

Dear Wes Hosford Families!

How did the year fly by so quickly? I feel as though we just had our September 2nd “Meet the Staff” evening! I’ve loved being your Principal, and I look forward to seeing all of our students learn and grow again next year. We wish our grade sixes all the best in their new schools for grade seven!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make our spring dance a success and thank you to all the families who were able to join us. It was so much fun! Please see pictures in the Photo Galleries at <https://www.weshosford.ca/about/photo-galleries>.

A few parents have been curious about our policy to lock all exterior doors during the day. As Principal I am responsible for the safety of 400 people within these walls and this is one of the steps I take to minimize risk. Staff have no problem zipping to the front door to let you in and see this small inconvenience as a welcome alternative to having an unknown or unwanted visitor in the building. Please understand that this decision is for our children’s safety, and the safety of the adults in the building as well.

One last important message! I can’t stress enough the importance of reading with your children over the summer. Practice is so important! You might consider a visit to our [Strathcona County Library](#) this summer. They have great reader reward programs, or you can use our school reader rewards, described on our website in the [Counselor’s Corner](#). Also, you may wish to access some [CYF Caregiver programs](#).

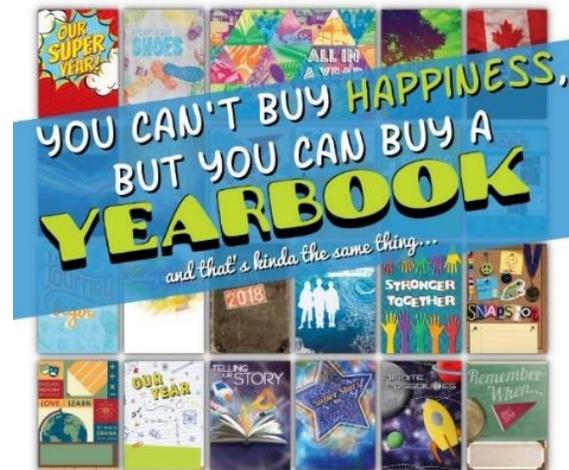
Over the summer, please continue to collect your receipts from the Save-On-Foods on Wye Road and bring them into the office in the fall. We get a percentage of the totals!

I wish all our families, and staff as well, a relaxing, safe summer vacation.

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Yearbook

Use the QR Code, shown, to order your 2021-2022 Yearbook.



Wes Hosford School YEARBOOK - \$ 18.00



Scan the QR code or go to
<https://YBPay.lifetouch.ca>
Yearbook ID Code - 14371622

REMINDER: 2021-22 school fees

School fees for the 2021-22 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.



To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child’s account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child’s school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2021-22 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022.

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review their information the Division 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 their information on file for each student—including 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 in case 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 **June 13 at noon**. After this time, EIPS will turn the form off for the remainder of the school year—available again at the start of the 2022-23 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 the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), contact the school at 780-464-1711.

For 22-23 Kindergarten - 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 2022-23 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date*	Time*
EIPS Central Services	August 16	5 p.m.
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EIPS Central Services	August 17	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	10 a.m.

** Dates and times may change depending on the province’s public-health measures.
EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park*

[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.



Student Transportation: 2022-23 registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 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 or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation services during the 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.

2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In March, 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.

Areas of strength:

- 83% of parents felt their child is demonstrating growth in literacy.
- 89% of parents felt their child is demonstrating growth in numeracy.
- 90% of parents felt their child's school is safe.



Opportunities for growth:

- 68% of parents felt satisfied with the opportunities provided to be involved in their child's education.
- 73% of parents felt satisfied with the resources available to support their child.
- 75% of parents agreed that Kindergarten has prepared their child to enter grade 1.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,450 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, 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:

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: Wes Hosford Elementary](#)

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Wes Hosford School is closed. It reopens on August 22 at 9:00am. 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 2022-23 school year. Students return to school on August 30.



EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 29 to August 19

Open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed July 1, Canada Day

Closed August 1, Heritage Day

Phone 780-464-3477

Address 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

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

Tools for School

Wes Hosford Elementary School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2022-23 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 2022-23 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 the EIPS Central Services office, all [Staples locations](#) and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

[United Way Tools for School: 2022-23](#)

Upcoming events and important dates:

- **June 2:** Early dismissal and Popcorn Day!
- **June 10:** Hot Lunch Day!
- **June 11-16:** Pride Week, Strathcona County
- **June 15:** Gr 6 Math PAT Part A
- **June 16:** Treat Day!
- **June 20:** Gr 6 Math PAT Part B
- **June 21:** [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- **June 22:** Gr 6 Science PAT
- **June 23:** Gr 6 Social PAT
- **June 24:** Gr 6 LA PAT Part B and Hot Lunch!
- **June 27:** Sports Day and Family Picnic!
- **June 28:** Grade 6 Farewell and Last instructional day

