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IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan 17 - - Rick Hansen, Susan Littlechilds is from the Busby area and is an ambassador for the Rick Hansen Foundation. Susan will present a message of resilience and overcoming obstacles on January 17th.

K – 3 at 12:30 followed by grades 4 – 6 at 2:00.

Jan. 17 – CPF MtG – 6:30 Library

Jan. 24 – Friends of WES Mtg – 6:30

Jan. 24 – SAC Mtg – 6:45

Jan. 28 – Pizza Day

WES jumping into 2019 with hope…

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a great start to 2019 and were able to rest, rejuvenate, and enjoy some less hectic time with family and friends during the break. The New Year is a great time to reflect on the challenges and successes of the past year and look forward to the upcoming one. At WES we certainly have had our share of blessings and success stories and look forward to overcoming the challenges that come our way in 2019.

We continue to work on "turning today's challenges into tomorrow's successes" through quality inclusive education in a safe and caring environment. This work would not be as effective without your continued support. We appreciate the parent and community volunteers who continue to help in so many ways.

Hope is not always wishful thinking but the confident expectation of future good. So be hopeful.

And the Survey says….

Planning for the next school year typically begins in February and part of the planning cycle is the administration of surveys.

A Pembina Hills representative contacts parents and guardians by phone in the month of January to collect feedback regarding the education of their child(ren) in PHPS schools. The district tries to get feedback from at least 50% of the parents of each school, so if contacted, please take a few minutes to respond to the questions asked.

Students and staff also participate in PHPS and Alberta Education surveys in the months of January and February. This data *is* read and does inform decisions made during the planning process.

Parking problems….

Vehicles parking in restricted areas continues to plague us. Please obey all parking signage and curbing paint in front of the school, including the two handicap parking stalls. We recently extended the orange painted curb, (though it's difficult to see with the snow), and added more blue (handicap parking) space immediately in front of the school.

Regardless of the purpose of your visit or the time of day, all vehicles must adhere to traffic by-laws, parking signs, bus lane signs, and the orange and blue paint markings when visiting the school. The fine for a violation starts at $78.

You Are Awesome…

To the parents, staff, and students who donated to and supported our many Christmas initiatives, thank you. From Discovery Toys and Adopt-a-Family to hygiene products, baking, the Food Bank and Santa's Anonymous……the giving of time, money and gifts by the extended WES community was truly impressive. Christmas was made more pleasant because of you.