

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

Thank you for joining us for Parent Teacher Interviews last week!  
 And thank you to everyone who contributed to the Potluck Lunch for the staff!  
 It was appreciated and enjoyed by all!



#### Fees for 2023-2024

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. and there will be a final opportunity for parent input on fees for the 2023-24 school year. Field trip fees have been increased from \$60 to \$62 and some fees, that had been disregarded due to AHS restrictions on student involvement in certain activities, have been reinstated. Thank you to the parents who provided suggestions in person and through our survey.

Fee Name/Description	Per Student 2023-24	Per Student 2022-23	Per Student 2021-22	Fee Category
Field Trip - ECS	\$62.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 1	\$62.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 2	\$62.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 3	\$62.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 4	\$62.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 5	\$62.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 6	\$62.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
Young Authors Conference	\$30.00	NA	NA	Activity Fees
WISEST Conference	\$40.00	NA	NA	Activity Fees
Extracurricular Sports/Clubs	\$2.00-\$20.00	NA	NA	Activity Fees
Noon Supervision	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	Lunch Supervision
ECS Noon Supervision	\$55.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	Lunch Supervision

### Reporting Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent, please leave a phone or email message with a brief reason. For example, dentist visit, eye appointment, illness, etc. You can phone or email at any time, day or night. If you forget to notify us, Mrs. Snow must call you and follow up. Thank you so much for your help with this.

### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **February 22:** Kindness week starts with Pink Shirt Day!
- **February 28:** Returning student registration closes for 2023-24
- **February 28:** Popcorn Day!
- **March 1:** Early Dismissal
- **March 3:** No School for students: PD Day for Teachers
- **March 9:** Book Fair starts!
- **March 15:** Family Fun Math Night and Book Fair Viewing!

### More Parent Engagement Evenings!

- **March 15:** Family Fun Math Night
- **March 15:** Family Book Fair Viewing
- **April 13:** Spring Concert for Grades 4-6
- **April 26:** Saffron Parent Presentation in our WHF Library -How to Communicate with Your Youth
- **May 12:** Family Dance
- **May 17:** Family Community Services Parent Presentation at Glen Allan School -No Such Thing as a bad kid: Understanding what's behind children's behaviors **\*We have collaborated with Glen Allan School to share Parent Engagement Evenings. Please note that our April 26<sup>th</sup> evening will include families from Glen Allan School.**



**Add to Calendar**

From the Counsellor!

We are very excited to share two upcoming free parent presentations with our school communities. We hope to see you at our school or at Glen Allan School for these events.

**Foundations of Connection: How to Communicate with Your Youth  
Presented by the Saffron Centre**

April 26, 2023, 5:30-7:30 @ Wes Hosford Elementary School

*A presentation for parents and caregivers on having healthy parent-child relationships and talking about healthy relationships with youths.*

The first part is on healthy relationships basics, so we go over boundaries, consent, and the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships. We discuss abusive relationships and the cycle of abuse and spend more time discussing consent in detail. Next, we go over shame, its effects, and how we can minimize it in our conversations. This is followed by a discussion on rejection and how to talk about it. We then talk about pornography, its effects on developing brains and relationships, and how to talk about it without perpetuating shame. The topic shifts to sexting and its consequences, as well as a review of the laws surrounding non-consensual photo sharing. The second section is on parent-child relationships specifically and begins with some traits for healthy parent-child relationships at different ages. We discuss how to build a trusting relationship and go over tips for open communication. Next, we cover ways to talk about consent with different age groups before covering tips for handling conflict in relationships. This presentation is designed for parents of elementary students from K-6.

**No Such Thing as a Bad Kid: Understanding What's Behind Children's Behaviors**

**Presented by Strathcona County Family Resource Network**

May 17, 2023, 5:30-7:30 @ Glen Allan Elementary School

Kids do not come with instruction manuals. Most parents may feel puzzled by their children's feelings and behaviors at some point in their parenting journey. Join Strathcona County Family Resource Network in a presentation that helps parents understand what's behind children's behaviors and learn how to support children with emotional and behavioral challenges.

Questions? Please contact our Counsellor, Christy Nichol at [christy.nichol@eips.ca](mailto:christy.nichol@eips.ca)