

Dear Wes Hosford Family!

What a great year to end my career on... the concerts were awesome, the dance was a huge success, and we had some great assemblies! Now we have our Grade 6 Farewell and Sports Day to look forward to, as well as all the June field trips!

As summer vacation approaches, I can't stress enough the importance of reading with your children. Practice is so important! You might want to consider a visit to our [Strathcona County Library](#).



Over the summer, please continue to collect your receipts from the Wye Road Save-On-Foods and Boston Pizza and bring them into the office in the fall. We get a percentage of the totals! Skip the Depot is also still running, so the cans and bottles from all your summer BBQs can help out the school. I wish all our families, and staff as well, a relaxing and safe summer.

(Read to the very end for important Sports Day information!)

Pick up a summer reading kit for your child in Grade 1!

The Strathcona County Library prepares reading kits for Grade 1 students to encourage children to practice reading throughout the summer so they can build on their newly acquired reading skills. The kit is free and contains fun activities to keep students reading all summer long. Kits are available from June 1 to Aug. 24, 2025. Families can pick up kits from the main floor Information Desk at the Library or meet the [Bookmobile](#) at any of its weekly stops. Library staff ask families to bring their children to pick up their kits in person so staff members can meet them and welcome them to the library. [Learn more](#)



School Council and Fundraising Society News!

At our annual AGM on May 15th voting was done for our SC and FS executive positions. Please join me in saying a huge thank you to Tawnia M., Kilby R., Chantelle A., Loretta C., and Erin R., who have been donating their time to serve as our executive.

Please welcome the following volunteers for the 25-26 school year:

School Council Chair	Melissa M.
School Council Vice Chair	Chelby T.
School Council Secretary	Courtney K.

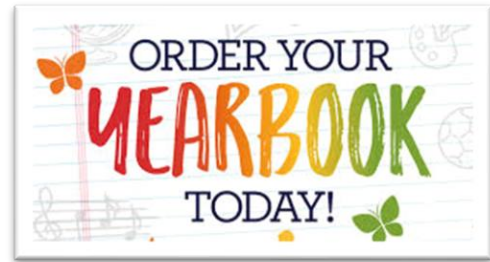
Fundraising Chair	Melanie K.
Fundraising Vice Chair	Trenna S.
Fundraising Treasurer	Tanya G.
Fundraising Secretary	Amy P.

Thank you to these parents for
volunteering their time and
talents so that the whole school
can benefit!



Yearbook

Our yearbook ordering page is now set up and accepting orders. Orders will be accepted until **June 27/25**. The cost is \$18.00 per book. Please go to www.offspringstudios.ca to order your 2024-25 Yearbook. Select: Order Pictures, then enter the code: weshosford2025.



Student Transportation: 2025-26 Registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2025-26 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student or new student registration processes are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2025.

For those students who did not indicate needing transportation services during the registration process and want to now register, complete a Busing Setup form through the [Transportation Service Desk..](#)

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation, visit www.eips.ca/transportation.



NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in-person, visit the [EIPS Student Transportation building](#) during its office hours—Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on non-school days.

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 still 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.

REMINDER: 2024-25 School Fees

School fees for the 2024-25 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to "Student Fees." There you can view fees and pay them online using a Mastercard or Visa credit or debit card. Make sure to monitor your child's account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child's school directly before the summer break.

IMPORTANTNOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2024-25 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2025.

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.

June Spotlight: [EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26 \(Year 4\)](#), which details the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes over a four-year period.

- Priority 1: To promote the growth and success of all students.
- Priority 2: To enhance high-quality learning and working environments.
- Priority 3: To enhance public education through effective engagement.

The plan also outlines the performance measures, key insights and strategies the Division will use to meet each priority, goal and outcome in the 2025-26 school year.

