



Wye School News



Monday, September 9, 2019
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This Week At Wye:

Monday, September 9, Day 5:

- Running Club Practice 7:45 am

Tuesday, September 10, Day 1:

Wednesday, September 11, Day 2:

- Running Club Practice 7:45 am

Thursday, September 12, Day 3:

- Grade 6 Field Trip - Strathcona Wilderness Centre (all day)

Friday, September 13, Day 4:

- Dot Day - Students are encouraged to wear Dots - Get creative!
- Deadline for milk orders

Sunday, September 15:

- Family Dot Day Event - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Please RVSP your attendance by Wednesday, September 11, 2019 to
www.maureen.wert@eips.ca
Be Sure To Wear Your Dots

Monday, September 16, Day 5:

- Running Club Practice 7:45 am

Running Club:

Running Club has started again for this school year. We are pleased to have both Mrs. Mark and Mr. King back as our coaches. All students are welcome to attend practices.

Notices for running events will be sent home as well as posted in Wye School News. Our initial practice schedule will be:

Monday's 7:45 am

Wednesday's 7:45 am

Dot Day:

We have our family event coming up next Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 11:30 - 1:30 pm. Dot Day information was shared in this past week's School News as well as an information package will also be coming out this week. We hope you will join us to help celebrate Dot Day. This is a family event that is tied to literacy and will be a lot of fun. Don't forget to wear your Dots.

Bottle Returns:

At Wye we are trying to be conscientious of our recyclables. We are looking for a volunteer to take in our empties every two weeks or so. If you would like to volunteer to do this - please let us know in the office.

School Photos:

School photos are scheduled for the following dates:

School Photos Grades 1 to 6 and Kindergarten Group T/Th – Friday September 27th.
Re-takes and Kindergarten Group M/W – Monday October 21st.

Parent Volunteers:

Parent Council - Chair: Michelle Beck

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the school year will be on September 18, 2019

FAWS (Fundraising Association of Wye School) - Chair: Cindy Smith

Our first FAWS Meeting of the school year will be September 17, 2019 @ 2:00 pm

Playground Committee - Chair: Cindy Craig

STAR and MIPI Assessment Tools:

Enhancing literacy and numeracy

As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) ongoing efforts to enhance the literacy and numeracy of students in all grade levels, the Division is once again administering the STAR 360 and Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI) assessment tools in the 2019-20 school year. The tools focus on literacy and numeracy, are digitally based and offer an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning. The goal: To provide

timely information to teachers, help enhance classroom instruction and ensure student learning needs are identified.

In September and May, EIPS students in grades 1 through 12 will complete the STAR 360 assessment, which evaluates reading comprehension. The assessment takes approximately 20 minutes and is administered on a digital device. Also, in September, students in grades 2 through 10 will complete the MIPI assessment, which is a mathematic screening tool used to inform teachers about a student's math skills. For students in grades 7 through 10, the MIPI takes approximately 50 minutes, and for students in grades 2 through 6 it takes approximately 20 minutes. The results offer the teacher a clearer picture of a student's learning needs and help determine if subsequent instructional planning is required.

The scores of the assessments aren't used toward a student's grade, and there is no need to study ahead of time. The tools simply provide the teacher with information to better understand where each student is in terms of reading comprehension and mathematic ability. If, after analyzing the results, it's determined a student can benefit from extra support, the teacher will contact the family to discuss possible support strategies.

For more information about the Division's STAR 360 and MIPI assessment tools, contact EIPS Supports for Students at 780-464-3477.

Book Donations:

Thank you to the many families who have already donated books to the Library Learning Commons. Your generous donations help build our Library Collection as well as our Classroom Collections.

Looking for a place to donate used books? We gladly accept book donations for both our Library and Classroom Collections. Here are a few basic guidelines to follow if you'd like to donate books to our collection.

- Published within the last 10 years but preferably 5 years (this helps ensure our collection is current and relevant to both students and staff.
- Classics with older publication dates such as Judy Blume, Roald Dahl, Beverly Cleary books, should have updated cover art.
- We can not accept books with water damage or yellow pages due to age.
- Our Teacher Librarian will review donations. These books will be either added to our collection, donated to another organization or discarded.

Popular series and/or authors that we can always use more copies of include:

- Mo Willems - Pigeon, and Elephant and Piggie series
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Raina Telgemeir graphic novels
- Captain Underpants

- Dog Man
- Owl Diaries
- Who Is/Was and What Is/Was non-fiction series

We thank you so much for your continued support in the literacy learning of our students

Student Drop Off:

Please use the North lot for student drop off and do not drop students off in the Staff lot or bussing zone. We appreciate your assistance in keeping our students and staff safe.

