

# FOX NEWS



## Ecole Westlock Elementary School

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### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### December:

Dec. 1- Pajama day

Dec. 16- Wear your Ugly  
Christmas sweater

Dec. 17- Last day of school

Jan. 3- Back to school

#### Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser Update:

Thank you so much WES families! We have sold 5 pallets of donuts, which has earned us approx **\$6000** towards new swings.

Unfortunately, due to the floods in BC, Krispy Kreme has suspended delivery into Alberta until the new year.

Please let School Council know if your orders can absolutely not wait.

**Orders will continue to be accepted until the morning of Dec. 17.**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the Christmas break approaches, I would like to thank our whole school community for your commitment and cooperation during these past four months. With hopes to have a "normal" school year, COVID continues to make this more challenging, but overall we have been able to persevere as staff and students.

I am hopeful that when we return from Christmas holidays that our Outbreak status will be lifted. As soon as Alberta Health services informs me, I will communicate to our parent community. Once this is lifted, after school sports, intramurals, swimming etc. can begin again.

On behalf of the staff and myself, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that each of you can gather safely with family and friends and take time over the holidays to reconnect and have some fun!

Best wishes,

Amber Monteath



## Whole School Student Recognition...

This is our second round of “Whole School Recognition”. By being respectful, kind, helpful etc. students have to earn cotton balls to help Mr. Buchko and Mrs LeBlanc turn into Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Once this is completed, the school will earn a reward! Last time students got to participate in whole school BINGO!



## Parent Volunteers...

Effective November 29, 2021 *any non-employee attending at any Division property and who has direct contact with employees and/or Division students must be Fully Vaccinated.*

If not Fully Vaccinated, the non-employee must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 Rapid Screening test or PCR test completed no more than 72 hours prior to the time the individual is attending the Division property.

## Parking lot concerns...

There are two areas for parents to pick up or drop off students. Please park either at the south side of the parking lot or along the dropoff area beside the gym. *Please do not park along the Fire Lane or behind staff vehicles.* Thank you for helping with this.



## Morning Entry...If a student arrives prior to 8:35 am...

All students who arrive at 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 - 20 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. Thank you.

## Extreme Cold Temperatures...

We have a plan in place for when the 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 recess’. Anything warmer and children are expected to be outside for both recesses**

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!

## Annual Satisfaction Surveys...

**PHSD will be sending out parent surveys in December.**



### **Annual Satisfaction Surveys**

In December, parents will be invited to participate in the Annual Satisfaction Survey. The link will be provided to take you directly to the survey.

#### ***How long will it take?***

- We know it takes time to participate in surveys, and time is precious.
- The questions are brief and use rating scales to make them quicker to answer.
- We estimate that it will take 5 to 10 minutes.

#### ***Will I be able to comment?***

- There are opportunities for you to provide written feedback at the end of the survey.

#### ***How do I participate?***

- Click or tap the link in the message you receive. It will take you directly to the survey.
- You can respond to the survey using a desktop computer, laptop or mobile device.

#### ***Are my responses anonymous?***

- Your email address will be collected and connected to your responses.
- Collecting the address eliminates the chance of duplicate responses and enables us to trace issues that might arise in the completion of the survey.
- Comments are reviewed by administration and considered during the planning process.
- No comments are reported publicly.

#### ***I have more than one child in this school. Will I get an email like this for each one?***

If you have several children in a single school:

- You *should* just get one message.
  - We have tried to minimize duplicates but given the complexity of families, and because we rely on the information that schools have on file, you **might** get more than one message for this school.
  - IF that happens, you only need to respond one time. We apologize in advance for the extra messages.

#### ***How do I respond if I have several children in a single school:***

- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the overall experiences of your children in that school.

***I have children in another school too. Will I get a survey for that school too?***

- If you have children in more than one school, you can respond to a survey for each school.
- Each message has a link to the survey connected to that specific school.
- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the children in that specific school.

***What if the survey doesn't have questions related to my concerns?***

- If you have comments or wish to discuss something that has not appeared in this survey, please contact your school principal directly.

***What if I haven't been contacted to do the survey?***

- If you haven't received a message by December 15, you can contact Debbie Westman at [debbie.westman@pembinahills.ca](mailto:debbie.westman@pembinahills.ca)

***What does Pembina Hills do with the surveys?***

- Regional office administrative staff, school administrators, teachers and trustees review the survey data.
  - Comments are read by administration only. No comments will be shared publicly.
- School data is reported in the school's education plan.
- The data from all of the schools is combined to create a division summary that will be reported at a public Board meeting. The compiled data is also recorded in the Division Education Plan.

