

March 2018

Elk Island Public Schools

THE WESTBORO REPORT



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Over the past few months we have been working on the concept of Growth Mindsets with our students. This is an ongoing project we will be working on with our staff and students in order to help motivate our students to work hard and take pride in their work. Please see the following explanation of the growth mindset from www.midestonline.com.

Every so often a truly groundbreaking idea comes along. This is one. THE BEST SELLING BOOK, Mindset, explains:

- Why brains and talent don't bring success
- How they (BRAINS??) can stand in the way of it
- Why praising brains and talent doesn't foster self-esteem and accomplishment, but jeopardizes them
- How teaching a simple idea about the brain raises grades and productivity
- What all great CEOs, parents, teachers, athletes know

Mindset is a simple idea discovered by world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success - a simple idea that makes all the difference.

In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success - without effort. They're wrong.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work - brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

Teaching a growth mindset creates motivation and productivity in the worlds of business, education, and sports. It enhances relationships. When you read Mindset, you'll see how.

You can watch this 6 minute video about being successful, Grit and how the relate to the growth mindset.

<http://goo.gl/ZvFSsd>

MARCH

- 7 & 8 Interviews (4 – 7 p.m.)
- 9 Newsletter
- 11 Daylight Time Begins
- 13 Logos Meeting at Sherwood Heights 7 p.m.
- 16 Hot Lunch
- 21 Report Cards
- 21 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Beach Day
- 22 Logos Chapel 1 p.m.

Spring Break
Mar. 23 – Apr. 2

APRIL

- 3 Welcome Back
- 4 Early Dismiss
- 6 Newsletter
- 7 Shop 'Til Ya Drop!

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HOT LUNCH

Online ordering for the final session of this year (May & June) will be open from April 3 through April 20. Sorry no late orders will be accepted. Visit westboro.hotlunches.net to place your orders. If you have any questions email us at westborohotlunches@gmail.com. Also as always, a big THANK YOU to our volunteers for their continued support!

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP - PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

The following policy was developed in order to help protect your personal equipment, the privacy of our students and the instructional integrity of our classrooms. Please take time to review these expectations with your child! Feel free to contact Mr. Matheson with any questions or concerns!

1. Student use of personal electronic devices at lunch and recess is not allowed.
2. Students are allowed to have personal electronic devices with them in school, but they need to be kept out of sight (in a pocket, backpack, etc.).
3. Students are allowed to use personal electronic devices during indoor recess to view school-appropriate content.
4. Students can use personal electronic devices in the classroom when the classroom teacher allows it.
5. Students with devices that have cameras and/or video cameras should not use them to take photos or video of other students or staff during school hours or during school activities. Also, students should not post school photos or videos online or to social media.
6. When a personally owned electronic device is brought to school, students and their families accept that school authorities may inspect the device and what's on it to ensure that EIPS policies and guidelines, including the Student Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement are followed.
7. When a student brings a personally owned electronic device to school, students and their families accept that the student is responsible for the device and its care, and agree that the school is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of the device.

REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2018? If so, it's time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2018-19 school year. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/registration/kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CHECK LIST:

- Determine your child's designated school
- Scan and upload all required documents: proof of name, residence, date of birth and citizenship.
- Additional documents to scan, if applicable include: Guardian Letter and Parental Custody Agreement if restrictions on access.
- Once the online registration is complete and submitted, a confirmation notice is sent to the given email address.

NOTE: The paper copy is no longer available. For step-by-step instructions on how to use the online form visit the [EIPS Registration](#) web page.

Families will be advised in April about the results of the application process.

Additionally, to help families prepare for kindergarten, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

AMA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLLERS

Once again many thanks to our dedicated team of School Safety Patrollers who are outside monitoring our crosswalks in the morning and after school. This is especially difficult in this cold weather. Thank you for the respect you show them by allowing them to guide you safely across the street.

