



September 3, 2021



# WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

*Weekly Newsletter*

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**September 6:** No School - Labour Day

**September 8:** Early Dismissal

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR. LASTIWKA

As we begin this school year, I would like to say how incredible it is to welcome students back to school this year. I hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. We are so happy to have you as a part of our Westboro family and we are looking forward to a successful year. We begin this year with much hope. Hope that this school year will be much more back to normal than last year. Our focus this year will again turn towards student learning and achievement. We will also be working closely with our parent group and community members to build a strong and vibrant school community. We are excited to continue to work with our school council on building resilience into our school culture. We are also excited to continue learning more about the work of Dr. Alex Russell as we continue our book study on "Drop the Worry Ball."

Our teachers will continue their work on developing literacy and numeracy skills with our students. We're also excited to continue incorporating our technology and robotics initiatives that began last year. As this year continues, we are also looking forward to bringing back many of our clubs and sports teams. With so many great and exciting initiatives it's hard not to look forward to the school year.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy school year, that we stay strong, continue to persevere and achieve success. Most of all, I'm looking forward to welcoming the entire school community to in person gatherings that will hopefully happen in the very near future.

Mike Lastiwka

# MEET THE STAFF

## OFFICE

Principal:	Mr. Mike Lastiwka
Assistant Principal:	Mrs. Tracey Prouse
Secretary:	Mrs. Billie Jean Mepham
Secretary:	Mrs. Melanie Pinto
Counsellor:	Mrs. Dianna Graziano
Librarian:	Mrs. Shelly White
Music	Mrs. Courtney Richard

## CLASS

CLASS	TEACHER
KL	Mrs. Ashley Becigneul
KR	Mrs. Ashley Becigneul
1L	Mrs. Marina Gilmore
1R	Ms. Jamie Davis
2L	Mrs. Mary Christenson
2R	Mrs. Lesley King
3L	Mrs. Stacey Bouwers
3R	Mrs. Margo Komant
4L	Mrs. Sherry Cameron
4R	Ms. Rhonda Lee
5L	Mr. David Hay
5R	Mrs. Tanya Gottstein
6L	Mrs. Erin Desautels
6R	Mrs. Amberly Witzke
STEPS	Mrs. Leah Canning
STEPS/PLACE	Mrs. Andrea Perotta

## EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS:

Mr. Brett Fujii
Ms. Paige Tomashewsky
Mrs. Karen Stocks
Mrs. Wendy Oake
Mrs. Willy Guyda
Mrs. Jennifer Matyjanka
Mrs. Kari Dahms
Mrs. Dawn Sutton
Mrs. Michelle Norton
Mrs. Louise Wall
Mrs. Cristina Ho
Mrs. Danielle Battiston
Mrs. Jody Bilawey
Mrs. Shawna Reselat
Mrs. Barb Mostat

# SEPTEMBER 30

In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30 will be a Division closure day. Schools and central departments will be closed.

# REPORTING ABSENCES

Please communicate your child's absence, leaving school early or arriving late directly to [general.wbo@eips.ca](mailto:general.wbo@eips.ca) or click the [STUDENT ATTENDANCE](#) link on the homepage of the school website. These emails are both checked regularly by the school office staff. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your information will not be received by the office staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance for students throughout the day. When reporting a student's absence, a reason is now necessary. If your child is ill, we will need to know what the symptoms of the illness are as part of the COVID-19 screening requirements.

# WE'RE HIRING NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

We are currently looking for noon hour supervisors. If you are interested, please contact Assistant Principal Tracey Prouse either by phone at 780-467-7751 or email [tracey.prouse@eips.ca](mailto:tracey.prouse@eips.ca)

## REQUIRED FORMS

The Division has also developed a series of forms all families are required to review and submit at the start of the school year to support school operations. All forms are available through your PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have trouble accessing your Parent Portal account, contact your child's school for assistance.

Note: Forms in PowerSchool often don't display properly in Internet Explorer. Please use a different browser to review and complete the forms for your family.

### **COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist Acknowledgement**

- Due: Now
- Required for all families; one per student.
- The COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist is also linked directly within the form.
- We encourage families to print off a copy of the checklist—keeping in mind this document is subject to change—and save this link as a shortcut on your smartphone home screen so you have easy access to it each morning.
- Access this form through the Parent Portal by clicking the Forms tab at the top of the left-hand menu and then selecting the COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist Acknowledgement from the list.

