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### Administration Message

Although this holiday season will look a little different than previous years, we are providing opportunities for our students to celebrate the season. They are already practicing for our virtual Christmas Concert. The link for the concert will be posted on our school website to be viewed on December 18. There is truly nothing more special than watching your children sing and perform from the heart.

We continue to collect gift card donations for the Strathcona Christmas Bureau. The last day for contributions will be Tuesday, December 1.

On behalf of the Wes Hosford School staff, we would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2021. May your holiday season albeit different, be filled with happy family times.

Warmest Regards,

Patti Berry,

Principal



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### Bouquets

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

- Staff for all their work on preparing report cards.
- Parents for engaging in your child's learning by participating in our telephone interviews on November 25 & 26.
- Parent Council and the Fundraising Society for their continued support.
- Mrs. Hill for her hard work preparing for the Christmas Concert.
- Parents and staff for the gift card donations to the Christmas Bureau .
- Thanks to each and every one of you for all you do to make our school the wonderful community it is!

## Happy Retirement Mrs. Lodwig!



A fond farewell to our school secretary Mrs. Lodwig. She will be retiring on December 22. A life of PowerSchool, school newsletters and student attendance checking will now become a life of travelling, enjoying her grandson and enjoying an extra cup of tea.

We have appreciated her years of service at WHF and for always being the friendly voice at the end of the phone!

***Congratulations on your Retirement!!*** You will be missed.

## Virtual K-6 Christmas Concert—December 18



This year's Christmas concert includes K-6 students and will be presented virtually. Stay tuned for the concert link which will be posted on the school website [www.weshosford.ca](http://www.weshosford.ca)

Filming for the concert will begin on Dec. 7. We are asking, if possible, that students dress in their Sunday-best outfit on the day that their class will be filmed. Class 6M is an exception as their roles require them to wear all black. A message will be sent home to parents the day before filming so that you can help your children prepare. Thanks so much for your support.

## Lost & Found

If you have missing items please remind your child to check and take home any items that belong to them by the end of the day December 22!

***All items will be bagged up and delivered to a charity at the end of that day.***



## Counselors Corner—Sue Freiheit



Please read this month's Counselor's Corner which can be found on the school's website [www.weshosford.ca](http://www.weshosford.ca)

- December: Holiday Stress
- November: Why Read?
- October: Grit!



## Thank You to our WHF Fundraising Association

Thank you to our creative Fundraising Association who are still managing to raise funds for our playground expansion, even with our current restrictions!

See our website for details on how to support:

- Our contactless bottle drive with Skip the Depot
- Recycle donations from Browns Social House
- The collection of receipts from the Wye Road Save-On; let's be the school with the most receipts brought in!



Your continued support is very much appreciated!

## School Transportation Fee Waiver Application Deadline Extended

Elk Island Public Schools recognizes the global pandemic has put a strain on some families' finances and available income can change quickly in the current situation. As such, the Division has extended the deadline for requesting a waiver of your 2020-21 school and transportation fees. If you encounter circumstances where you're unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). Because of the pandemic, the new deadline is Feb. 15, 2021—if you're new to EIPS, the deadline is the latter of Feb. 15, 2021, or 45 days after registration.

Each quarter—or trimester, as applicable—you'll receive an email notification letting you know fees are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To access your fee information, go to "Student Fees" on PowerSchool. There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. All fees are due within 14 days of being posted. *NOTE:* School Fees apply to in-school learners only.



For more information about school fees, transportation fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [eips.ca](http://eips.ca) or <https://www.weshosford.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact the school at **780-464-1711**.

## Discounted Software for EIPS Students



All Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) students now have access to discounted software through the new EIPS OnTheHub webstore, available at [eips.onthehub.com](http://eips.onthehub.com). Through OnTheHub, students can purchase software at significant discounts off standard retail prices. Users must sign in using their EIPS email address and password to access the product selection and take advantage of discount pricing. Included in the discounts is student-only access to Windows 10 for Education completely free! More information is available through the Help menu within OnThe-Hub.

## No Child Without: Free MedicAlert for Students



In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Wes Hosford School** is 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 years—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, the 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).

## Christmas Break

**Wes Hosford School** will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

### EIPS Central Services Christmas Break Hours

Closed	December 23–25
Open	December 28–31; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed	January 1
Open	January 4–5; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



\*For location and contact information, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).

From everyone at Elk Island Public Schools, we wish all of you a happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Trustees

As we draw closer to the end of 2020—a year like no other—I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. Thank you for your partnership, co-operation and understanding throughout the past year. The holidays are often a time of reflection and gratitude, and we want you to know how much we appreciate the contributions you make to the Division on an ongoing basis. By working together, we're making a difference in the learning experiences and opportunities of all students within EIPS.

While this Christmas will undoubtedly look very different than past years, we hope you have the opportunity to celebrate the season—whether that be an intimate holiday meal with your immediate family or a virtual celebration with extended family and friends.

Stay safe this holiday season, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Jan. 6, 2021.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays,

Trina Boymook  
EIPS Board Chair