A special mention goes out to our Patroller of the Month:

January : Julia in Grade 5

February: Tyson in Grade 5

Well done! Keep up the great work!



PRE-ENROLMENT PROCESS

Complete the Pre-Enrolment Process: March 1-15

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is launching a new pre-enrolment process to simplify the way it registers students for the upcoming year, collects information and manages requests to attend a non-designated school.

On March 1, all EIPS families received an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend; apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable; and update any required student information—such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.

All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form prior to March 15, 2018.

Applying to attend a non-designated school?

The new pre-enrolment process also eliminates the former Boundary Exemption Request Process. Now, returning students who want to apply to a non-designated school can do so through the pre-enrolment process by indicating on the form the school they want to attend. Acceptance is not guaranteed; rather, it's based on available space. Some EIPS schools have [closed boundaries](#) because of high enrolment numbers and will not accept non-designated students for the 2018-19 school year. All families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be contacted and advised of the outcome in April.

NOTE: Any requests to attend a non-designated school or out-of-boundary program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the two-week pre-enrolment process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline.

For more information visit www.eips.ca.

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Are you looking for an exciting time for your child during this Spring Break? Yes! We have an answer! **Friends Club's Spring Break Camp "Around the World in 4 Days"**! (kindergarten to Grade 6 - March 26 - 29, 2018)

For more information and to register call Kasia at: 780-707-4481 or e-mail: kspa@shaw.ca

Take a break from school and join the fun! Field trip, games, art and crafts will make this camp a great way to spend Spring Break!



SCHOOL COUNCIL/ PARENTS' GROUP NEWS

Planning for the annual school dance and silent auction has begun. This fun family-friendly event is happening in the school gym on the evening of Friday, May 11th. Donations are currently being accepted for the silent auction and Westboro Parents Group is able to issue tax receipts for items valued at \$25 or greater. We are looking for a minimum of 2 parent volunteers to organize and run the silent auction. Please contact Crystal Herbert at 780-719-8369 or ccannon3023@gmail.com if you are interested in helping. You wouldn't need to solicit for donations, just organize the donations that come in and the silent auction/raffle itself. There is a lot of community support. This is our biggest fundraiser, so we are hoping to have someone agree to help with it!!

Westboro Parents Group supplied Crazy Bread to go with Crazy Hair Day in February. This has been an annual tradition for many years and one I've always heard awesome feedback about. The Penny Carnival, which was organized by the grade 6s, was another smashing success. Thank you to all those who volunteered and who donated cakes.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 pm in the Library. One of the things we will be discussing is some issue resolutions which are coming forward at the Alberta School Councils Association AGM and what the stance of Westboro School Council is on these resolutions. We look forward to seeing you out there. We will be going for wings, nachos and pizza afterwards too.

ABORIGINAL STUDIES: MARCH

For the month of March we will be working on the fifth of our Seven Grandfather Teachings, Honesty, which is represented by the raven. Please watch for the memory quote/verse that will be coming home with your child this month. We encourage you to work with your children on memorizing the words to reinforce this teaching.

We are extremely excited to have our song for Project of Heart in its final stages. Students have worked this past month in helping to contribute to the melody and the lyrics. As we move forward into March, students will begin learning the song to get ready for our audio recordings that will happen in April. We have successfully hired a videographer (Eee+Bee Photography) who will be coming to Westboro to film all day on May 11th. Thank-you to so many families who have signed and returned the video consent form. Our videographer will piece all the footage together to create our final music video, with the goal being to showcase it for students as we celebrate Aboriginal Day this June 21st. There is lots of great progress being made with the project and both students and staff are excited with what has been achieved thus far. More information about Project of Heart can be found at: <http://projectofheart.ca/>

WESTBORO PARENTS GROUP PRESENTS

Spring Shop til ya Drop



With Dozens of great vendors, fantastic auction Items, this is an event you don't want to miss!

Get all your shopping done or treat yourself to a fun day out with friends and family at our fabulous fundraiser!

