

November 1, 2023



Dear Wes Hosford Families,

Halloween was a lot of fun this year! The parade was a big hit!

Enjoy some art, pictured here, from our grade one classes.



There is a lot going on this month including Choir (Gr. 3-6) Volleyball Club (Gr. 5 & 6), Remembrance Day Assembly, Fall Break, and Report Cards. You'll find more information about report cards below.

### Strathcona County Food Bank

Our grade 3s will be helping to organize our Strathcona County Food Bank donations this year, as it fits in with their Social Studies Curriculum (quality of life, rights and responsibilities and community organizations). Along with grocery items, we are accepting gift cards to local grocery stores. The Food Bank volunteers will be picking up all our donations on November 30<sup>th</sup>, so **please send in your donations from November 27<sup>th</sup> to November 29<sup>th</sup>** so that we have time to box everything up.

### Fee Waivers

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](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees) and <https://www.weshosford.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact Mrs. Snow at Wes Hosford at 780-464-1711.



### Counselor's Corner

Please read Mrs. Nichol's [Counsellor's Corner](#) entry regarding Bullying. You can also read about our recent parent sessions and read information that was shared.

## Report Cards

Report cards will be available on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00. Parents and guardians can access them through PowerSchool by logging in to your account and clicking on the "Report Card" button in the lefthand sidebar.

Students are assessed on a Learner Attributes Scale and Achievement Scale. Please see the [Guide to Reporting Student Achievement](#) for more information.

Think of the report card as an invitation for a conversation about your child's learning and achievement. We share what they are doing well and where improvement is needed, and we include suggestions for how you can support your child at home.

Assigning fair and meaningful grades requires thoughtful and informed professional judgement on the part of teachers, along with careful examination of the tasks students are asked to complete and the questions they are asked to answer in order to demonstrate their learning. As you can see by the chart below, achievement levels are a combination of the student's ability to meet and apply learning expectations, and the amount of support needed to do so at grade level.



Achievement Level	At this time the learner is:
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excelling in learning expectations</li><li>• Applying concepts in <b>new or unique</b> learning situations</li><li>• <b>Independently</b> using skills and strategies</li></ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting learning expectations</li><li>• Applying concepts in <b>new</b> learning situations</li><li>• With <b>minimal</b> support, using skills and strategies</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting learning expectations</li><li>• Applying concepts in <b>familiar</b> learning situations</li><li>• With <b>reasonable</b> support, using skills and strategies</li></ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approaching learning expectations</li><li>• Applying concepts when <b>rehearsed and highly structured</b>.</li><li>• With <b>high</b> levels of support, using skills and strategies</li></ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Below learning expectations</li><li>• Having difficulty applying concepts <b>even when rehearsed and highly structured</b>.</li><li>• <b>Despite high</b> levels of support, is having difficulty using skills and strategies</li></ul>

## Inclement Weather

With the winter season almost here, 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) advises families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, email, SMS, alerts posted on 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 eips.ca by 6:30 a.m.



Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, "school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , including wind chill factor, 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 their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

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

## November Dates, Below...



## November at Wes Hosford

November 1 - Early Dismissal

November 3 - Remembrance Day  
Assembly at approximately 10:30

November 3 - Treat Day!

November 4 - Market at  
Ardrossan - see image

November 6-10 - Fall Break  
(schools closed to staff and  
students)

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 13-17 - Métis Week

November 13-17 - Bullying  
Awareness and Prevention Week

November 16 - School Council  
and Fundraising Society  
Meeting 6:30

November 17 - Hot Lunch!

November 20 - Popcorn Day!

November 25 - Market at  
Ardrossan - see image

November 27-29 - Send in a  
Christmas Bureau Donation

December 1 - Market in  
Sherwood Park at the Agora -  
see image.

December 1 - Report Cards  
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**A LOCAL OPPORTUNITY FOR  
OUR SCHOOL!**

*Elementary School  
Fundraiser*

**HOSTED BY QUEEN OF HEARTS**

3 HOLIDAY EVENTS HOSTED  
WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY  
WHERE THEY WILL BE RAFFLING  
OFF GIFT BASKETS WHILE  
RAISING MONEY FOR LOCAL  
ELEMENTARIES IN SHERWOOD  
PARK & ARDROSSAN! WANT TO  
MAKE A DONATION OR CURIOUS  
ABOUT THIS EVENT HEAD OVER  
TO QUEEN OF HEARTS ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA OR HEAD TO  
THEIR MARKETS!

November 4, 10-4pm  
Ardrossan Rec Centre

November 25, 10-4pm  
Ardrossan Rec Centre

December 1, 4-9:30pm  
The Agora Sherwood Park

I hope you have a great month of November!

Sue