

November 1, 2022

Dear Wes Hosford Families,



Halloween was a lot of fun this year! The virtual parade was a big hit and we took a lot of pictures. If you'd like to see them, please visit the Wes Hosford website. We will post them within a day or two!

There is a lot going on this month including Volleyball Club (Gr5-6), Art Club (Gr 2-3), Math Club(Gr 4-6), Remembrance Day, Fall Break, Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews. The report card is a way for us to communicate your child's progress with you. You'll find more information about reports cards, below.



Parent Engagement Evening: Digital Citizenship

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us Tuesday evening for our Digital Citizenship parent presentation put on by EIPS and led by Sydney Munsterman. Look for more Parent Engagement evenings coming soon! One great phrase we learned is that "not all screen time is created equal!"

Passive



Mindless watching
Scrolling
Vegging out
On autopilot

Interactive



Co-viewing, Learning
Problem-solving
Video-chatting
Participating with on-screen characters

Creative



Creating
Editing, Designing
Making videos
Coding

Christmas Bureau

Our grade 3s will be helping to organize our Christmas Bureau Donations this year, as it fits in with their Social Studies Curriculum (quality of life, rights and responsibilities and community organizations). We are accepting grocery items and gift cards. The Christmas Bureau volunteers will be picking up all our donations on November 30th, so **please send in your donations from November 21st to November 29th** so that we have time to box everything up.

New Report Cards

Report cards will be available on November 25th at 4:00. Information about Parent Teacher Interviews will be coming soon.

Think of the report card as an invitation for a conversation about your child's learning and achievement. We share what they are doing well and where improvement is needed, and we include suggestions for how you can support your child at home.



To best communicate student learning, some changes have been made to report cards, including a slight redesign. This November, parents and guardians will continue to access report cards through PowerSchool; simply log into your account and click on the "Report Card" button in the lefthand sidebar.

Like the previous report card, students will still be assessed on a Learner Attributes Scale and Achievement Scale. In grades K-3, some of the categories being assessed have been modified to align with the new curriculum.

Assigning fair and meaningful grades requires thoughtful and informed professional judgement on the part of teachers, along with careful examination of the tasks students are asked to complete and the questions they are asked to answer in order to demonstrate their learning. As you can see by the chart below, achievement levels are a combination of the student's ability to meet and apply learning expectations, and the amount of support needed to do so at grade level.

Achievement Level	At this time the learner is:
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excelling in learning expectations • Applying concepts in new or unique learning situations • Independently using skills and strategies
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting learning expectations • Applying concepts in new learning situations • With minimal support, using skills and strategies
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting learning expectations • Applying concepts in familiar learning situations • With reasonable support, using skills and strategies
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaching learning expectations • Applying concepts when rehearsed and highly structured. • With high levels of support, using skills and strategies
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below learning expectations • Having difficulty applying concepts even when rehearsed and highly structured. • Despite high levels of support, is having difficulty using skills and strategies

There is SNOW much to read!



A BLIZZARD of books is arriving this month and our book fair will be open during parent teacher interviews on **November 30th** and **December 1st** from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Since it is the COOLEST place to be, we invite you to stop by and purchase books from your child's wish list to say "well done" on a positive report from their teacher or for Christmas Gifts or even donate a book back to your child's classroom from their teacher's wish list. Reading is SNOW much fun so click [HERE](#) to

watch some fun featured book trailers that might leave you wanting more.

****All proceeds from the fair will go directly to our Wes Hosford Library to help fill our shelves with new books for our students to enjoy!**



Counselor's Corner

Please read Mrs. Nichol's [Counselor's Corner](#) entry regarding Digital Citizenship.

November at Wes Hosford

November 1 - WHF Newsletter emailed to families and posted on the WHF Website

November 1 - Begin sending Christmas Bureau Donations and/or gift cards

November 2 - Early Dismissal

November 4 - Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 7-10 - Fall Break (schools closed to staff and students)

November 11 - Remembrance Day (schools closed to staff and students)

November 14-18 - Métis Week

November 14-18 - Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

November 16 - Popcorn Day

November 17 - Parent Council Meeting - hybrid model (in person or online)

November 20 - National Child Day

November 21 - Please start to send Christmas Bureau donations to school

November 24 - December 2 - Book Fair

November 25 - Hot Lunch

November 25 - Report Cards available Online

November 28 - Treat Day

November 29 - Last day to send in a Christmas Bureau Donation

November 30 and December 1 - Parent Teacher Interviews

December 7 - Early Dismissal



I hope you have a great month of November!

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