Saturday, April 7

10:00am – 4:00pm

WESTBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM
1078 STRATHCONA DRIVE, SHERWOOD PARK, AB

All are welcome!

Accepting Donations
for the Foodbank!



Along with the
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR,
the event showcases
these fine vendors:

4 KIDS Design
Burning Flames Custom Candles
Canning Momma's
Carol Payne Creations
Discovery Toys
Epicure
Glasses to Go
Homemade Happiness
Lety Franco Creations
Mel's Bags, Bins, & Totes
Norwex
Rena's Creations
Scentsy
She Does Create
Stella & Dot
Sweetlegs SP with Andrea
T1AnnArt
Tupperware
Zizi's Place
**AND MANY
MORE.....**

LOGOS SOCIETY



Lent is a season of contemplation. Some of us choose to give up something for lent while more recently others have decided to commit to doing a positive deed or act as their method of marking the season. With the Logos Society Annual General Meeting approaching in June, this might be the time of year to begin to consider prayerfully about serving on the board for the 2018/19 school year. With that in mind, we encourage

anyone who may be interested in learning more about what is involved in participating in the board and supporting the fantastic program all of our children enjoy and get so much from to attend our next board meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Sherwood Heights library. The current board members are more than happy to answer any questions you may have and look forward to seeing you.

Our March chapel will be Thursday, March 22 at 1:00pm in the gym hosted by 6L. We will have worship led by Mrs. Richard, Amy Marton and the Worship Choir. Please join us if you are able to attend

If you want to keep up to date on what is happening with Logos, please visit our website at <http://elkislandlogos.ca> and join the Elk Island Logos Society Facebook page.

Rachel Milne
Westboro Logos Representative

John 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Accredited Friends Club Child Care and Out of School Care program

We are located inside Westboro Elementary School and are now accepting registration for children ages 3 to 5 years old, Kindergarten and grades 1 to 6 students.

We offer breakfast and afternoon snack, gym sports, outdoor play, fun projects, homework club, soccer club, cooking/baking club, field trips, arts, crafts and games. We are open on PD days and school breaks.

Full time child care spaces are available. Subsidies are available for eligible families.

For more information about our programs and services, please call us at 780-707-4481 or e-mail: kspa@shaw.ca. We are happy to answer all your inquiries.



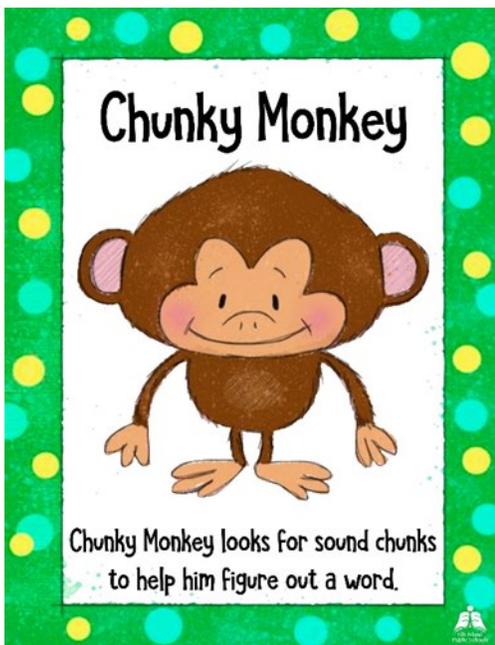
Chunky Monkey

Think about your child reading ...

Do they struggle with sounding out larger words?

Meet Chunky Monkey

Our brains naturally look for patterns which includes words within words. If your child can break down a word into “chunks” it can help decode the larger word.



