

May Newsletter

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

Thank you to those families who were able to join us for the Kindergarten Open House. It was so nice to meet so many new families! Ms. Thiessen did a wonderful job of introducing the kindergarten program.

**Please note some important dates coming up as noted at the end of the newsletter, including Hat Day tomorrow and class pictures toward the end of the month.**

Enjoy our longer days and nicer weather! I look forward to seeing you at the spring dance!

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### **Education Week 2022: May 1-5**

Education Week takes place May 1-5. Throughout the week, students and staff from Wes Hosford School, are showcasing and celebrating the role education plays in shaping the future of our province. Led by the Alberta Teachers' Association and Alberta School Councils' Association, the annual event is celebrated by school communities provincewide with activities focused on the importance of education.

The theme of Education Week this year is "Learning Uplifts All", which celebrates working toward an inspired future for public education. This includes optimal learning conditions for every child, students who enjoy learning and achieve their goals, opportunities for teachers to continue developing their professional skills, and parents and communities involved and supportive of learning.

Wes Hosford School is excited to celebrate Education Week and has a number of activities planned, including:

- Hats On for Mental Health – students wear hats to school on Wednesday, May 3
- Spring Dance on May 4 from 6-9pm
- Student announcements
- Staff interviews by students
- Health Class activities
- Grade 3 poetry sharing



## My Story: Mental Health Week runs May 1-7

Mental Health Week takes place May 1-7. To mark the week, Wes Hosford School has activities and lessons planned for students, all centered on Mental Health Week's theme, "My Story." We all have different, yet equally valuable stories which can be used to share one key message: universal mental health care is important and needed now!



Collectively, students will learn about community-based mental health care champions, programs and communities while showcasing the importance of securing universal mental health care, what it can look like and how mental health care can be expressed and nurtured, such as within art, music and dance. In addition to school activities, students and staff can also share messages about their personal journey on various social media platforms using the hashtag #MyStory.

For more information:

[Mental Health Week](#)

[Alberta Health Services: Help in Tough Times](#)

## Hats On! For Mental Health Day

May 3 is Hats On! for Mental Health Day. Albertans are invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Schools will relax their hat rules and encourage students and teachers to build understanding by wearing hats to school. Social media images and copies of the *Compassionate Classrooms* reference booklet are available on the [ATA website](#).



Upcoming events and important dates:

- **May 1-5:** Education Week
- **May 1-5:** Mental Health Week
- **May 3:** Hats On for Mental Health Day - students may wear hats in class
- **May 3:** Early dismissal
- **May 4:** School Dance - come dressed 80s style!
- **May 5:** Professional Learning Day (schools closed to students)
- **May 8:** Popcorn Day!
- **May 11:** School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings 6pm
- **May 17:** Grade 6 LA PAT Part A
- **May 17:** Treat Day!
- **May 19:** School Closure Day (schools closed to students and staff)
- **May 22:** Victoria Day (schools closed to students and staff; Central Services closed)
- **May 24:** Kindergarten Mon/Wed class will have class pictures taken
- **May 25:** Class Pictures
- **May 26:** Hot Lunch