### **Pre-existing Medical Conditions**

- Due: Now
- Only required for students with pre-existing conditions.
- If your child has a known pre-existing condition, for example, allergies, please complete this form to ensure we have the necessary data on file.
- Access this form through the Parent Portal by clicking the Forms tab at the top of the left-hand menu and then selecting the Pre-existing Medical Conditions form from the list.

### **Correction and Verification Form**

- **Due: Sept. 22, 2021**
- Required for all families. It's important we have correct information on file in the student record.
- This is the standard form all families review and update annually.
- Please review all information, paying particular attention to phone numbers and email addresses as well as the emergency contacts on file. If you've recently moved, this is also where you'll update your address information.
- Access this form through the Parent Portal by clicking the Correction and Verification Form tab in the left-hand menu.

# BELL SCHEDULE 2021/22

## Westboro Bell Schedule 2021/22

### Regular Times

Warning Bell	8:29	
Period 1	8:37 - 9:09	32
Period 2	9:09 - 9:41	32
Period 3	9:41 - 10:13	32
<b>Recess</b>	10:13 - 10:30	17
Period 4	10:30 - 11:02	32
Period 5	11:02 - 11:34	32
Period 6	11:34 - 12:06	32
<b>Lunch/Recess</b>	12:06 - 12:28 - 12:51	45
Period 7	12:51 - 1:23	32
Period 8	1:23 - 1:53	32
<b>Recess</b>	1:53 - 2:08	15
Period 9	2:08 - 2:40	32
Period 10	2:40 - 3:12	32
<b>Instructional Minutes:</b>		<b>320</b>

### Early Dismissal

Warning Bell	8:29	
Period 1	8:37 - 9:03	26
Period 2	9:03 - 9:29	26
Period 3	9:29 - 9:55	26
<b>Recess</b>	9:55 - 10:10	15
Period 4	10:10 - 10:36	26
Period 5	10:36 - 11:02	26
Period 6	11:02 - 11:28	26
Period 7	11:28 - 11:54	26
<b>Lunch/Recess</b>	11:54 - 12:24 - 12:54	60
Period 8	12:54 - 1:20	26
Period 9	1:20 - 1:46	26
Period 10	1:46 - 2:12	26
<b>Instructional Minutes:</b>		<b>260</b>

## PARKING

Our school zone is a very busy place before and after school. Ensuring our students safety is our first priority. Parents are reminded of the speed zone in the area in front of the school, as well as be reminded that there are no U-turns allowed anywhere within the school boundaries.

Please note that there is no parking or stopping in front of the school during drop off and pick-up times. That area is designated for buses only. There is also no parking in the STAFF PARKING lots on the east and west sides of the school. The staff parking stalls are ALL spoken for and any quick drop offs or pick ups can cause great disruptions for our staff. There is parking available in the mall parking lot across from the school, in the middle and outer (closest to Broadmoor Blvd.) rows ONLY. Please obey all the cross walk markings during the busy times in the mornings and afternoons. Students will continue patrolling the crosswalk areas, please respect their requests as they assist Mr. Lastiwka and Mrs. Prouse in supervising the arrival and departure of our students.

**NEW: Parking is no longer permitted in the area between the corner of Strathcona Drive and the staff parking, directly across from mall parking lot.**

## MEDICATIONS AND ALLERGIES

If medication is to be administered to your child at school a form must be completed by the parent/guardian. The medication must be brought to school in the original container. Please request a Medication Administration form from the office. Forms must be completed on a yearly basis.

Westboro School is a Nut Aware school. Please remember to be cautious when choosing the food items your child will bring to school. There are a number of students who have severe allergies and we wish to provide a safe environment for each individual and staff. In addition, we ask students not to share their food and ask parents to refrain from sending in any nut products. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back to another great year at Westboro. We would like to take the opportunity to explain how our School Council and our Parents Group operate. The council is mandated through legislation and provides support and input to the school. Our Parents Group is the fundraising society.

As of this month, our meetings will be held in person with Covid 19 restrictions in place, masking and distancing. We will also be broadcasting the meetings online to reach out to those parents that are not able to join us in person.

All meetings including the agenda are published through the school newsletter as well as posted on the parents group on Facebook. Please feel free to reach out to us through email [westboroparents@gmail.com](mailto:westboroparents@gmail.com) and check us out at [www.facebook.com/westboroparents/](http://www.facebook.com/westboroparents/).

