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Administration Message

Dear Wes Hosford Families,

It is hard to believe that we are now beginning the last month of the school year, and this will be my last newsletter to you as Principal. What an incredible year it has been. It has also been such a different year at school as we navigated through COVID 19. Thank you all for supporting us through the many changes we have had this year.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been your Principal for the last eight years. I can't believe how fast the time has gone by. As you continue through life, never forget to keep learning and having fun. Remember, "Wes Hosford students do the right thing, even when no one is watching".

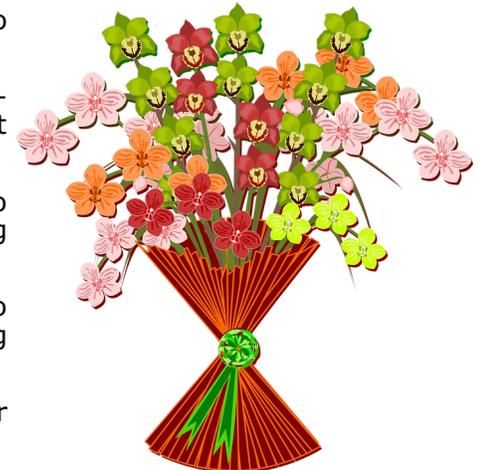
On behalf of our staff, we would like to wish all of you a healthy, happy summer! To our grade six students, we wish you all the best at your new schools.

With great admiration and much love,

Mrs. Berry

Bouquets

- Thanks to all of our Educational Assistants! You are a wonderful team and we appreciate all you do for us including outdoor supervision in all types of weather.
- Thanks to the Parent Council and Fundraising Society we appreciate all you do to make WHF a great place to be.
- Thanks to our teachers for working tirelessly to ensure that all student needs are met and safety protocols followed.
- Thanks to our hard working students who never gave up, whether you were learning at school or on-line at home.
- Thanks to Mrs. Snow and Mr. Gibson who keep our school office and library running smoothly.
- Thanks to our custodians who keep our building so clean and safe to be in.



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Acknowledgement on Wednesday, June 2

On May 27, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation announced it located the remains of 215 children who were students at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. Our hearts are with the families of each child whose death at the school went unacknowledged. The loss of these young lives is a tragedy beyond words.

To honour the 215 children, and every child whose life was taken, schools throughout EIPS are organizing ceremonies, including a moment of silence and encouraging staff and students to wear orange on Wednesday, June 2. As well, all EIPS buildings will fly flags at half-mast for 215 hours—an hour for each child—from May 31 to June 8.

As a Division, we stand in solidarity with everyone who suffered, and continues to suffer, because of trauma inflicted by the Canadian residential school system. Elk Island Public Schools has undertaken programs and initiatives based on respect, co-operation and partnership that embrace Indigenous teachings, heritage and contributions to enhance our understanding. But this news is a solemn reminder there remains much work ahead to comprehend the full truth of what occurred at residential schools so we can move forward with meaningful reconciliation—and a positive future.

Elk Island Public Schools

Staffing Update

Wes Hosford School will see a number of staffing changes for September, 2021:

- We would like to welcome Mr. Ralph Arndt as our new Assistant Principal.
- We wish Mrs. Patti Berry and Mrs. Jodi Elgie all of the best in their retirements.
- Farewell to Ms. Nicole Hanson, Ms. Breanna Bouffard and Mrs. Cheryl Hill. We wish them well on their new adventures in EIPS.
- Farewell too, to Mrs. Trina Loucraft and Mrs. Sonja Fitzsimons who have been working as Educational

Class Configurations 2021/22

Due to the late budget process this year, we are still preparing class lists for next year and teacher assignments have not been finalized as of yet. Unfortunately, due to the fluidity of our staffing, we will not be able to have our students meet their new teachers at the end of June.

However, it will be exciting for them to meet their new teachers and classmates on September 1!

Counsellor's Corner

Please read this month's "[Counsellor's Corner](#)". I have attached links to Summer Reading Reward Charts!

Also, please remember to read the "[Help from EIPS and Strathcona County](#)" blog. There are great resources there that you can access personally, or that you can advise friends and family about, if you notice they are struggling. It can be for mental health, financial support, parenting tips, and even activities for your children over the summer.

Early Morning Arrivals

A reminder now that the warm weather has arrived, we have students who are arriving at school before we have our staff on supervision.

Please have your child arrive at 8:20 a.m. when our supervisors are outside.

Write-On Stationery School Supplies

Our Parent Council is once again hosting the Write-On Stationery School Supplies fundraising program. Families wishing to order supplies should complete the online form by following the instructions below. Deadline for orders is August 1, and supplies will be delivered to homes, not to the school.
<https://www.write-on.ca/shop/>

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS – Order Here"
- School Name: Wes Hosford School - SHERWOOD PARK
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm your order has been received

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

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Throughout the summer break, Wes Hosford School is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 9:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on September 1.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed July 1 Canada Day

Closed August 2 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved, or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? EIPS encourages families to review the information it has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form, available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review the current information on file for each student—addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important if there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year.

All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **Monday, June 14 at noon**. After this time, the form will be turned off for the remainder of the school year and not available again to families until the start of the 2021-22 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year **after you've moved**.

If you have questions about the form or are having trouble with your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact the school at 780-464-1711.

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2021-22 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 18	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 23	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.



Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

IPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at: eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Tools for Schools 2021-22

Wes Hosford School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2021-22 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back-to-school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and the EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Terry Snow at 780-464-1711 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.



Grade Six Farewell

Our grade six students will have the opportunity to have their grade six graduation picture taken on June 2 in the morning, in front of our school sign, as a keepsake of their years at Wes Hosford. They will then be able to celebrate year end during the week of June 22 to 26. Due to COVID 19, the weather will determine the day of the picnic and celebration.

Stay tuned for further details from your child's teacher closer to the end of June.



2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey: Results Now Available

The 2020-21 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In April, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were 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.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,198 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS—up by more than 230 responses from the previous year. EIPS will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2020-21 Parent Survey results: Wes Hosford School](#)

Student Transportation: 2021-22 Registration



Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2021-22 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2021.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

Support Our Fundraiser June 8 & 9 Only

Organization name: **Wes Hosford Elementary Parent's Fundraising Society**

Date: June 8 & 9, 2021 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Time: 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: **Blaze Pizza – Emerald Hills**

Order Mode: In-Restaurant, Blaze Pizza App, Blazepizza.com

Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.



TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION:

In-Restaurant: Bring in this flyer or show it on your phone before paying.

Online Orders: Orders must be placed online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com. Enter code **as per location of pick up** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation.

VALID FOR PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY.

For orders on blazepizza.com or [Blaze Pizza App](#)

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June 2021

Looking Ahead

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2 Early Dismissal Gr. 6 Photos am Wear an orange shirt	3 Mental Wellness Day for Schools	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23 Grade Six Farewell	24	25 Freezie Day Last Day of Classes	26
27	28	29	30			



August Dates

Aug. 25 WHF Office Opens (9-3 pm)

September Dates

Sept. 1 First Day of School