

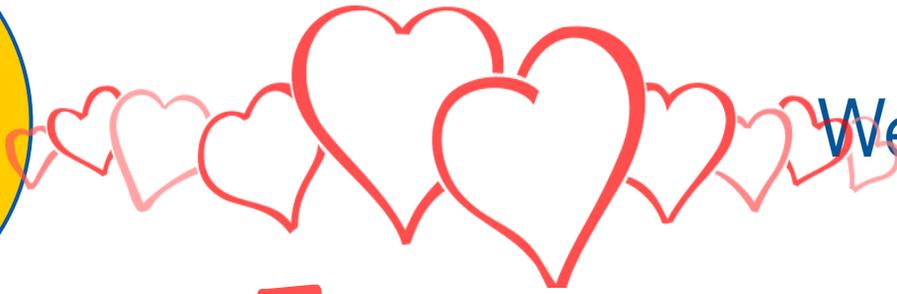


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Administration Message:

February, while the shortest month of the year, tends to be one of the busiest with fun events to recognize. We get to enjoy Valentine’s Day, Family Day, as well as Kindness Week which includes Pink Shirt Day. Once again, although Valentine’s Day at school will look a little different, the students are invited to wear red and white to school on February 12 and to bring in a personal treat for snack. Teachers will provide the opportunity for students to make in-house Valentines at school. Unfortunately, our students are unable to bring in either shared food (treats) or Valentines from home this year due to COVID 19 protocols.

I hope everyone will have a chance to celebrate a wonderful Valentine’s Day together and a fun filled Family Day enjoying outside activities. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Berry

Dates to Remember:

February:

- 1 All registration opens
- 3 Early Dismissal
- 4-5 Teachers Convention
- 12 Red & White Day
- 15 National Flag Day
- 15 Family Day
- 24 Pink Shirt Day
- 28 All registration closes

Bouquets

- ♥ Thanks to our students, parents, and staff who have been diligent in following proper COVID 19 protocols to help keep us all safe.
- ♥ Thanks to our Parent Council and our Parents’ Fundraising Society for continuing to support our school in positive ways.

Counselor’s Corner with Sue Freiheit

Kindness Week:

February 24 is Pink Shirt Day and WHF staff and students are invited to wear pink to acknowledge and support anti-bullying. That entire week, February 22-26, WHF will be focusing on kindness.

Mrs. Freiheit will share video lessons with the whole school and students and staff will be given opportunities to recognize kindness to others.

Don’t forget to click the [Counselor’s Corner](#) on the school website to view shared articles and videos from our counselor.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2021? If so, it is now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at eips.ca/kindergarten.

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 www.weshosford.ca

Complete the Returning Student Registration: February 1-28

Complete the Returning Student Registration: Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) returning student registration process is now open. All returning students must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming 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. **All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by February 28, 2021.**

REMINDER: Accessing PowerSchool Parent Portal

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 will first need to set one up.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information contact the school directly.

RELATED INFORMATION LINKS:

[Returning Student Registration Process](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[EIPS School Boundary Maps](#)

[Closed boundaries 2021-22](#)

[Find my designated school](#)

[Applying to a non-designated school](#)



PINK SHIRT DAY is FEBRUARY 24TH at WHF

PARENT SURVEYS

Parent Surveys

We need your input!

Please go to our website at www.weshosford.ca to complete two very quick parent surveys or click the links, below:

The first survey is [My Parent Involvement](#)

All parents want to be involved in their child's education. There is no "right" amount of involvement as each family has different needs. During this pandemic, some of our families may be feeling disconnected. This survey will provide you with:

- a quick and easy reminder that you ARE involved,
- and the school with a better idea of how our families most like to be connected and where we might be able to provide more support.

We will share the results of the data at the next School Council meeting on March 18th.

The Second survey is [WHF Proposed Fees for 2021-22](#)

As discussed at the January School Council Meeting there will not be a proposed increase in WHF School Fees for the 2021-2022 school year. Please click this link if you would like to add your input. A final discussion will be had at our next School Council meeting on March 18th.

Thank You to our WHF Fundraising Society

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

See our [Parent Council 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!

Wes Hosford School Calendar:

Our school calendar is on our school website at www.weshosford.ca. Click on the link to watch out for our upcoming events in [March](#).



Staying Connected with EIPS!

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.

Caregiver Education Series:

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Alberta Health Services 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 [Caregiver Education for the Edmonton Zone](#) for more information and session dates.



Wes Hosford School Kindness Week February 22 – 26