

October 1, 2021

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

The Terry Fox Run was awesome! The excitement was impossible to miss! A big thank you to the teachers who organized this event! We raised \$1150! Well done Wes Hosford Family!

Thank you, also, to our amazing School Council and Fundraising Society. Our elected members are:

School Council		Fundraising Society	
Chair	Tawnia McQueen	Co-Chairs	Chantelle Auclair and Loretta Campbell
Vice Chair	Kilby Meuser	Vice Chair	Trenna Stott
Secretary	Amy Power	Secretary	Amy Power

We are so grateful for these VOLUNTEERS (❤️) and those who run Hot Lunches, Treat Days and Popcorn Days! Other fundraisers that are underway include:

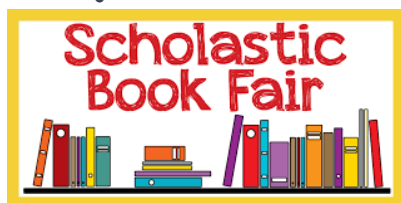


The Wye Road Save On Foods, and any Boston Pizza, are donating to Wes Hosford School! Send in your receipts from the Wye Road Save-On and from any Boston Pizza, and our Fundraising Committee will do the rest!



Book Fair

Attention all students and parents! Get ready to embark on an extraordinary literary journey because the highly anticipated Book Fair is just around the corner! The school is buzzing with excitement as we gear up to welcome a dazzling array of books that promise to ignite imaginations and captivate hearts. From thrilling adventures to heartwarming stories, there's a book for everyone waiting to be discovered. This event is not just about books, it's about fostering a lifelong love for reading and learning. All proceeds will be used to purchase books for our school library. So, mark your calendars and join us for a week filled with literary delight and shop with us after teacher interviews on **October 25th & 26th**. Let's dive into the world of books together!



📖 ✨ See you at the Book Fair! 📖 ✨

Please click [HERE](#) to volunteer to help set up, or staff the book fair. Thank you!

Please join us at the October 15 Oil Kings game!

Gather your friends and family and come watch the Red Deer Rebels take on the Edmonton Oil Kings on Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 PM.



\$5 from each ticket will go directly back to our school. Purchase tickets [here: Sections 107 and 112 have been set aside so let's fill those seats!](#)

Intramurals – Running Club and Volleyball

Thank you to Ms. Pasma and Mrs. Pedersen, who just finished Running Club with our Division two students. Now, we are thanking Mrs. Daley, in advance, as she begins preparations for Volleyball Club. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to join Volleyball Club, and all the details will be shared with them in the coming weeks.

Christmas and Spring Concerts



Kindergarten will offer a Christmas concert during the day, as usual. We are also excited to be able to offer an evening Christmas Concert for Grades 1-3 in our school gym on December 7th and a Spring Concert for grades 4-6 in March. More information will follow in next month's newsletter!

Resources at WHF

We have many resources we use to assist students in progressing with their school learning. Amongst many other things, we have purchased resources that support phonics reading and numeracy. As well, we utilize tools such as RRSST (Reading Readiness Screening Tool) and DRT2 (Diagnostic Reading Test) which provides the teacher with specific areas to focus on for remediation for struggling readers.

With the help of your fundraising dollars, we recently purchased recess equipment and Phys Ed equipment. Each classroom has a specified set of equipment to use during recess time.

Practice at Home

While we do the teaching at school, we DO need your help! We ask you to read with your child every day for 30 minutes or more. I know it can be hard, and that there will be days



when the reading happens in the car on the way to a practice, or in the stands at the practice! But the benefits are huge! For math, even just practicing basic facts while unloading the dishwasher can help. These habits are essential.

If you'd like to talk to your classroom teacher, or to our school Counsellor, Christy Nichol, about more ways to help your child at home, please get in touch!

And remember, at school we challenge students by teaching them with materials that push their level of understanding. At home practice should be about practice, developing good study habits, and building confidence, so using materials at an easier level than we use at school is recommended. Your teacher can advise you if you're unsure.

