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Administration Message

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another exciting year at Wes Hosford School where ***Students Do the Right Thing Even When No One is Watching***. On behalf of the staff, we extend a warm welcome to all of our Wes Hosford families. I feel very fortunate to be part of such an excellent school and supportive school community. It has been exciting for me to return for school start-up and help prepare our school for another great year of learning. I have been able to pop into the classrooms to introduce myself and to welcome students new to our school. It has been so wonderful to see the excitement of our students as they begin a new year at Wes Hosford.

I will be returning to a medical leave shortly and Kari Huk will once again be Acting Principal in my absence. We will continue to work closely together to ensure a smooth transition while I am away. Pam Erickson will step in as part time Assistant Principal and part time Teacher in her classroom.

Once again welcome to Wes Hosford School and thank you for entrusting your children to us. We will have a great year of learning together and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Warm Regards,

Patti Berry, Principal

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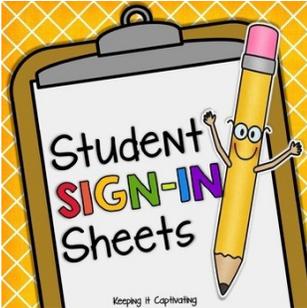
Bouquets e! International

- Thank you to our janitorial staff for all the work they did this summer! Our school is sparkly clean!
- Thank you to all the staff for their diligence in getting their classrooms set up and ready to go.
- Thank you to the office staff for organizing us.
- Thanks to our students for coming back to school prepared to learn.
- Thank you to our parents for your ongoing support.
- Thank you for attending our ***Meet the Staff Open House*** Thursday night.

Student Absences

Phones are answered daily by the secretaries between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm. We encourage you to call and use our voicemail option to inform us of your child's absence due to illness, appointments, etc. after hours. The voicemail will also pick-up during the day when secretaries are on another line or busy attending to student needs. Please do not hesitate to leave a message, we will call you back as soon as we are able.

Signing Your Child In/Out During School Hours



For child safety, we require that all students arriving late, leaving for an appointment and/or returning from an appointment during school hours be signed in/out in the office. The sign-in/out sheet is located on the bulletin board across from Mrs. Ludwig's desk. Thank you for assisting us in keeping your child(ren) safe!

Meet Our Staff e! International

Principal Mrs. Patti Berry
Asst. Prin. Mrs. Kari Huk
Counsellor Mrs. Michelle Waddell

Kindergarten
 Ms. Kristy Thiessen (Mon/Wed & Tue/Thur)

Grade 1
 Mrs. Denise Chamczuk
 Mrs. Stacey Large
 Mrs. Dianne Parker

Grade 2
 Ms. Kim Lerbekmo
 Mrs. Nicole Niles
 Ms. Shannon Pasma

Grade 3
 Mrs. Jodi Elgie
 Mrs. Darlene Gillis
 Ms. Kayla Rusnell

Grade 4
 Mrs. Pam Erickson/Ms. Breanna Bouffard
 Ms. Donna Griffin
 Mrs. Hana Murray

Grade 5
 Mrs. Nancy Borbe/Mrs. Candice Daley
 Mrs. Christy Nichol/Mrs. Colleen Tachuk
 Mrs. Jen Pedersen

Grade 6
 Mr. Richard Henderson
 Mrs. Tanya Landiak
 Mrs. Ingrid Manchur

Educational Assistants
 Mrs. Karina Barnachea
 Mrs. Cheryl Blink
 Mrs. Jill Desmond
 Mrs. Leslie Elliott
 Mrs. Peggy Karoly
 Mrs. Theresa Munsterman
 Mrs. Janet Steeves

Music Mrs. Cheryl Hill
Library Mr. David Gibson
Secretaries Mrs. Lori Ludwig & Mrs. Terry Snow

School Bell Times

Kindergarten to 6

8:37 a.m.	Classes Commence
10:13 a.m.	Recess
10:28 a.m.	Classes Resume
11:32 a.m.	Lunchtime
12:20 p.m.	Warning Bell
12:23 p.m.	Classes Resume
1:59 p.m.	Recess
2:14 p.m.	Classes Resume
3:18 p.m.	Classes Dismissed

On the first Wednesday of each month, students are dismissed at 2:18 p.m.

Arrival at School

Outside supervision is provided at 8:20 a.m. Students will have entry into the school when the warning bell rings at 8:30 a.m. Prior to 8:30 a.m. students remain outside.

