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**Administration Message**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**We had a Covid friendly, SPOOKTACULAR Halloween at Wes Hosford School today.** It was so much fun to see all of our little ghosts and goblins dressed up. Thanks to all of our wonderful parents who sent in Covid safe, individual treats for our students. Much appreciated!

November brings us our Remembrance Day ceremony which will be available for viewing virtually on November 6 at 10:45 am. Please join us using the link which will be emailed to all families.

We are also busy preparing for Report Cards, which will be available through Parent Portal on Friday, November 20. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 25 and Thursday, November 26 by phone. More details inside the newsletter.

Enjoy a wonderful Fall Break, November 9–13. See you back at school November 16.

Warmest Regards,

Patti Berry

Principal

**Bouquets**

- Thanks to Mrs. Hill for preparing our Remembrance Day video!
- Thanks to our staff, students and parents for continuing to help keep us safe during the pandemic by wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and following hand washing/sanitizing protocols!
- Thanks to the recess and noon supervisors that brave the cooler weather every day with a smile!

## Remembrance Day



With no assemblies happening this year Mrs. Hill, our creative music teacher, has put together a video that we will share with students, in their classrooms, on November 6th. It is available to families, for a short time through You Tube. A link will be shared with families on November 6th.

## Counselor's Corner

Please go to the [Counselor's Corner](#) on the WHF website and read this month's addition.

October was about teaching your child to have GRIT.

November explains WHY we must encourage our students to read at least half an hour each day.

## Bullying Awareness Week

You will notice on the calendar that November 16 is the start of Bullying Awareness Week. While we proactively work to prevent bullying year round, this week is an opportunity to actively teach our students:

- What bullying is/is not
- Different types of bullying
- Strategies to deal with bullying
- Perspective taking

As a concluding activity, students will be asked to wear a hat to school on **Friday, November 20th to symbolize "putting a cap on bullying"**.

## Christmas Bureau

Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Strathcona Christmas Bureau campaign will look very different this year. However, they still need our support and donations. Please visit their [donation page](#) for different ways to donate.

As well, students at Wes Hosford Elementary School will take part in the Christmas Bureau gift card collection this year. We will collect gift cards for grocery stores and department stores from any families wishing to send them in, until **November 30**.



On **November 6th**, parents of **Out of School Learners** can access their child’s progress report through the Parent Portal.

**Beginning on November 6th**, parents of **In School Learners** will be able to book a phone interview time with their child’s teacher. If you do not have access to a computer, or want to book an appointment with the Principal or Assistant Principal/Counselor, please contact the office on or after November 6 and we will be happy to schedule an appointment for you.

On **November 20th**, parents of **In School Learners** will be able to access their child’s progress report through the Parent Portal.

On **November 25th and 26th** parents of **In School Learners** will be able to have a pre-arranged 7–8 minute telephone interview with their child’s teacher. **ECS** interviews will be available on **November 24, 25 and 26**.

## Procedures for Booking Interview Appointments

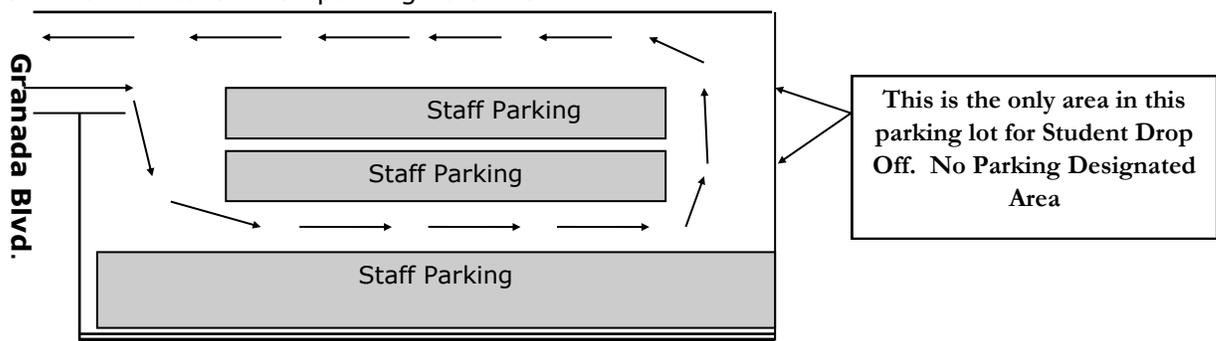
- ♥ Website: **www.schoolinterviews.ca**
- ♥ **Enter the appropriate Event Code: ezsub**
- ♥ **Click GO**
- ♥ **Enter your details:** Your Name, Student(s) Name, Email Address and phone number you wish to be contacted at
- ♥ **Choose teachers:** Choose from the Menu the teachers you want to meet.
- ♥ **Choose times:** From the timetable showing availability of your teachers, simply click on the times that suit you.

When you are done, **an email confirming your times will arrive in your inbox**. If something comes up, you can return to the site and cancel or change your bookings whenever you want.

## 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 Allan 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.
- 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



## Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families 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) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, which may include automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, through the Bus Status app, Twitter, Facebook and on Versatrans My Stop. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

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 remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

## Quarter 2 School Fees

Quarter 2 Noon Supervision Fees will be added to student accounts on November 16, 2020. You will receive an email notification when the fee is added to your student's account. If your student has a credit in their account, the fee will be paid using this credit, so no additional payment will be required.

Please log into your Parent Portal account to determine if any payment is owing after November 16. Payment can be made by credit or debit card.

If you have any questions about your child's school fees, please contact the school office at 780-464-1711.

## WHF Fundraising Committee

Thank you to our Fundraising Committee for coming up with creative ways to fundraise for our playground with all of the COVID-19 protocols in place. As shown on our [website](#), this year we will:

Have an ongoing bottle drive with Skip the Depot (Download the app and book a pickup using <https://app.skipthedepot.com/weshosford>)

Collect Save-On receipts (send your receipts to the classroom teacher in a baggie).

Brown's Social House (if you visit Brown's, tell your server you are from Wes Hosford and give a thank you, as they are donating proceeds from their recyclables to our school).

# November, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Fall Back	2	3	4 Early Dismissal @ 2:18pm	5	6 Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony 10:45 Booking P/T Interviews begins Out of School Learner Report Cards Available in Parent Portal	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14
<b>Fall Break—No School</b>						
15	16 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	17	18	19 Virtual Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm	20 In School Learner Report Cards available at 3:30 in Parent Portal Wear a hat to Put a Cap on Bullying National Child Day	21
22	23	24	25 Telephone P/T Interviews 3:30—5:30	26 Telephone P/T Interviews 3:30—5:30	27	28
29	30					

## December Dates

December 2                      Early Dismissal—2:18  
 December 23—January 5      Christmas Break  
 January 6                        First Day of New Year

