

January 3, 2022

Dear Wes Hosford Families,

We are glad to be back at school and we look forward to a fabulous 2023 with your children!



Hot Lunch Orders

Ordering closes for Hot lunch, Treat Days and Popcorn Days, on Friday the 6th! Order through [Munch A Lunch!](#)

Staff Changes

Please welcome Miss Cheryl Hess to the Wes Hosford team and to class 4H. She is replacing Mrs. Murray, who retired at the end of December. Miss Hess is well known to Wes Hosford and comes to us with a love of teaching, especially Science and Math. Please join us in making her feel welcome!

Kindergarten Registration Starts Soon!

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 1, 2023.



To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

Additional information regarding Wes Hosford's kindergarten program is available at <https://www.weshosford.ca/>.

Inclement Weather



With the winter season well underway, we want to remind families to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will advise families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. Morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.

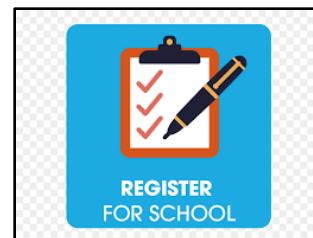
Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS' [Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather](#), which states: “school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C including wind chill, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on they feel is safest during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

Returning Student Registration for 2023-24

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space. The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.



Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **January 4:** First day back to school and early dismissal
- **January 6:** Ordering for Hot Lunch Closes!
- **January 11:** Popcorn Day!
- **January 18:** secondary French immersion information session
- **January 19:** School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings at 6:30 in our Library or use the link on the WHF website and calendar to join virtually
- **January 20:** Hot Lunch!
- **January 25:** Treat Day!
- **January 30:** professional learning day (schools closed to students)
- **February 1:** [kindergarten](#) and [grades 1-12](#) new student registration opens for 2023-24
- **February 1:** [returning student registration](#) opens for 2023-24
- **February 1:** early dismissal