

December 1, 2022

Dear Wes Hosford Families,

Thank you for filling our Wes Hosford Express with your generous donations to the Strathcona Christmas Bureau! They sent us heaps of gratitude! The lucky winners of the pizza party are Class

3BT but thank you to ALL families who brought a little extra joy to someone's Christmas by donating a gift! Please thank your School Council members for organizing this pizza party through Boston Pizza and remember to save your receipts when you visit Boston Pizza, and submit them to the office, as this is another school fundraiser!



Gr 1-3 Christmas Concert



When: December 8, 2022 at 7:00pm

Where: Wes Hosford Gymnasium

The school's front doors will open at 6:30 for guests with tickets to enter the gym and for performing students, who will make their way to their classrooms. **Every person needs a ticket, regardless of age, except for performing children.**

Limited seating, due to fire regulations, meant that we asked families to pre-book tickets for the evening. You received a google form link on Nov. 22 and each family was able to book 2 tickets until Nov. 25. Please bring your tickets for entrance to the concert.

A second round of tickets was made available for families who wanted to bring additional guests, **while supplies last.**

We are very excited that a **livestream of the concert will be available!** Thank you to School Council for finding a parent volunteer to do this for us! Now, those who can't attend due to the fire regulation numbers, and those who live far away, can still enjoy the concert from the comfort of their home. Details to follow.

All concert tickets will be sent home in your child's backpack (you were asked to identify the child with whom the tickets would be sent). These cannot be replaced, so if you prefer to pick them up yourself, please notify Mrs. Snow via email at terry.snow@eips.ca. **Seating will be on a first come basis.** Front doors will open at 6:30.

This year, front row seats to the concert were raffled off as a school fundraiser! The draw will take place on Dec. 2 and winning families will be contacted. If you haven't had a chance to enter the front row seats raffle please go to your Parent Portal account to do so. This is your last chance as

the draw will be made tomorrow and winning families will be notified via email. As well, our Fundraising Society is having a Christmas [50/50 raffle](#) that you may wish to enter!

If you or a guest has a walker or crutches, several aisle seats will have a "Reserved for Mobility Issues" sign on them. We cannot guarantee priority seating or provide guests with mobility issues early access. Please consider having one family member wait in line and text individuals with mobility issues to let them know when they can make their way into the school.

We look forward to providing this opportunity for our grade 1-3 students to perform for you, and for grades 4-6 to perform in the spring.

There is SNOW much to read!



Thank you, School Council for our awesome Book Fair, and thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen! Thank you to all those who purchased books! The Book Fair fosters a love of reading in our students and improves our library book collection! 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!

December Fundraising!

A big thank you to our awesome Fundraising Society! They volunteer their time to find new and fun ways to raise money for our school! Your fundraising society has contributed \$3470 to the school to be used to enhance the learning environment. Teachers use this money to purchase art supplies, classroom incentives, and other items. Supporting students in the classroom is only possible with your help!

Ways you can help:

- **Volunteer for the Camrose Resort Casino** on May 1 and 2. Commit to one day or two. If you are able to help out (or if you have a friend or family member who is able to help out) please email a completed [Volunteer Application](#) and send by email to weshosfordfundraising@gmail.com. We need to build our volunteer pool NOW.
- Win cash in time for Christmas - **Purchase your 50/50 ticket** before the draw on December 8. [Purchase your tickets](#) here! Please share the link!

Remember our passive fundraisers:

- Send your receipts from Save on Foods Wye Road into the school office
- Send your receipts from Boston Pizza into the school office
- Order Nitzza's Pizza coupons from MunchALunch for \$10 each
- Donate your bottles via our [Skip the Depot](#) link (feel free to share province wide with friends and relatives)
- Frequent [Shack a Patate!](#) They are giving us their bottle return money this school year
- Pick "Wes Hosford" from the "Support a fundraiser" section at [Mabel's Labels](#)

Hot Lunch Ordering

This will open on December 8th... watch for an email. Ordering will close January 6th.

Christmas Break

Wes Hosford School will close for the Christmas break at the end of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The school will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023. During this time, if you have any school-related questions or concerns, contact Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Central Services at 780-464-3477.

Counsellor's Corner

Please read Mrs. Nichol's [Counsellor's Corner](#) entry regarding Holiday Stress.

December at Wes Hosford

December 1 - Parent Teacher Interviews and BOOK FAIR

December 1 - Popcorn Day!

December 2 - Red and Green Day

December 7 - DARE Grad for Garde 6 Students - Parent Welcome to attend at 9:30

December 7 - Early Dismissal

December 8 - Christmas Concert

December 9 - Hot Lunch

December 9 - Christmas Hat / Headband Day

December 13 - Treat Day!

December 15 - Kindergarten Class B Concert in the Library at 2:30

December 16 - Kindergarten Class A Concert in the Library at 2:30

December 16 - Christmas Sweater Day!

December 19 - PJ Day!

December 20 - last day of class for 2022!

January 4 - first day of class for 2023!



I hope you have a great month of December!

Sue