- Sometimes a word is a compound word which is made up of 2 smaller words (eg. Playground) Even if the child only recognizes one of the words, they can use other clues and strategies to decode the second word.
- See if your child can determine the “root” word which is the main word. Then they can add the prefix (added to the beginning of a word eg. un + happy = unhappy) or a suffix (added to the end of a word eg. sad + ly = sadly). They might recognize the prefix or suffix and then can decode the root word.
- Sometimes, they can break down longer words into smaller chunks that aren't whole words or individual letters (great for longer words). Sometimes, it's easier and makes more sense than sounding out each individual sound. Eg. t – ea – ch - er

[View the video here.](#)

TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) reminds all parents, students, and staff to please keep safety in mind as you travel through school and playground zones, whether you are a driver or a pedestrian. Please help keep our students safe as they make their way to and from school by watching out for other drivers and pedestrians on the road, and obeying all posted speed limits and other traffic-related signage.

EIPS continues to work with local law enforcement and Alberta Transportation to address traffic and parking issues near our schools when they arise. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation as we work to provide a safe and inviting learning environment for all students.

Below are some school zone traffic safety tips from the Government of Alberta.

Tips to keep children safe

Examine the road ahead and obey posted speed limits.

Always be prepared to slow down or stop.

Do not drive while distracted - always be alert of your surroundings.

Use caution when approaching intersections or mid-block crosswalks.

Parked or stopped vehicles may hide a pedestrian crossing the road. The fine for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk or passing a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk is \$575 and four demerit points.

Do not park in crosswalks.

Watch for school safety patrollers, identified by their orange vests, and stop as directed.

Driving tips when around school buses

Always watch for children crossing roads. Prepare to slow down and stop.

Alternating flashing yellow or amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop. Please do the same.

When approaching a school bus with red lights flashing - you must stop! The fine for passing a school bus with its red lights flashing is \$402 and six demerit points.

TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SCHOOL ZONES CONT'D

Speed limits in school and playground zones

- The speed limit in a school zone is 30 kilometers per hour unless otherwise posted.
- A school zone is in effect on school days from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. unless other times are posted.
- The speed limit in a playground zone is 30 kilometers per hour unless otherwise posted.
- A vehicle is not permitted to pass or attempt to pass another vehicle travelling in the same direction from 8:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset in a playground zone.

Reminders for parents to share with their children

- Follow the bus safety rules - make sure your child always rides the bus safely.
- Before crossing the road: POINT across the road to show drivers you want to cross;
- PAUSE until the cars stop and you make eye contact with the drivers; PROCEED with your arm extended after all cars in all the lanes have stopped. Never run into the street.
- Ride legally - No helmet! No bike! If your child is under the age of 18 he/she must always wear a helmet when riding a bike.

Source: Government of Alberta – Office of Traffic Safety

For the Westboro Community specifically:

As a gesture of goodwill, the owner of the strip mall across the school generously allows parents to use the back half of their parking lot for student drop off and pick up. In order to maintain this privilege, parents are asked to refrain from parking anywhere along the front of the businesses (whether they are open for business or not) and to ensure that accesses to the lot are not blocked.

Also, please note that there is absolutely

NO PARKING OR DROPPING OFF

allowed in the **Staff Parking lots or
the condo parking lot across the street.**

Thank you.

EIPS DISTRICT NEWS

HAVE YOUR SAY! EIPS PARENT SURVEY OPENS MARCH 5

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2018 Parent Survey - open from March 5-23.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress towards meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Three-Year Education Plan. Families are asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement. The survey feedback helps the Division develop new strategies to better serve students and the wider community.

VISIT WWW.EIPS.CA TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey closes March 23, 2018

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and only takes a few minutes to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

SPRING ICE IS ROTTEN ICE

Watch for Thin Ice

Elk Island Public Schools, along with our community partners, want to remind families about the dangers of thin ice during this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your children about the dangers of thin ice, to obey all posted signs and to take the proper care to remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information on ice safety, visit www.lifesaving.org.

Did you know?

The way ice forms affects the way it melts in spring. Minerals in the water actually become concentrated in vertical veins throughout the ice as it freezes. Warm temperatures cause these veins to melt more quickly and weaken the ice, a process known as *candling*.

