

April Update

Dear Wes Hosford Family,

A big thank you to all the volunteers who help to make our school so awesome! We appreciate you so much! You light up our school!

If you would like to get involved with some of our School Council or Fundraising Society initiatives, please let them know by sending a quick email to [whfschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:whfschoolcouncil@gmail.com) or [whsfundraisingociety@gmail.com](mailto:whsfundraisingociety@gmail.com).

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### Get ready for kindergarten

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to Wes Hosford's upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on April 24th. You'll get to:

- See the classroom;
- meet the staff; and
- see what a typical day looks like.
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This is an adult event, as there is a 30-40 minute information meeting to start.

Kindergarten Information Night 2025:

Date: **Thursday, April 24th**

Time: **6:00**

Location: **Wes Hosford School Library**

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a [toolkit for families](#). The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more.

## Parent Engagement Session – Math

Come to the Wes Hosford library on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 to learn about the new math curriculum and how to support your child. See [poster](#) for details!

## Pre-kindergarten Programming at EIPS

### **PALS**

Is there a preschooler in your life experiencing identified developmental delays or challenges with speech-language—big or [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

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 2021 or 2022, 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](#).

## EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, growth opportunities and how it supports students in achieving the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2023-24](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

April Spotlight: cultivating high-quality learning environments and experiences

- [Raising the Bar](#): Evidence-based practices that are enhancing teaching and learning in EIPS
- [Power of Kindness](#): Creating welcoming, inclusive, respectful and safe learning environments in schools
- [Building Blocks](#): How effective planning, management and infrastructure are supporting learning



### RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2025-28](#)

## A Big THANK YOU to EIPS Volunteers

National Volunteer Week takes place April 27 to May 4. On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), I want to say a giant thank you to all EIPS volunteers. This year's theme is Volunteers Make Waves, and that's certainly true in our Division. No matter whether you've chaperoned a field trip, helped out at a hot lunch day or provided support in a classroom—every time you've stepped in a school—you've made a ripple effect that washes over your community. These waves of positivity, hard work and dedication build up and make a momentous impact on a student's experience at school.

So, thank you again for being a part of our ocean at EIPS. The waves you've made—and will continue to create—all contribute to our collective goals of ensuring learning and working environments sustain student learning and amplifying the importance of public education in our province. This National Volunteer Week, I encourage everyone to celebrate the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours put into supporting student growth and achievement at schools across the Division.

Cathy Allen  
Chair, EIPS Board of Trustees



## Did you know?

EIPS prepares a budget in the spring based on projected enrolment, funding, estimated costs and Board of Trustees budget priorities. Before the Division can finalize its budget for the next school year, we need to wait for the provincial government to provide the funding manual for school authorities and EIPS' funding profile. This year's funding manual is expected to be released in early April and the funding profile should be available mid-March. EIPS plans to publish its spring budget in May. [Learn more](#)

## Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- April 14-18: Volunteer Week! Thank you for all your support!
- April 17: Treat Day
- April 17: Parent Engagement Event at WHF Library 7:00 [Come learn about Math!](#)
- April 18: Good Friday - no school for students
- April 21: Easter Monday - no school for students
- April 22: [Earth Day](#)
- April 24: Kindergarten Open House at 6:00
- April 26: Administrative Assistant Day! Show our Mrs. Snow some love! ❤️
- May 2: No School (PD Day for teachers)
- May 7: Early Dismissal
- May 9: Popcorn Day
- May 15: School Council and Fundraising Society meeting at 6:30
- May 16: Hot Lunch!
- May 19: No school
- May 23: Treat Day!



*Welcome, Spring! ❤️*