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### 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 baking, the Food Bank and Santa's Anonymous...the giving of time, money and gifts by our extended WES community was truly impressive. Christmas was made more pleasant because of you.

### THANK-YOU

### WES jumping into 2020 with hope...

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a great start to 2020 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.

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.**

### Survey season is here....

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

**In the past**, a Pembina Hills representative would contact parents and guardians by phone in the month of January to collect feedback regarding the education of their child(ren). **No phone calls will be made this year**; rather, parents will be contacted via email and invited to participate in the annual survey using a digital format. The more feedback we receive, the better, 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.

### School Board ward review...

An important School Council meeting will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school library. Earlier this year, Pembina Hills' school board committed to performing a ward review. Prior to electing to fill the vacancy left by trustee Nancy Keogh's resignation, the board chose to complete the review. During the January School Council meeting, a school board trustee (Wendy Scinski) will share information relative to the ward review. It is important that parents attend this meeting to hear the message, provide feedback, and contribute to the review. We need our parents to share their thoughts and concerns on this topic so please consider joining us for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