### **2021-2022 Meeting Dates:**

September 22, 6:30 PM

October 20, 6:30 PM

November 17, 6:30 PM

January 19, 6:30 PM

February 16, 6:30 PM

March 16, 6:30 PM

April 13, 6:30 PM

May 11, AGM 6:30 PM

## COUNSELLORS CORNER

Welcome to Westboro Elementary School! As your school counselor, my role is to promote students' personal and social development by helping students overcome peer conflict, enhance academic achievement, and coordinate linkages between the school and the family/community. Areas of support I provide include learning difficulties, grief/loss, anxiety, depression, anger management, peer conflicts, social skills, stress, parent/child conflict resolution, changes in the family due to divorce/separation, self-harm, or suicidal ideations. We can also discuss if your child has a learning difficulty, requires individual supports, or additional assessments to identify his/her strengths, challenges, and recommendations for achieving their full potentials. The list is endless.

I encourage students to attend my office on Tuesdays or Thursdays (and every second Friday) to discuss their concerns. My door is always open to assist students and families with any concerns.

If a parent, guardian, or student has a concern, please contact me and together we will find a solution. Parents can call (EXT 8603) or email me at [Dianna.graziano@eips.ca](mailto:Dianna.graziano@eips.ca). Students can complete an appointment card next to my office door or ask their teacher to email me.

In the meantime, please check out the "Back to School Basics" from Alberta Health Services (importance of vision and hearing tests, immunizations, etc.) at:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page2542.aspx>

Take Care

Dianna Graziano, M.Ed., R.Psych.

**--Never, never give up but believe that you CAN! Believe in YOURSELF.**

## PICTURE DAY

Individual student photographs will be taken on **Wednesday, September 22nd**. Kindergarten **Regular** pictures will be taken on **Thursday, September 23rd**. These photographs are offered on a proof basis. Each student will have two personal portraits taken and proofs will be sent home for viewing. An order form and instructions will accompany the proofs.



Elk Island  
**Logos**  
Society

# 2021 Apple Fundraiser

Orders in by Noon, Sept 10th

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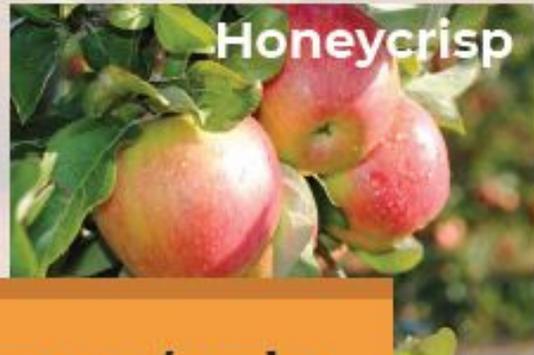
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**Bartlett Pears**



Order Online

**Honeycrisp**



[www.elkislandlogos.ca/apples](http://www.elkislandlogos.ca/apples)

get more info

**Royal Gala**



**Okanogan Blend**



The Elk Island Logos Society supports the Logos Christian Alternative Program in the Elk Island Public School System.

We do not charge additional fees to be in this program, but raise funds in order to support our classroom distinctions!

Thank you for supporting Christian Education in our public schools!

CONTACT US:

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# Strathcona County Information

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Effective Friday, September 10, [masks will be required](#) in all indoor public spaces and public vehicles in Strathcona County.

Masks are currently mandatory on public transit, in taxis, rideshares and some healthcare settings. Albertans 12+ can [get vaccinated](#). [View the current Strathcona County COVID-19 case count](#). Isolation is mandatory if you have COVID-19 or [core COVID-19 symptoms](#).

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Strathcona County is supporting parents, caregivers, students, teachers, and staff returning to school on September 1, 2021. [Learn more](#).

## RESILIENCE: DEAR PARENTS: YOU'VE GOT THIS

We're officially back to school! Parents, we know this September comes with some extra uncertainty. In our latest blog post, family resource facilitator Fatmeh outlines four practical tips to support kids through this season: <https://bit.ly/3gSi25A>

## FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

Registration is now available for all fall recreation and culture programs. All programs have been created to meet Alberta Health Services guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Register now <https://bit.ly/3ksxXsa>

## ALBERTA CULTURE DAYS

This September, celebrate Alberta Culture Days with us. Alberta Culture Days is an opportunity to discover, experience and celebrate arts and culture through local events and activities across the province and within our community.

**September 19 at Festival Place:** <https://fb.me/e/10MULLa9A>

**September 25 at Gallery@501 and Smeltzer House:** <https://fb.me/e/48vBhCYOC>

You can also take part in a self-directed culture walk! This is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and experience some of our great local art landmarks. View the culture walk map online, or pick one up at a nearby County facility: <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../festivals.../culture-days/...>