RELATED INFORMATION

[Annual Education Results Report 2023-24: Overview](#)

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

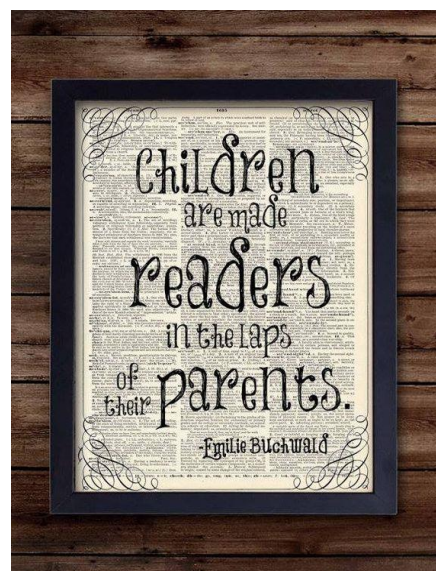
[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2026-29](#)

Did You Know?

When schools are closed during the summer, many EIPS staff are still hard at work. School staff create lesson plans, engage in professional development and take part in other activities to help enhance student success. Several staff will also support EIPS Summer School. Additionally, Central Services staff work through the break to prepare for the upcoming school year, from staff recruitment to school repairs and more. In mid-August, school staff return to their schools to get ready to welcome students back to class.

Upcoming events and important dates:

- **June:** National Indigenous History Month
- **June 2-6:** Pride Week
- **June 4:** Early Dismissal
- **June 6:** Popcorn Day!
- **June 7:** Treat Day!
- **June 11:** Last day to volunteer for Sports Day!
- **June 11:** Gr6 Year End Celebration at Birch Bay
- **June 12:** Gr6 PAT - ELA Part B
- **June 13:** Gr6 PAT - Math Part A
- **June 16:** Hot Lunch Day!
- **June 17:** Gr6 PAT - Math Part B
- **June 17:** School Council's Volunteer Appreciation
 - 7:00 at Wye Road Boston Pizza
 - All WHF parents/caregivers are welcome
- **June 18:** Gr6 PAT - SS
- **June 20:** Gr6 Farewell – details to follow
- **June 21:** [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- **June 24:** Sports Day and Lunch on the Land/Family Picnic
- **June 25:** Last instructional day
- **June 26:** Operational Day – First day of summer vacation for students!



We are excited to inform you that Tuesday, June 24 will be
Wes Hosford's Sports Day!



Scroll Down for important SPORTS DAY information!

Sports Day!
Tuesday, June 24, 2024

Safety:

- Flip flops, sandals, boots or crocs pose a safety risk in most events, therefore, running shoes are recommended.
- Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as the majority of the events will be taking place outside. We will not be canceling our Sports Day unless we are experiencing extreme weather.
- If you would like your child to be wearing sunscreen and bug spray, we kindly ask that you send your child to school with those items already applied, and with extra in their backpacks. A hat is also recommended.

General Information:

- Students will be traveling to each activity as a class.
- The activities will commence at 10:20 a.m. and will be completed by 2:20 p.m. At 2:20 p.m. we will be meeting to end the day with friendly Tug-of-War competitions.
- At the end of the day students will receive a frozen treat courtesy of our Fundraising Society.
- Students will be dismissed at 3:10 p.m. as usual.

Parent Volunteers:

- Come join the fun this Sports Day! Our volunteers will be assigned an event to facilitate and will be supplied with their event rules and equipment.
- Please [click this link to volunteer](#). Please volunteer by June 11.

Family Picnic:

- Wes Hosford family members are welcome to pack a picnic lunch and join their child(ren) for lunch around our school grounds. We recommend bringing something from home or ordering ahead of time as long lines at local food establishments can delay the family fun.
- At **12:00 p.m.** you may pick up your child outside at their regular entry doors and find a spot in the playground/field and enjoy a picnic. Students will be expected to **return to their classrooms by 1:02 p.m.** for attendance before resuming activities.
- If your child is in Grades 1 to 3 and you're unable to make it to the picnic, please let their teacher know. This way we can buddy the students with a friend.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Your Wes Hosford Sports Day Committee

