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Elementary School

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Administration Message

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Spring Break and were able to celebrate Easter, however that looked for your family this COVID year. We are now gearing up for what we affectionately refer to as "April-May-June". The time just seems to fly from now until the end of the year.

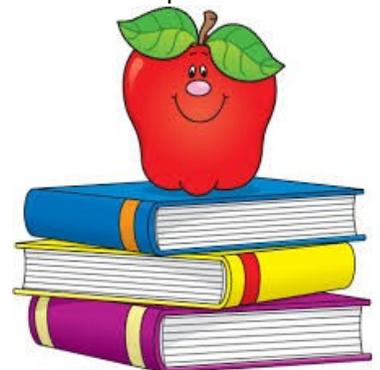
I want to share with you that as of June 28, 2021 I will be retiring after 42 years with Elk Island Public Schools and from my position as Principal of Wes Hosford School. From the bottom of my heart, I can say it has been such a pleasure to serve as your Principal these last seven years and I have enjoyed a wonderful partnership with the staff, students and families in our community. Truly it has been the highlight of my career.

I'm looking forward to seeing what retirement has to offer. Certainly lots of time with my grandchildren, as we are expecting our second granddaughter in June! I will miss the hustle and bustle of the everyday running of a school, but look forward to having the extra time to travel, spend time with friends and family and finish all of those little projects.

I am thrilled to announce that Mrs. Sue Freiheit, our current Assistant Principal and Counsellor, will take over the office of Principal for the 2021-22 school year. She is excited to continue working with such a wonderful school community. We will work closely together over the next few months, making it a smooth transition. Our new Assistant Principal and Counsellor have not been appointed at this time.

Once again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve your outstanding school community. Know how especially proud I am of our students. Mrs. Freiheit is lucky to be able to continue as the Principal of Wes Hosford and I'm looking forward to hearing about all of the great things that will continue on at our wonderful school.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Patti Berry



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Bouquets

- Thanks to 4M for creating a Week of Inspirational Math display for our front entrance.
- Thanks to our supportive School council for providing our staff with a Staff Appreciation Lunch on March 25.
- Thanks for being engaged with your child's learning and attending Parent/Teacher phone call Interviews. We had over 95% participation.
- Thanks to our parents for continuing to adapt and support our COVID 19 protocols at school.



Rubber Boot Weather

With Spring comes the puddles. A change of socks and pants in your child's backpack may come in handy and save you a trip to the school.

Also, as many rubber boots look alike, please take a moment to label your child's boots. This will ensure you get the same pair home as your child comes to school in.



Gearing up for Kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming virtual Kindergarten Information Night on May 25 to virtually tour the school; meet the teacher; gain insight on play-based learning; and see what a typical day looks like.

Kindergarten Information Night 2021:

Date: **May 25**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: The link will be forwarded to parents closer to the Information Night date and will be posted on the school website

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible Elk Island Public Schools has also put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding Wes Hosford School's kindergarten program, is available on our school website at www.weshosford.ca.



Counsellor's Corner

Please remember to visit our [Wes Hosford Website](#) and read the [Counsellor's Corner](#).

Keeping Them Safe While Helping Them Grow: Supporting children's emotional growth in challenging times

Hosted by: Strathcona Elementary School

Presenter: Psychologist Dr. Alex Russell

[Teams Link](#)

Date: April 21

<https://bit.ly/3vfw0Ed>

Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams Live Event

Knowing when and how to support our children at school is never easy. The dangers presented by a pandemic only add to the challenge of balancing the need to protect our children, on the one hand, while continuing to support their emotional growth on the other. This workshop offers clear and helpful guidelines to help parents navigate these challenges while maintaining close, supportive relationships with their children.

During the evening, Dr. Russell will offer a fresh perspective on raising self-reliant, motivated children, ready to take on the world. This session will give parents the tools to:

- Understand parent-child dynamics
- Resist the pressure to over-parent
- Build trusting relationships with teachers and school administration so they can play an effective role in your child's life
- Understand problems such as ADHD, anxiety, and substance abuse
- Embrace failing as learning, not parental incompetence
- Enact common-sense strategies for parents worn out from worrying about their kids and their future.

FR Haythorne Registration Information

Welcome to FR Haythorne,

We are excited to be meeting with our incoming Grade 7 students. During the week of April 12-16, FR Haythorne administration will be meeting virtually with all grade 6 classes. During this time we will be addressing any questions students may have as well as giving them specific information about FR Haythorne.

On the day we meet with a specific school (see below) we will be giving parents an opportunity (virtually) to meet with us and ask any questions from 4:00-4:30pm. A link will be sent to parents of individual schools on their specific day.

Brentwood	April 12
Heritage Hills	April 13
Glen Allan	April 14
Wes Hosford	April 15

We will also be hosting our **virtual Open House on April 21 starting at 6pm**. This will be very different from our regular open house but we will do our best to share our school.

Please see our [website](#) for our current registration guide. Students will be given an opportunity to register for their options in late April. All option selections must be done through the Parent Portal.

We look forward to meeting all of you.

Jessica Smith

Principal, FR Haythorne Jr. High

Write-On Stationery

The Wes Hosford School Parents Fundraising Society has partnered with Write-On Stationery again this year to bring you an easy option for purchasing school supplies. Details will be shared with families soon.

This is an easy and convenient way to get ready for the next school year *and* 10% of all school supplies purchased are returned to Wes Hosford as a fundraiser. The supplies will be delivered to student homes. Thank you for your support!



A big THANK YOU to all EIPS families

National Volunteer Week takes place April 18-24. Most years, we celebrate the week in schools by thanking the hundreds of volunteers across EIPS who offer their knowledge and time to help enhance learning within the Division. This year is a little different because of COVID-19. While different, schools are thanking their families in new and creative ways.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every one of our EIPS school families for your support over the last 12 months. Collectively, we've created a relationship that allows us to rally behind one clear vision: To provide exceptional education for all students. As we navigate the pandemic, it's critical we continue to work together to support student learning. Through this, we'll inspire learners and ensure they gain the skills they need to transition to the next grade or the world of work.

So, again, thank-you for your time, for your efforts, for your kindness and for your understanding as we work together to ensure all students succeed.

Trina Boymook
Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees

Have your say! The 2021 EIPS Parent Survey is Now Open

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2021 EIPS Parent Survey—open from April 6-20.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes a Part B, featuring questions about the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes. As you know, in fall 2021, EIPS welcomes a new locally elected Board of Trustees. Your feedback will help the incoming Board develop a new EIPS Four-Year Education Plan—one that's responsive to student and community needs and focused on continuous improvement.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Survey closes April 20, 2021.

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and doesn't take long to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take the proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice. For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—the greyness indicates the presence of water.



April 2019

Su n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday No School	3
4	5 Easter Monday No School	6 School Re- sumes	7 Early Dismissal	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May Dates to Note

- May 5 Early Dismissal @ 2:18 pm
- May 6 Seniors' Tea
- May 7 PL Day—No School
- May 20 Virtual Parent Council Mtg.
6:30 pm
- May 21 School Closure Day
- May 24 Victoria Day—No School
- May 25 Virtual Kindergarten Tour

