

October 1, 2021

Dear Wes Hosford Families,

The Terry Fox Run was awesome! After a few years of doing the run separately, it was great to see the students doing it together. The excitement was impossible to miss! A big thank you to the teachers who organized this event! We raised \$2441! Well done Wes Hosford Families!

Thank you, also, to our amazing Parent Council and Fundraising Association. Our elected members are:

Parent Council		Fundraising Society	
Chair	Tawnia McQueen	Chair	Colleen Seward
Vice Chair	Kya Martin	Vice Chair	Trenna Stott
Secretary	Amy Power	Secretary	Amy Power

We are so grateful for these VOLUNTEERS (❤️) and those who run Hot Lunches, Treat Days and Popcorn Days! Other fundraisers that are underway include:



Nitza's Pizza Coupons

\$10 - 1 LARGE PIZZA - 3 TOPPINGS

Available on Munch-A-Lunch

starting October 1st & closing October 11th

All coupons to be picked up at the BOTTLE DRIVE October 13th.

WES HOSFORD BOTTLE DRIVE

October 13th 3-6PM

GARC Parking Lot!

Save those Thanksgiving bottles and come see us while you pick up your Nitza's Coupons!



The Wye Road Save On Foods is donating to Wes Hosford School! Send your receipts from the Wye Road location, to the school office and our Fundraising Committee will do the rest!

Christmas and Spring Concerts

Kindergarten will offer a Christmas concert during the day, as usual. We are also excited to be able to offer an evening Christmas Concert for Grades 1-3 in our school gym on December 8th and a Spring Concert for grades 4-6 in March. More information will follow in next month's newsletter!



Resources at WHF

We have lots of great "stuff" to assist students in progressing with their reading and math learning. Amongst many other things, we have purchased resources that will support learning for years to come. Some resources are phonics based (Fountas and Pinnell and Heggerty), one is for early reading in K-3 (Raz Kids) and one focuses on numeracy (Graham Fletcher's Numeracy Kits). As well, we are training several staff to use RRST (Reading Readiness Screening Tool) and DRT2 (Diagnostic Reading Test) which provides the teacher with specific areas to focus on for remediation for struggling readers.

While we are taking care of this at our end, we DO need your help! We ask you to read with your child every day for 30 minutes or more. I know it can be hard, and that there will be days when the reading happens in the car on the way to a practice, or in the stands at the practice! But the benefits are huge! For math, even just practicing basic facts while unloading the dishwasher can help. These habits are essential.

If you'd like to talk to your classroom teacher, or to our school Counsellor, Christy Nichol, about more ways to help your child at home, please get in touch!

Counsellor's Corner

This month's article in Counsellor's Corner is all about Digital Citizenship. It contains useful information for parents and shares some of what we are doing as a school to promote responsible digital citizenship with our students. Use the link below to learn more!

<https://www.weshosford.ca/about/counsellors-corner>

Digital Citizens Week - Parent Engagement Session

We are also pleased to be able to offer a Parent Engagement Session on Digital Citizenship for our parents. Please join us on Tuesday, October 25 from 6 - 7 pm in the library.



Introducing Permission Click



EIPS has begun migrating school and Division forms to the online Permission Click platform. Many families will have already received one or more forms within the new system. Permission Click makes the form submission process for families simple and straightforward. Forms are also easily accessible and fillable from your mobile

device. Families will generally receive forms in one of two ways—sent as a link within a SchoolMessenger email or in a direct email from Permission Click sent to the first parent or guardian on record in PowerSchool. Be sure to add notifications@permissionclick.com to your safe sender list to ensure required forms aren't mistakenly directed to your junk mail folder.

School Bus Safety Week October 16-22

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 16-22. The theme: 'Make the World Green, Ride Yellow,' which focuses on transportation choice and the environment. Throughout the week, various activities are planned, including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.



As part of School Bus Safety Week, we would like to remind students and families all Division school buses are equipped with a bus-pass scanner, GPS technology, the Child Check-Mate system and surveillance equipment, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 170 buses. Families and students also have access to the Traversa Ride 360 app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus.

For more information visit EIPS Student Transportation or contact 780-417-8151.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Alberta Health Services hosts a variety of virtual caregiver information sessions throughout the year focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and



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geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. Visit Caregiver Education to see the monthly caregiver sessions.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day October 5



October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

Indigo Love of Reading

Our school was selected to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual Adopt a School fundraiser! Every dollar raised in-store at Indigo Sherwood Park and online between **September 12 - October 2, 2022** will go DIRECTLY to our school to help fill our shelves with new and diverse books!

Thank you so much for supporting our school and for helping to inspire a love of reading in our students!



Read In Week 2022 October 3-7

Read In Week returns on October 3. This year's theme: "Choose Your Own Adventure." Through various activities, students will spend the week learning tips on choosing the right book; the art of storytelling; and how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives and foster empathy. Some of the activities planned for Read In Week include:

- Bev Facey Readers: BFH students will visit us on October 6th and will read to our students
- Morning Announcements: A few students will be selected to talk about how reading is like an adventure and what adventure they have gone on in their favourite book. They will be talking about the adventure their book will take them on.
- Support For Students Guest Readers: Tamara Martin-Spady and Sydney Munsterman will be coming on the afternoon of Monday, October 3rd to read to classes.
- Buddies: We ask you do Buddy Reading for this week!
- Admin: Principal will read to grades 4-6 and AP will read to grades 1-3; both will read to Kindergarten.



Read In Week is a division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, families and community members. Wes Hosford invites all families to participate in Read In Week by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

Don't forget to share what you've learned. Throughout the week, you can post your own stories about Read In Week using the hashtag #eipsreads.

For more information visit readin.ca.



Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2022-23 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online.



Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have certain fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2022.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://www.weshosford.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Snow at Wes Hosford at 780-464-1711.

Important Dates

October

- 1 - 11 Nitza's Pizza Coupon Sales
- 3-7 Read In Week
- 5 Early Dismissal (2:10)
- 6 Popcorn Day!
- 7 Professional Learning Day - No School
- 10 Thanksgiving -No school
- 11-14 Various presentations booked through the Saffron Centre
- 13 Picture Retakes
- 13 Bottle Drive - GARC parking lot 3 - 6 pm
- 20 Treat Day!
- 25 Parent Engagement Session
- 28 Hot Lunch Day!

