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## You Are Awesome...

To the parents, staff, and students who donated to our Christmas fundraiser, thank you.

A cheque for over \$800 will be given to FCSS to support families in need.

Christmas was made more pleasant because of you.

## THANK-YOU

## WES jumping into 2021 with hope...

Welcome back everyone!

We trust your COVID Christmas season was calm and restful and that the New Year is treating you well.

As you have probably already heard, Premier Kenney made it official that all students can return to in-person learning on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. This is great news. Monday morning here at WES will be very much the same as when we left before the break. Mask use, distancing, hand hygiene, cohorts, etc...will all still be in place.

We did have a few positive COVID19 cases in the December 20 – 22 timeframe that affected parts of our school community retroactive to December 17-18. These have been cleared and there are no lingering effects from these positive cases.

Notwithstanding, below are a few COVID reminders.....

- Please run through the COVID19 Alberta Daily Health Checklist before sending a child to school. This same checklist also provides instructions for students who have recently travelled outside of Canada.
- If your child is experiencing symptoms, please follow the instructions on the January 6 Guidance for Parents document attached.
- If your child tests positive for COVID, please let the school know immediately. Hopefully there will be no need for this, but if the school needs to initiate contact tracing and isolation procedures, letting us know asap is very helpful not only for us, but for AHS as well. If you are notified outside of school hours, please email [pierre.ouimet@pembinahills.ca](mailto:pierre.ouimet@pembinahills.ca)
- If you borrowed a Chrome Book from the school for the week of at home learning, please return it as soon as you can.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday.

## **This is a previous message worth repeating....**

Despite the unbelievable weather we have been blessed with, it will inevitably get colder.

All students who arrive to school prior to 8:35am have to wait outdoors until the bell rings, at which time a staff member begins a staggered entry. To date we have not had a morning temperature or wind chill below - 22 degrees, but it is inevitable. We notice some students arriving as early as 8:00 am, which can be a long time if not properly dressed. So if possible, please have students arrive closer to 8:35 am. We have a COVID safe plan in place for when the morning weather is extreme and it is unsafe to be outdoors.

**Whenever the temperature drops to – 25C degrees including wind chill our school will have an ‘inside day’. Anything warmer and children are expected to be outside for both recesses**

For some students, their Phys. Ed. Class is also outdoors. So please have your child dress for the weather including proper winter footwear, headwear and gloves/mittens. And please put your child’s name in their boots!

## **FRIENDS OF WES BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER.....to purchase new recess equipment**

Friends of WES will raise money for the purchase of new (more) recess play equipment. They have chosen a Bottle Drive to raise these funds.

On Thursday and Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 4:30pm, there will be a big truck and trailer parked in the front parking lot of the Westlock Community Hall. So bring us your cans, bottles, juice boxes, milk jugs, etc...and we will gladly take them off your hands! If the dates and times above don’t work for you, contact the school and other arrangements will be made for you to get your donation to Friends.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL.....**

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. This meeting will once again be at a distance using Zoom or Meet.

Also, your School Council is supporting a Kindness initiative. Look for more information in the weeks to come.

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