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## Perseverance

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### Persevere To The End....

Persevere indeed! We want to thank our entire WES community for the patience and understanding shown all year long but especially over the past few weeks. We all look forward to a return to in-person learning after the May long weekend.

Notwithstanding this unusual school year fraught with interruptions, classes will still wrap up curriculum outcomes over the next 5 - 6 weeks and complete final assessments of learning and achievement.

We will also review the year that was and plan for next year. School and district goals relative to our Education Plan remain unchanged from last year, with a focus on relationships, wellness, literacy, numeracy, and meeting the learning needs of our diverse student population.

### New Principal on the way...

If you haven't already heard, I have resigned from my position and will be moving on to a new opportunity. My nineteen years as a teacher and administrator working in three PHSD schools have been extremely rewarding and filled with memories. The relationships I have made will endure well beyond my last official day of work at WES. Thank you.

Recruitment of the next Principal is underway and will be announced in the next few weeks.



## **Third Wave Update...**

Even now with at-home learning, we continue to follow rigorous protocols and practices making the school a safe place.

WES has received confirmation of a total of six positive cases of COVID-19 in the April 22 - May 7 time frame. The isolation/quarantine lift dates were/are May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for the first two cases, May 13 for cases three and four, and May 19 for the two most recent cases. With each confirmed case Alberta Health Services (AHS) requires the school to determine the close contacts, notify them as soon as possible, and submit paperwork in a timely manner. The logistics surrounding this are complex and inevitably some pieces of communication are not effective or lost altogether. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

For your perusal, information regarding isolation requirements can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/isolation.aspx>

Please do your part in following the guidelines and restrictions as set out by the government of Alberta and AHS to minimize the effects of the pandemic. We are almost through this with the end in sight!

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mr. Ouimet.

## **Grade 6 Outdoor Education**

Yes! The grade 6 team has modified the program to still provide an Outdoor Ed experience for our sixth graders. Originally scheduled for May 25 - 28, a "pivot" was necessary given the return to on-line learning.....we are optimistic Outdoor Ed will happen in early June. Stay tuned for more information....

## **Provincial Achievement Tests?**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will not write PAT's again this year.

## **I Want To Wear....**

With the arrival of Spring and warmer temperatures comes the need for less clothing or lighter garments. While flip-flops and shorts are generally appropriate, spaghetti straps, Daisy Duke's, and shoulder-less garments are not. Please help us by monitoring what your child is wearing (or not wearing) to school.



**Wishing you all the best in the months to come! Stay safe.**