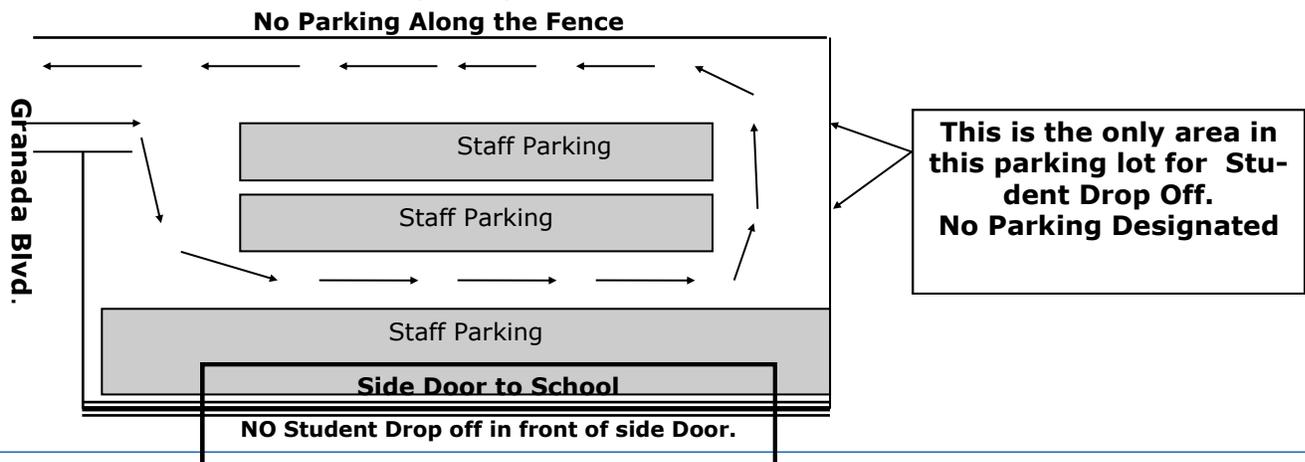
On days with inclement weather, students will be permitted to wait inside.



Wes Hosford Parking and Student Drop-off

The safety of our students is our first concern. Your consideration in parking or stopping in appropriate locations is greatly appreciated. We know it isn't always as convenient to park in designated areas, but we are truly grateful.

- A very limited number of visitor parking spots are available in the west parking lot. Please do not park or stop in the staff assigned parking spots.
- Note new signage to **turn right only** out of WHF parking lot.
- The extension of the Glen Allen Recreation Centre parking lot is close to the east entrance of Wes Hosford School. Please use this area for picking up and dropping off students as this will lessen the congestion of our own parking lot and increase the safety factor for our students. Parent volunteers can also use the Glen Allen Recreation Centre during the day for parking.
- Do not park in the bus lane at the front of the school. RCMP officers and by-law officers do monitor and ticket/tow vehicles who have stopped in a bus loading zone.
- Please drive with care when parking at GARC.



Lunch Information

Students who stay at school over the lunch hour are not allowed to leave the school grounds to purchase lunch unless they are accompanied by an adult who has signed them out at the office.



As well, **please** ensure you have packed the necessary cutlery (eg. spoon/fork) your child will need to eat their lunch with.

Milk Program



The cost for milk is \$1. Parents can purchase milk tickets through the PowerSchool portal. You can also fill out the milk form located on the last page of this newsletter and send with payment of cash or cheque with your child.

Wes Hosford ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack Fundraiser

Wes Hosford School and **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** (formerly SUTP) have again teamed up this school year to offer your family the 2019/2020 Ticket Pack. The **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** is filled with over \$25,000 in savings on everyday items for everyone in your family. The mobile app will be included with every book purchase offering more coupons than ever before, and buyers will get both for the one time price of \$25. Not only will you save a lot of money, but you will be supporting our school, as \$10.50 from every \$25 **ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack** you purchase will help support school projects that benefit our students.

If you wish to take advantage of these discount Ticket Packs you have **two ways to order**:

- **Through your Parent Portal**
- **The Order Form in this newsletter** and send in with your child with cash or a cheque to the school office (**cheques made payable to Wes Hosford School**).

When we receive your order and payment, we will forward the book(s) home with your child.

Incentive: Sell 5 get 1 free!

This Fundraiser ends Friday, October 11, 2019



Early Dismissal Days

The first Wednesday of every month is Early Dismissal Day to facilitate School Staff Meetings in Elk Island Schools. The students at Wes Hosford are dismissed at 2:18 p.m. on these days. **Please take the time to enter these days into your calendars as these days quickly creep up on us and are easily forgotten.** Thank you for helping to alleviate those panic phone calls on these days. The days listed below are the Wednesdays that are early dismissal days!

