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Elementary School

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### Administration Message

The falling leaves, cool winds and bright colors signal that fall really is here! September passed quickly as we continued to settle into a new school year. We have had the pleasure of visiting all of the classes as well as spending several recesses outside getting acquainted with the students. We would like to thank our staff for all of their hard work and commitment to our students and to our school in getting the school year up and running. We had a wonderful Terry Fox Run and raised **\$654** towards Cancer Research. Our Parent Council had a successful meeting and the Fundraising Society also met for the first time this year. We are looking forward to working with both committees!

During the week of October 21-25 we will be collecting used shoes. Used shoes collected will be donated to the Strathcona County Waste Reduction Week Shoe Drive.

Halloween will be here before we know it and we will celebrate with a carnival for our K-2 students and classroom activities for grades 3-6. Students are allowed to wear their costumes to school for the entire day on Thursday, October 31. Please send your children in easy to wear, school friendly costumes. No weapons or scary masks please.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford Staff, we wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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### Bouquets

- Thanks to the dedicated & professional staff at WHF for a smooth start up and a successful first month.
- Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to be part of the Parent Council and the Fundraising Society.
- Thanks to our many parent volunteers who are in our school daily helping our classrooms.
- Thank you to Mrs. Tachuk, Mrs. Pedersen and Ms. Pasma for coaching our cross country running team this fall.

## Nut Aware



In our school, we have students and staff who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts, nuts and nut products. Please assist in making our school a safe place by refraining from sending food that contains nuts or nut products. We realize that we may not be able to create an environment which is 100% safe for children with nut allergies but we would like to ensure that our school is as safe as possible.

If your child has specific allergies requiring special care, please notify your child's teacher and the office.

## Pay School Fees Online

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

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

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your 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 [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). Alternatively, contact **Terry Snow, Business Manager** at 780-464-1711.

## Read In Week—October 7-11

Read In Week 2019 returns, marking its 30th anniversary, on October 7-11. The theme this year is "30 Years of Read In: Celebrate with Stories/Célébrons avec des Histoires 30 Anniversaire de Read In." Through various activities, students will spend the week learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities planned for Read In Week include:

- Staff sharing their "reading life" with students.
- Guest readers invited to visit classrooms.
- Book character pumpkin decorating.

Read In Week is a Division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

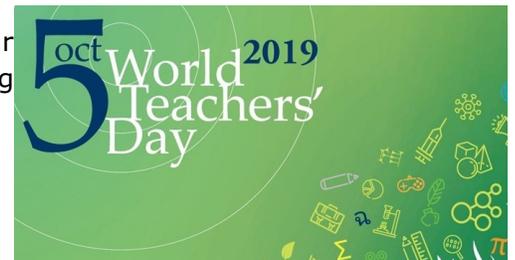
Don't forget to share what you've learned throughout the week using the hashtag [#eipsreads](#). We hope you discover some amazing stories.

## Celebrating World Teachers Day—Oct. 5th

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

New this year, to honour the day, EIPS kick-started a new contest inviting friends, family, students and staff to share a story about how a teacher inspired them. Thank you to all those who have shared stories to date. Collectively they tell a story about the vital role teachers play in shaping the minds of youth and supporting their journey of success.

EIPS extends a heartfelt thank you to all its teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating our students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.



## Head Lice

### REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a routine!



Head lice are one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, head lice are tiny, greyish-brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp—itching is the main complaint. Lice don't jump from head to head, nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it's essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. To prevent the spread of head lice, we encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If you find head lice on your

child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit [www.eips.ca/programs-services/healthy-schools/head-lice](http://www.eips.ca/programs-services/healthy-schools/head-lice). Alternatively, you can contact the school at **780-464-1711**

## School Bus Safety Week—Oct. 21-25

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 21-25. The theme: Ready to Ride, which focuses on being a responsible rider. Throughout the week, various activities are planned, including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

In addition, students are participating in the Alberta Student Transportation Advisory Council's provincewide poster contest, open to students provincewide in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Each winner—one from each grade level—whose poster best illustrates the theme, Ready to Ride, will receive a \$25 gift card, a framed original of their poster, an engraved plaque and \$100 for their classroom.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind students and families all of the Division's school buses are equipped with a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 156 buses and 594 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus.

For more information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://www.eips.ca/transportation) or contact Student Transportation (780-417-8151, [st@eips.ca](mailto:st@eips.ca)) directly.



## No Child Without—Free MedicAlert for Students

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Wes Hosford School** continues to be registered in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children—between the ages four of 14—who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at **780-464-1711**. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca).

 An advertisement for the "no child without" program. It features a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and a young child) on the left. On the right, the text reads "no child without®" in a large, white, lowercase font, with "Canadian MedicAlert® Foundation" in a smaller font below it. At the bottom, it says "To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca)." The background is a gradient of red and white.

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm	3	4	5
6	7 Read in Week ⇒	8	9 Hot Lunch	10	11 PD Day No School	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day	15	16	17	18 Favorite Shoe Day Popcorn Day	19
20	21 Bus Safety Week Waste Reduction Week ⇒	22 Photo Retake Day Treat Day	23 Hot Lunch	24	25 Family Halloween Dance 6-9 p.m.	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	Nov. 1	2

## Schedule of Events

### November Dates

- Nov 6 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm  
Hot Lunch
- Nov 8 Popcorn Day
- Nov 8 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11-15 Fall Break (School Closed)
- Nov 19 Treat Day
- Nov 20 Hot Lunch
- Nov 21 Parent Council/Fundraising Society Meeting @ 6:30 a.m.
- Nov 22 Jersey Day  
CSL Available Online
- Nov 27/28 P/T Interviews
- Nov 29 Professional Learning Day  
(School Closed to Students)

**Only 7 more days left to order!**

## Wes Hosford Milk Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



Individual Tickets

\$1 per Choc.  
Or White Milk  
(\_\_\_\_)

Total

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Punch Card

20 Milks -  
\$20.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques  
for Milk to:  
Wes Hosford School

Total Included:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



Student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:  
\_\_\_\_ SUTP Coupon Book(s) (\$25 each)

Parent Signature:

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