

FOX NEWS

Ecole Westlock Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Aug. 29 Staggered Entry
Gr. 1, 3, 5, 1/2 B

Aug. 30 Staggered Entry
Gr. 2, 4, 6, 3/4T &
5/6 PW

Sept. 5 No School- Holiday

Sept. 7 & 8: Picture Days
See more info below

Sept. 16 Terry Fox Run
Please donate a \$1 or
\$2

Sept. 22 Long Distance Run
at Golf Course for
Gr. 4-6 students who
are participating.

Sept. 23- No school for
Students

Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30- No School for all
National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to another school year! I hope that summer was relaxing and enjoyable for you and your family. School staff have been busy prepping their classrooms and hallways eagerly awaiting the arrival of their new students. You may notice some new soft seating in the hallways that we have purchased for students to use and enjoy.

Thank you to those parents who were able to make it out for our Open House. We had a great turnout and you could feel the buzz of excitement for both students and parents. We hope to continue this tradition in the years to come.

Over the past two weeks we have been busy hiring additional staff. Please welcome Mrs. Toni Liber who will be teaching our third English Kindergarten classroom. It is great to see larger numbers coming into Kindergarten. Three additional Educational Assistants have also been hired to help support classrooms. Please welcome Luanne Murphy, Elisabeth Prete and Andrea Bannister.

Mr. Robert Weiss, Associate Principal and myself look forward to the year ahead working with our students, parents and community members.

Sincerely,

Amber Monteath

Principal

OFFICE HOURS...

Please note our office hours are 8 am-3:45 pm. If Mrs. Fifield or Mrs. Kallal cannot answer the phone, please leave a message and they will return your call.

STUDENT ABSENCES...

If you know ahead of time of an appointment for your child, please notify the homeroom teacher. Should an absence not be known in advance please call the school first thing in the morning as attendance is done by 9:15 AM. A phone call will be made home if we are unaware of your child's absence.

Any student arriving after 10:00 am will be absent on the attendance for that morning. If students must leave before 1:00 pm they will be marked absent for the afternoon.

STUDENT MESSAGES OR CHANGE OF PLANS...

Please write in your child's Agenda or send a note for your child's homeroom teacher letting them know when daily routines are going to change. This greatly reduces the chance that a message gets lost.

When this is absolutely NOT possible and information has to be passed along to children please call the office **BEFORE 3:00 PM**, leaving office staff sufficient time before dismissal.

Those students who ride the school bus, please inform your bus driver if your child will not be on the bus. This should prevent students from accidentally getting on the bus when they shouldn't be.



POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL/SCHOOL FEES/ANNUAL ENROLLMENT FORMS...

Invoices will be sent home next week for student fees. [Parents if you did not create an account last year, you will need to sign up through Powerschool Portal to pay fees and have access to various forms. If you have forgotten your password, please contact the office.](#)



The Annual Enrollment forms, as well as walking forms, FOIP, Technology etc. will be accessible in Powerschool Parent portal. This updates your vital information with us. We recommend that you do this on a computer versus your cell phone.

Please note that if the walking permission form is not completed, your child will not be able to leave the school grounds with the classroom teacher.

Field trip forms for events such as swimming, ice skating, and leaving Westlock will be separate forms to sign when that event takes place.

If you have any questions or difficulties with Powerschool parent portal, please contact Mrs. Fifield or Mrs. Kallal at 780 -349-3385. We do have extra laptops available for parents to come in if needed to complete forms and get assistance.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL DOORS LOCKED...

Please note that all school doors will be locked during school hours. [If your child arrives after 8:50 am, please send them to the front doors.](#)

If you need to drop off something for your child, there is a doorbell on the right hand side of the front main doors.

We ask that parents stop and wait at the front office and we will call down your child. This is for the safety of our students and staff and less disruptions during instructional time. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please arrange with them a time and date to meet.

We also ask that parents wait outside in the morning and after school to drop off or pick your child. Each classroom has been given a designated spot to line up. An adult supervisor is there to greet and let students in when the bell rings.

PARKING LOT AND BUS LANE...

Please use the south parking lot when arriving at school with a vehicle. Pay attention to the **No Parking** signs and **yellow and blue curbing** in front of the school. These areas are NOT to be used to park vehicles, attended or unattended, for any length of time. By-law enforcement and the Fire Department authorities help us monitor this area throughout the year and can issue \$80 parking tickets.



Also, **do not enter the bus lane** when dropping off or picking up your child, specifically between **8:15 – 8:55 and again between 3:00 – 3:40**.

If you are parked behind the Rec Center or Community Hall, use the sidewalk to go to and from the school. For safety reasons we ask all students to do this, so the adults must as well. We also ask that parents parked in this area not use the bus lane to cut through to the main road.

REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS...

For the past several years, WES teachers have been using Freshgrade to show student learning and marks. Unfortunately, Freshgrade no longer exists and there is no replacement for this kind of platform.

Your child will receive a Progress Report in November and March. The Progress report will highlight Growth as a Learner, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Music and Phys Ed & Wellness.

In June, students will receive their year end report card.

GOAL SETTING MEETINGS..

Our first round of parent teacher conferences will be Tues. Oct. 11 & Wed. Oct. 12. These meetings will be in person. Parents will need to book online to set up a time. More information and the online booking system will be available early Oct. We will notify parents once this system is up and running.



PICTURE DAY...

Wed. Sept. 7- WPREP, K, Grade 1, 3, 5, French Immersion
1/2 & 3/4

Thurs. Sept. 8- WPREP, K, Grade 2, 4, 6, French Immersion
5/6

Retake Day: October 12



SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM MEETING..

Our first WES School Council meeting this year will be held Thursday, September 22, 2022 @ 5:30pm. This will be an in-person meeting in the school library. The meeting will begin by voting in the executive board. Regular meeting will follow.

STUDENT ILLNESSES...

Please keep your child home if he/she has one of the following symptoms:

Fever, Sore Throat, Coughing (uncontrollable), Vomiting and Diarrhea.

We want to keep our students and staff as healthy as possible.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY...

On September 29, we ask all students and staff to wear orange to show support and honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada. During this week, staff will take the opportunity to educate our students regarding the residential school experience of Canada's Indigenous people.