EIPS Launches New Cellphone Policy:

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees has approved a new policy regarding cell phones. [Policy 24, Personal Communication Devices](#) outlines how students and staff use cellphones and personal devices within EIPS schools.

The goal: To ensure all students use technology responsibly and develop skills in digital citizenship.

To develop the policy, the Board undertook a comprehensive review of the Division's existing procedures and practices used to oversee the use of student-owned technology in the classroom. It also conducted extensive public consultations with students, teachers, school administrators and EIPS families. Overall, the feedback was invaluable and provided a clear picture of how to best manage the use of these devices.

Policy highlights:

Students in kindergarten to Grade 6: No access to cellphones or personal devices during the school day, including during breaks and the lunch hour—the only exception, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive-educational need.

Students in grades 7 to 9: No access to cellphones or personal devices during class time—the only exceptions, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive-educational need, and when given permission by a teacher for a specific educational task or purpose. Students can access their device during identified break periods, including between classes and the lunch hour.

Students in grades 10 to 12: No access to cellphones or personal devices during class time—the only exceptions, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive-educational need, and when given permission by a teacher for a specific educational task or purpose. Students can access their device during spare periods and identified breaks, including between classes and the lunch hour.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure learning takes place in an environment with fewer distractions. When students can focus on what's taking place in the classroom and can

interact directly with the teacher and other students, they're in a better position to grow and succeed.

“At Wye School we are Powered Off”

Wye School Policy:

At Wye Elementary School, all student personal communication devices are **powered off** during the entire school day including recess and lunch times. If they are on during the day inside or outside of the school they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day with a phone call home. If a student continues to have their cell phone on during the school day, a meeting with all stakeholders will take place. Personal communication devices are the sole responsibility of the owner. Wye School is not responsible for any loss or damages to a device.

Update Your PowerSchool Information:

The [PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form](#) is now available online, which replaces the paper form sent to families each fall. Families can use the form to access and update their child's information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and any medical information. Reviewing and updating the form ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child.

All Wye School families are asked to review their child's PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form by Sept. 20, 2019.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form and opt-out options contact the school directly.

NOTE: Parents or guardians who've opted out of having the Correction and Verification Form visible on PowerSchool, will receive a paper version to review from the school.

Pay School Fees Online:

School fee information for the 2019-20 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2019.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit eips.ca/schools/fees. Alternatively, contact Suzanne Cleet, Business Manager at Wye School at 780-467-7447.

Video Surveillance:

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance? Video surveillance and equipment helps:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP Co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Caregiver Education Series:

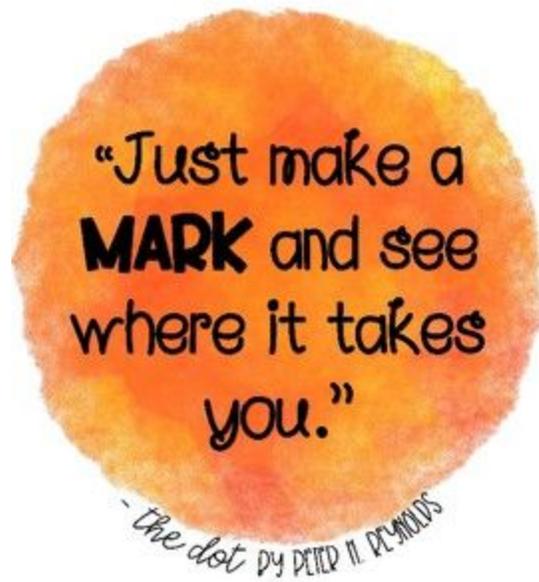
The Division, in partnership with Alberta Health Services and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. This year, session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, and more.

Visit the [Division calendar](#) to see all scheduled caregiver sessions.

Improving Home-School Communication:

To enhance communication between families and schools, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has developed a how-to guide entitled, "Communication Protocol for Schools." Topics include appropriate channels to use, standard formats and structures, timing and sequencing for regular and ongoing home-school communication, and ways to bring forward questions or concerns. The manual also offers useful tools and resources schools and families can use to enhance face-to-face meetings, email communication and various social media efforts.

[Communication Protocol for Schools](#)



This is a weekly snapshot of what is taking place at Wye this week. For more details and other information please visit the Wye School website (wyeschool.ca).