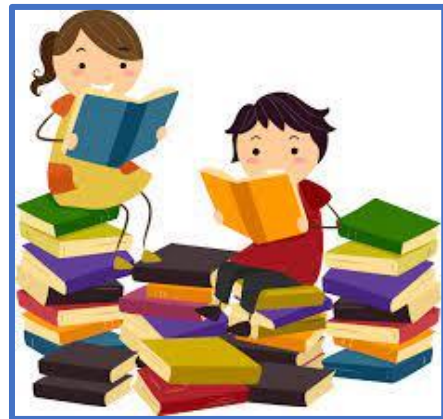
Read In Week October 2-6

Read In Week returns on October 2. This year's theme is "Re-imagine Reading." Through various activities, students will spend the week fostering a love of reading by re-imagining what reading could mean to them and what reading may look like in their life. Some of the activities planned for Read In Week include:

- Reading Is... Display: Students will write or draw what reading is like for them. The submissions will be displayed outside the office
- Teacher Favourites: Each teacher will have their favourite book on display in the library with students being able to check them out
- Admin Reading: Each class will have one of our admin team members read to them
- Pocket Reads: Listen to EIPS principals read a picture book or first chapter of a novel

Read In Week is a division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, families and community members. Wes Hosford invites all families to participate in Read In Week by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

Don't forget to share what you've learned. Throughout the week, you can post your own stories about Read In Week using the hashtag #eipsreads. For more information visit readin.ca.



Celebrating World Teachers' Day October 5



October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world as a way to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

Counsellor's Corner

This month's article in Counsellor's Corner is all about digital citizenship. It contains useful information for parents and shares some of what we are doing as a school to support our families. Use the link below to learn more!

[Counsellor's Corner | Wes Hosford Elementary](#)

Parent Presentation

Parent Presentation by Family and Community Services
TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Kids Have Stress, Too! Wes Hosford Elementary School Library,
Thursday, October 12, 6-8 pm in WHF Library**

Even the most nurturing home and school environment includes a range of stressors that can both challenge and motivate children. While stress is a necessary part of development and learning, it's clear that Canadian families now face more stress than ever before.



With the help of a range of educators, psychologists and stress experts from across the country, we developed the Kids Have Stress Too! ®program. The program is designed to help the important people in children's lives learn to promote resiliency by buffering the impact of stress, and building positive coping strategies to deal with life's stressors.

School Bus Safety Week October 15-21

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 15-21. The theme: 'Stand Back From Yellow and Black,' which focuses on proper school bus safety behavior. Throughout the week, various activities are planned, including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.



As part of School Bus Safety Week, Wes Hosford reminds students and families all Division school buses are equipped with a Tyler Drive tablet, bus-pass scanner, GPS technology, the Child Check-Mate system and surveillance equipment, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 175 buses. Families and students also have access to the Traversa Ride 360 app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus. For more information visit EIPS Student Transportation or contact 780-417-8151.

Pay School Fees Online!

School fee information for the 2023-24 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view your fees and pay them online.



Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have certain fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2023.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and <https://www.weshosford.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Snow at Wes Hosford at 780-464-1711.

Important Dates

October

- 2 Read In Week begins
 - 4 Early Dismissal (2:10)
 - 6 PD Day! No school for students.
 - 6 Perogy and Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins*
 - 9 Thanksgiving! No School!
 - 11 School Bus Evacuation Drills -KTA (Mon/Wed Class) will be doing Little Elk Island Adventurers
 - 12 KTB (Tues/Thurs Class) will be doing Little Elk Island Adventurers
 - 12 6:00 – 8:00 Parent Presentation in the school library – Family and Community Services presenting “Kids Have Stress, Too”
 - 13 Treat Day
 - 16 Individual and class photo day
 - 17 KTB individual and class photo day
 - 18 Hot Lunch Day!
 - 18 Perogy and Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends
 - 23 Book Fair begins
 - 24 Popcorn Day!
 - 25 Parent/Teacher Interviews – Book Fair Viewing!
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 - 31 Halloween
- *November 23 – Perogy and Cookie Dough Fundraiser order pick up during Family Game Night