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 8, May 6, June 3

Individual and Class Photos—Tuesday, September 17th

The Icon Photography Experience by Life Touch is returning as our school photographer. They will be here on Tuesday, September 17 to take individual and class photos. Photos will be taken outdoors weather permitting. Retake Day will be Oct. 22.

SAY CHEESE!



Please note: For Sibling photos, please contact ICON and make an appointment that is convenient for you and your family. There is no charge for booking. **There will no sibling photos taken during this day.**

***Mon/Wed kindergarten class will have their photos taken on Monday, September 16, 2019.**

Pay School Fees Online

School fee information for the 2019-20 school year is 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 online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to 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 certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.



If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2019.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit eips.ca/schools/fees. Alternatively, contact **Mrs. Terry Snow, Business Secretary** at **Wes Hosford School** at **780-464-1711**.

Update Your PowerSchool Information

The PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form is now available online, which replaces the paper form sent to families each fall. Families can use the form to access and update their child's information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and any medical information. Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. All **Wes Hosford School** families are asked to review their child's PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form by Sept. 20, 2019.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form and opt-out options contact the school directly.

NOTE: Parents or guardians who've opted out of having the Correction and Verification Form visible on PowerSchool, will receive a paper version to review from the school.



EIPS Launches New Cellphone Policy

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees has approved a new policy regarding cellphones. *Policy 24, Personal Communication Devices* outlines how students and staff use cellphones and personal devices within EIPS schools. The goal: To ensure all students use technology responsibly and develop skills in digital citizenship.

To develop the policy, the Board undertook a comprehensive review of the Division's existing procedures and practices used to oversee the use of student-owned technology in the classroom. It also conducted extensive public consultations with students, teachers, school administrators and EIPS families. Overall, the feedback was invaluable and provided a clear picture of how to best manage the use of these devices.

Policy highlights:

Students in kindergarten to Grade 6: No access to cellphones or personal devices during the school day, including during breaks and the lunch hour—the only exception, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive-educational need.

Students in grades 7 to 9: No access to cellphones or personal devices during class time—the only exceptions, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive-educational need, and when given permission by a teacher for a specific educational task or purpose. Students can access their device during identified break periods, including between classes and the lunch hour.

Students in grades 10 to 12: No access to cellphones or personal devices during class time—the only exceptions, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive-educational need, and when given permission by a teacher for a specific educational task or purpose. Students can access their device during spare periods and identified breaks, including between classes and the lunch hour.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure learning takes place in an environment with fewer distractions. When students can focus on what's taking place in the classroom and can interact directly with the teacher and other students, they're in a better position to grow and succeed.

Sync the School Calendar to Your Personal Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar? You can. Simply, visit <https://www.weshosford.ca/about/calendar> and click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:

- Add to Google Calendar: Google calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar: Outlook
- Download iCal: Apple calendar

NOTE: Options are located above the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your calendar will contain all of **Wes Hosford's** important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

Quick Facts: Video Surveillance

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? Video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP Co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Literacy & Numeracy Assessment

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2019-20 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: To provide timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and is administered on a digital device. Also, in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes, and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results offer the teacher a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments aren't used toward a student's grade, and there is no need to study ahead of time. The tools simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies. For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact EIPS Supports for Students at 780-464-3477.

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' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. This year, session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, and more.

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

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9	10 Grade 6 Camp	11	12 Bottle Drive	13	14
15	16 Mon/Wed ECS Photos	17 School Photos Treat Day	18 Hot Lunch	19 Parent Council Mtg. @ 6:30pm	20	21
22	23 Bus Evacuation Drill	24	25	26	27 Popcorn Day	28
29	30	October 1	2 Early Dismissal Day 2:18pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Hot Lunch	10	11 No School PD Day	12



October Dates

- Oct. 2 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm (No Kindergarten Classes)
- Oct. 9 Hot Lunch
- Oct. 11 No School (PD Day)
- Oct. 14 Thanksgiving (No School)
- Oct. 18 Popcorn Day
- Oct. 22 Photo Re-take Day
Treat Day
- Oct. 23 Hot Lunch
- Oct. 25 Family Dance

Wes Hosford Milk Program		
Name: _____		
Class: _____		
Individual Tickets	\$1 per Choc. Or White Milk ()	Total \$ _____
	20 Tickets - \$20.00	\$ _____
Please make cheques for Milk to: Wes Hosford School		Total Included: \$ _____



Student Name: _____

Class: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for:
_____ ADmazing Ticket Pack(s) \$25

Sell 5 get 1 Free!

Parent Signature: _____