

March 2024

Dear Wes Hosford Families,

Well, we had quite the snowfall this week!
BUT I'm loving the longer hours of daylight!



In our colder months, students have been enjoying intramurals, Mindfulness Club, Drama Club, Dance Club, Choir and Math Help! As we head into warmer months, we will have fewer indoor clubs and will encourage our students to play outdoors.

For field trips this year, students have enjoyed many amazing, curriculum-based adventures, including the Alberta Legislature, Fort Edmonton Park, Strathcona Wilderness Centre, Telus World of Science, and Birch Bay Ranch. Fun and engaging in school field trips include, Clay for Kids, Teacher's Pet, Honor Choir, Alberta Opera, a Chemistry Presentation and many Indigenous presentations including the ever-amazing Goota Desmarais, an Inuit presenter.

Please enjoy Spring Break with your family starting on March 22nd and returning April 2nd.
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Save the Dates!

Survey Time! **March 1** the EIPS Annual Feedback Survey opens. See the attached link in the newsletter email.



Hot Lunch Orders!

Ordering for term 3 opens **March 8th** and closes March 22nd! Go to [MunchaLunch.com](https://munchalunch.com) to order!

Family Dance! Please come and join us in the gym on **March 21st**! Buy tickets through [MunchaLunch.com](https://munchalunch.com) until **March 16th**.

Details were sent via email on Monday, February 26th! Please remember that all students must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Readathon! **April 22 – May 3**. Details will follow, but please help us build your child's love of reading while building our library as well... proceeds go toward books and new 1:1 technology for students!

Kindergarten Open House! **April 25th** in the library. Details will follow, but if you know anyone with kindergarten aged children, please bring their attention to our open house.

Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing developmental delays or challenges with speech-language or motor-skill development—big or small? If so, Elk Island Public School's Play And Learn at School (PALS) program could help.

Early learning lays the foundation for success in primary grades and beyond. As such, EIPS offers the pre-kindergarten PALS program in five of its elementary school locations. Applications are now open for free speech-language assessments for those interested in registering in the PALS program this fall. The assessment helps determine if PALS is appropriate for your child.

If you know a preschooler, born in 2020 or 2021, who could benefit from pre-kindergarten programming or want to book an assessment, fill out the [PALS Program Request Form](#) or call 780-417-8219. For more information, visit eips.ca.

Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice. For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).



Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—greyness indicates the presence of water.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **March 1:** EIPS Annual Feedback Survey opens and PL Day - [schools closed to students](#)
- **March 6:** Early Dismissal Day (2:10 pick up)
- **March 8:** Treat Day and [Hot Lunch ordering opens!](#) MunchaLunch.com
- **March 14:** School Council and Fundraising Society Meetings at 6:30 in the Library.
- **March 15:** Hot Lunch! [Progress Reports](#) available online at 4:00.
- **March 15:** One Kind Word Challenge begins!
- **March 18:** Popcorn Day!
- **March 21:** Family Dance!
- **March 22:** Hot Lunch Ordering closes! MunchaLunch.com Spring Break begins - no school
- **April 2:** Students return to school

