

January 21, 2024

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

Students have been enjoying the Mindfulness Club on Wednesdays, and the 5s and 6s have been enjoying intramurals on Tuesdays and some Thursdays. Starting tomorrow grade 6 students will have the option to work on addition and subtraction of large numbers with at lunch recess on Mondays and on Thursdays at lunch recess they will have the option to work on multiplication and division at lunch recess. They will hear details in the morning announcements.

We survived our cold snap! This week is looking much warmer!

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

In February, another article will be sent to you with instructions on how to sign up, but we wanted to remind you that K-6 Parent /Teacher Interviews will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00. **Beginning on January 29**, parents will be able to book an interview time with their child's teacher. If you do not have access to a computer or want to book an appointment with the Principal or Assistant Principal/Counselor, please contact the office and we will be happy to schedule an appointment for you. Report Cards will be available March 15<sup>th</sup>, as usual.



### **Fees for 2024-2025**

Every year, we discuss our fee proposal, and present it to the board for approval. This year, to meet vendor increases, Field trip fees have been increased from \$62 to \$64. Thank you to the parents who provided input at the January School Council meeting. We will be sending out a survey in February to gather more input from parents. Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. where there will be a final opportunity for parent input on fees for the 2024-25 school year.

Fee Name/Description	Per Student 2024-25	Per Student 2023-24	Per Student 2022-23	Fee Category
Field Trip - ECS	\$64.00	\$62.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 1	\$64.00	\$62.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 2	\$64.00	\$62.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 3	\$64.00	\$62.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 4	\$64.00	\$62.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 5	\$64.00	\$62.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
In School Activities/Field Trips - Gr 6	\$64.00	\$62.00	\$60.00	Activity Fees
Young Authors Conference	\$30.00	\$30.00	NA	Activity Fees
WISEST Conference	\$40.00	\$40.00	NA	Activity Fees
Extracurricular Sports/Clubs	\$2.00-\$20.00	\$2.00-\$20.00	NA	Activity Fees
Noon Supervision	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	Supervision
ECS Noon Supervision	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$50.00	Supervision

## **From the Sunshine Committee!**

On Tuesday, February 6 at lunch time we will be providing our amazing staff a meal to show our appreciation for all they do. We are fortunate that we can provide our hard working staff with a meal especially since they are staying late to meet with us for Parent Teacher Interviews.



We are looking for volunteers to bring main dishes, appetizers, salads, desserts, beverages, buns and plates/cutlery, napkins. Please have them dropped off at the school by 11:30am or earlier. Please mark items "Staff Potluck".

PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NOT FREE!

Here is the link to sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/JH34T>

Thank you for helping out!

Sunshine Committee

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to take over as Popcorn Leader and Staff Potluck Leader starting September 2024 school year.

### Popcorn Leader Responsibilities:

- Popcorn day takes about 4 hours (once a month) start to finish
- Make the popcorn with a helper
- Bag the popcorn for students in the different classrooms
- Grade 5's deliver popcorn bins to classrooms
- Clean popcorn machine
- Shop for popcorn supplies ( kernels, bags, salt and oil) when needed in Edmonton



### Staff Potluck Leader Responsibilities:

- Find out from School Council Chair dates for Staff Potlucks (2 times per school year)
- Create sign up sheet
- Post sign up sheet on Wes Hosford Family Facebook Page and email send out to Parents / Guardians
- Over see that items are being signed up
- Email volunteers prior to dates to remind them what they signed up for

If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, please send an email to [whfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whfschoolcouncil@gmail.com) with your name and contact information. Someone will reach out to you!

Thank you!

Popcorn Leader and Sunshine Committee

## Parent Math Corner

### Take Breaks

If you're helping your child with math homework, it's important to prioritize [healthy brain breaks](#) to keep their mind sharp and their motivation high.

At regular intervals, take a quick 5-minute break together to have a dance party, grab a snack or whatever else your heart desires! Make sure to plan for breaks ahead of time to keep your child from getting overwhelmed.

### Find Fun Math Games

During playtime or screen time, choose a fun math game that will help your child build new skills in a relaxed environment, whether independently or as a family.

Try these:

- Work on the [daily Mathler problem](#) together
- Solve [math puzzles](#) like sudoku or tangrams
- Host a Prodigy Math tournament for your child and their friends



[Best Math Resources & Websites to Share with Parents | Prodigy \(prodigygame.com\)](#)



## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- January 22: Popcorn Day!
- January 23: Intramurals!
- January 31: Professional learning day (schools closed to students)
- February 1: [kindergarten](#) and [grades 1-12](#) new student registration opens for 2024-25
- February 1: Treat Day!
- February 6&7: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- February 8&9: Teachers' Convention; No school for students
- February 8-21: [returning student registration](#) opens for 2023-24
- February 14: Valentines' Day!
- February 16: Hot Lunch Day!
- February 19: Family Day - No School
- February 20: Popcorn Day!
- February 27: Parent Engagement Event! Save the date! More details to follow!
- February 28: Pink Shirt Day!

### Other Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **March 14:** School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings at 6:30
- **March 15:** Report Cards available
- **March 21:** School Dance
- **March 22:** No school - Spring break begins
- **April 2:** Classes resume after spring break
- **April 11:** Spring Concert for Grades 4, 5 & 6
- **May 15:** LA Part A PAT
- **June 12:** Gr 6 LA Part B PAT
- **June 13:** Gr 6 Math Part A PAT
- **June 14:** Gr 6 Math Part B PAT
- **June 19:** Gr 6 Social PAT
- **June 20:** Gr 6 Science PAT
- **June 25:** Sports Day
- **June 26:** Last day of school for students

**Stay tuned for info about an upcoming parent engagement evening on Feb. 27!**

