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Elementary School

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# January

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## Administration Message

HO! HO! HO! Here we go! The last school day of 2020! And what a year it has been. Moving from a lock down in March to once again re-opening our school in September guided by very rigorous COVID 19 public health measures. Albeit different, we were able to celebrate the milestones a school year brings. From an alternate grade six graduation in June, to Thanksgiving and Halloween, a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony, report cards and telephone parent/teacher interviews. Christmas celebrations this year included a virtual Christmas concert as well as creating a collaborative WHF Christmas story. Both are now posted on our website for you to enjoy over our break.

Thanks to our hard-working staff who made these events possible and thanks to our supportive parents who have reinforced our COVID 19 re-entry guidelines, keeping us all safe.

This second term begins with our students online January 6, 7, 8 – another first for us all. The return to in school learning is on January 11, 2021. New beginnings and a new year bring with them a renewed energy and enthusiasm for learning. Happy new year to all, and all of the best in 2021.

Warm Regards,  
Mrs. Berry

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## Bouquets

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

- Mrs. Hill for planning our Christmas Concert.
- Mr. Gibson for helping with the technical/digital side of concert.
- Mrs. Large for organizing our Wes Hosford Christmas story.
- Mrs. Freiheit for reading Christmas stories, and especially our Wes Hosford Christmas story posted on our website.
- Each and everyone of you for all you do to make our school the wonderful community it is!

## Staffing Update

We welcome Mrs. Charlotte Padilla who will be new to the office, and Ms. Nicole Hansen new to class 2L.

We wish both Mrs. Lodwig and Ms. Lerbekmo all of the best in their new adventures.

## Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten. ***Kindergarten registration opens for the 2021-22 school year on Feb. 1, 2021.***

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) 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 **Wes Hosford School's** kindergarten program is available at [weshosford.ca](http://weshosford.ca)

## Returning Student Registration for 2021-22

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2021-22 school year. Families of all returning students must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2021-22 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2021-22 returning student registration takes place between Feb. 1-28, 2021.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2021. For more information contact the school directly.

## Inclement Weather

With the winter season well underway, 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) will advise families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools, including automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS' [Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather](#), which states: "school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C including wind chill, in one or more regions." 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. For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

## EIPS 2021-22 Division Calendar Now Available

### EIPS 2021-22 Division Calendar: Now available!

The official 2021-22 EIPS calendar is now available online. The calendar includes important dates during the 2021-22 school year, such as school-closure days, breaks, the first and last day of classes, professional learning days, early dismissal days, plus more. Highlights from the 2021-22 EIPS calendar include:

- September 1 – first day of classes
- November 8-12 – November break
- December 22 to January 4 Christmas – as break
- February 1 – second semester begins
- February 10-11 – Teachers' Convention
- March 28 to April 1 – spring break
- June 28 – last day of classes
- June 29 – last operational day before the summer break

## Staying Connected

### Another way to stay connected: Follow EIPS on Twitter and Facebook

With 43 schools and close to 17,000 students, there's a wealth of events, activities and stories taking place across the Division every day. You can find these stories and more by following Elk Island Public Schools on both [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Each uses a combination of news articles, videos and photographs that showcases the latest news, updates, events and alerts taking place across the Division.

Plus, if you're a member of an EIPS school community and want to share in the storytelling, simply tag the Division using [#eips](#).

Stay in the loop, follow EIPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

*NOTE: Communications Services manages the Division's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The account is updated and monitored intermittently during regular office hours from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Division welcomes feedback and ideas from followers but does ask everyone interacting on the EIPS Facebook page to be respectful. Personal attacks and offensive language are not allowed and may be deleted.*

## Wes Hosford School Calendar



The Wes Hosford School calendar is on our school website at [weshosford.ca](http://weshosford.ca).