

FOX NEWS

Ecole Westlock Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES:

February:

- 1- 1C swimming 1-2 pm
Bball Game at WES vs
Neerlandia & St. Mary's
- 2- Groundhog Day
- 8- 1C skating 12:30-1:30 pm
- 9/10- Teachers Convention
No School for students
- 14- Valentines Day
Wear red or pink
- 15- 1C skating 12:30-1:30

Bball Game WES @
Spirit Center against
Busby/Clyde
- 16- FI Carnavale 12:30-3:30
- 20- Family Day- No school
- 22- Gr. 2 swim 10-11 am
1L swim 1-2 pm
- 23- Gr. 3 swim 2-3 pm
- 28- Gr. 5 ski trip

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Survey time is upon us! You should have received notification to complete the PHSD parent surveys. Our Gr. 4 students and staff also participate in AB Ed surveys. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. We do look at the results and reflect on how to do things differently the following year.

February is always kindness month. We have challenged our students to do something kind for our community members or other classes within the building. We will be showcasing our kindness projects on our front bulletin board. We are also partnering with RF Staples to make Valentines cards and deliver flowers to seniors in our community.

Please note that March Parent Teacher conferences have been changed. Conferences will be Mar. 21 & 22. Our online booking system will be opened a week prior. Progress Reports will be going home Mar. 16.

Amber Monteath



Kindergarten 2023-2024...

Kindergarten registration will open in March.

Kindergarten Open House will take place in April. More information will come out closer to the time.



Say “Oui” to French Immersion! Are you on the fence about putting your child into French Immersion? Our French Immersion program is designed for all families whether or not they speak French.

Our FI teachers are willing to answer any questions, concerns, or anxieties you have about placing your child in French.

K-Mme Byrt

1/2 - Mme Bessette

3/4- Mme Thompson

5/6- Mme Wolff/Properzi

Please read the following article on why learning a second language is valuable.

[The Impact of Learning a Second Language](#)

Paying fees etc. online...

WES is now moving to online payments for field trips, fees etc. *Please note PHSD is no longer using School Cash Online.* For more information please click [here](#).

How to access:

[On a computer](#)

- Sign in to your PowerSchool account.
- Click on **Payments, Consent & Transp Forms** in the menu on the left side of the screen (near the bottom).

[On a smartphone](#)

- *Note: Fees and Forms cannot be accessed through the app.*
- You must sign in to your PowerSchool account on a browser (Google, Safari, etc).
- Expand the menu by clicking the small arrow in the upper left corner.
- Click on **Payments, Consent & Transp Forms** in the bottom left menu.

School Council news...

Boston Pizza Operation Education: Operation Education is a co-operative fundraising program where students, staff, and families of local schools can raise funds for their specific school-related ventures. School council is collecting Westlock Boston Pizza receipts. Please send them with your child to school. Receipts will be collected until June 27. Schools receive 5% back from the total amount collected before taxes.



French Immersion news...

The French Immersion Team is excitedly planning the first French Carnival since before the pandemic! On February 16th, students will participate in a variety of outdoor activities while learning about the Quebecois festival AND welcoming past French students from RF Staples to help run centers. Joyeux Carnaval!

Mme. Properzi will also be wrapping up the current round of French Club, where she welcomed Grade 3 students to learn basic French vocabulary through songs and games. It has been so much fun watching students from all classes practice their new skills throughout the school! Merci Mme. Properzi and her Gr. 5/6 students!

Pink Shirt Day...

Please wear pink on **Wed. Feb. 22** in honor of anti-bullying day. Started a few years ago because of a bullying incident at a Nova Scotia school, this has grown into an international awareness campaign. At WES, we would like to show our support for anti-bullying, and the virtues of kindness and acceptance.



Important Bus Information...

"Reds Flashing.... No Passing!", and/or "\$567 Fine & 6 Demerit Points for passing a school bus when red lights are flashing".

REDS FLASHING...NO PASSING

It is *illegal* and *dangerous* to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing.



The penalty for passing a school bus when the red lights are flashing is \$567 and six demerit points.

KNOW THE RULES

TWO-LANE, UNDIVIDED ROADWAY

BOTH lanes must come to a complete stop and **REMAIN STOPPED** until the red lights have been deactivated.

DIVIDED ROADWAY, NO MEDIAN

All 4 lanes must stop.

DIVIDED ROADWAY, WITH MEDIAN

Traffic to the **rear** of the school bus must stop.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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