</b>	19	20	21	22 <b>Popcorn</b>	23
<b>Random Acts of Kindness Week</b>						
					<b>Casino</b>	
24	25	26	27 <b>Pink Shirt Day</b>	28 <b>Hot Lunch</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b>
3	4	5	6 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm	7	8 <b>Professional Development Day</b>	9

## Schedule of Events

### March Dates to Note:

- Mar 6 Early Dismissal Day
- Mar 7 Ski Trip (Gr 4-6)
- Mar 8 PD Day (No School)
- Mar 14 Math-A-Thon Hot Lunch Parent Council/Fundraising Mtg. (6:30 pm Library)
- Mar 15 Digital Report Card Popcorn Day
- Mar. 18-20 Book Fair
- Mar 19 & 20 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Mar 22 Day in Lieu—(No School)
- Mar 25-Apr 1 Spring Break (No School)

## Wes Hosford Milk Program



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

## MILK ORDERS

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

