

FOX NEWS

Ecole Westlock Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES:

January:

Jan. 8 School resumes

Jan. 10 K swim 1 pm

**Jan. 11 K swim 1 pm
School Council
Meeting 5:45 pm**

Jan. 12 FI swim 1 pm

**Jan. 17 AB Musical
Theatre
Presentation**

Jan. 19 Gr. 3 swim 10 am

**Jan. 25 Gr. 6 Bball game
@ St. Mary's
School 3 pm**

Jan. 26 Spy Day

Feb. 2- PD Day- no school

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you and your family had a restful holiday season!

Thank you for the generosity from our parents, community members, students, and staff for donating games and mittens. FCSS was very grateful for the donations.

The Purdy's Fundraiser was very successful. Thanks for your purchases, we raised over \$1700. This money will go toward our Gr. 6 Outdoor Ed trip at Camp Warwa.

January is a busy time for teachers as they complete a variety of mid-year reading assessments such as Fountas & Pinnell, GB+ (French Immersion) and the Reading Readiness Screening Tool in Kindergarten and Gr. One. Gr. One students are also completing the AB Numeracy assessments.

On behalf of our staff and myself, we look forward to the second half of the school year and working with you and your children.



Amber Monteath

Stop at the office upon entering the school...

Just a friendly reminder to please stop at the office upon entering the school. We ask that all adults have a conversation with Mrs. Fifield or Mrs. Kallal. Thank you.



Parking lot concerns...



Please adhere to the parking lot rules.

There have been several vehicles parked behind staff vehicles during pick up. This poses a danger as students are walking through the parking lot and staff also need to leave.

Many vehicles are waiting in the Fire Lane for their child. This area is to be left open in case of an emergency.

Only park in the Handicap stalls if you have proper parking permit in your vehicle.

Student pick up is either at the back of the parking lot, on the street, behind the community center or out front by the bus lane/gym.

A reminder that the vehicles are not to enter or exit the bus lane when buses are parked.

January brings colder weather...

Friendly reminder that students need to dress appropriately for recess time! **Now that the weather is much colder, 30 minutes outside during our two recesses can be very uncomfortable if your child is not dressed for the conditions.**

If the windchill is -25 degrees or cooler, recess will be inside.



School Council news...



Volunteers are needed to help with the Casino fundraiser Feb. 4 & 5!

Please call Jennifer @ 780-307-5707 or email her at jenniferwoynorowski@gmail.com to sign up!

Spaghetti Day- Jan. 24

Last day to order online is Wed. January 17

Spaghetti No sauce \$5

Baked Spaghetti with Bolognese and Cheese \$5.50

Spaghetti with Bolognese \$5.50

Gluten Free Rotini \$7.



Survey Time...

Parents, staff and Gr. 4 students will be asked to complete a school survey in January. Later in the year, staff will analyze the survey results and bring about any changes to the following school year if needed.

Annual Satisfaction Surveys

On January 22, 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 January 24, you can contact Debbie Westman at 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.

[Alberta Education Assurance Survey Information- click here to read](#)