

May 2018

Elk Island Public Schools

THE WESTBORO REPORT



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Mother's Day

To all of our wonderful and amazing mothers at Westboro Elementary, we wish you an amazing Mothers' Day! We hope you are celebrated the entire year through for all that you do to help support your children and allow them to grow in love and joy!



CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taken on May 8, 2016!

Students that joined our school later in the year will have the opportunity to have their school photo taken this day as well. Don't forget to wear your best smile that day!!



The Regular Kindergarten class will have photos taken on May 9th!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY—MAY 16, 2018

*We are so **thankful** to have such amazing parent volunteers supporting activities done at our school! We have many field trips, classroom projects, hot lunches and fundraising events that would not happen without you! To show our appreciation, we will be offering coffee and donuts. We will have a table set up at our front entrance and on the eastside by the Grade 1 & 2 doors with the goodies. Please stop by and allow us the opportunity to say **"Thank You"**! We could not do all we do with you!*

From the staff of Westboro Elementary

MAY

- 1 - 4 Education Week
- 2 Staff Meeting
- 4 Arbor Day
Newsletter out
- 8 & 9 Class Photos
- 8 Logos Meeting 7 p.m.
at Brentwood Elem.
- 10 Gr. 6 PAT ELA Part A
- 11 Family Dance
6 - 8:30 p.m.
- 16 Volunteer
Appreciation Day
- 17/18/21 No School
- 24 Chapel 1 p.m.
- 25 Hot Lunch
- 30 School Council AGM
6:30 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 AMA Picnic
- 6 Staff Meeting
- 7 Gr. 6 to YoWoChAs
- 8 Newsletter

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PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (PAT)

The grade six Provincial Achievement Tests will soon be in full swing. It is very important that students are well-rested, have had a good breakfast and arrive on time with their equipment (HB pencils & erasers) ready to do their best work on these days. The provincial government uses these results as one tool to measure school effectiveness so we want our students to be at “the top of their game”.

This school year, EIPS schools will be writing PATS in grade 6 only. this year.

Grade 6 dates: (All PATS are scheduled for mornings only)

Thursday, May 10 - ELA Part A (writing)

Monday, June 18 - ELA Part B

Tuesday, June 19 - Math Part A and B

Thursday, June 20 - Social Studies

Friday, June 22 - Science



AMA PATROLLERS PICNIC

It's that time of year again! The AMA Patroller Picnic Event is fast approaching. A day filled with treats, giggles, sunshine and more treats.

This year's AMA School Safety Patrol Picnic is on FRIDAY, JUNE 1 at Kinsmen Park. Our responsible and dedicated AMA patrollers will be treated to a day of games, activities and lots of fun. Information and field trip forms will be coming out in the next couple of weeks.

Once again, a big thank you for all of their hard work and dedication in helping us make Westboro a safe place for all of our students! If you need more information regarding the field trip for patrollers, please contact Mr. Matheson at 780-467-7751.

AMA Patroller of Month: Jeremy



PARENT COUNCIL - HOT LUNCH & STYD

DONATE A HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Thank you to those that have donated to the Donate a Lunch Program. To help next year you can add funds through the 'donate a lunch' program in increments of \$5, \$10 or \$20. The use of the program will remain confidential!

This program is very successful at helping those who are in need. Thank you to everyone that has donated.

MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH

Thank you for all parents who placed orders for our final hot lunch dates this year. Also as always, a big THANK YOU to our volunteers for their continued support! If you are able to volunteer on either hot lunch date please email westborohotlunches@gmail.com.

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING SHOP TIL YA DROP

Thank you to the numerous volunteers, shoppers, and vendors that helped to make this event a success. We couldn't have done it without you! Please mark your calendars for our next STYD on October 20, 2018 and April 6, 2019 for our spring STYD. Look forward to seeing you there!

SENSORY GARDEN CLEAN UP



Sensory Garden Update: The Garden Team is looking to install the edging on Saturday, June 2nd. This will allow us to order the rocks for the next phase. We are looking for 5 volunteers with wheelbarrows and shovels for Saturday, June 16th. If you would like further information on this please see Andrea Perrotta (PLACE 2). Your support is welcome!

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PARENT COUNCIL / LOGOS NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL /PARENTS' GROUP

Annual General Meeting

The final School Council meeting of 2018 - 2019 occurs

Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm

The executive, along with the school administration, invite every parent to the meeting. This meeting is the time when the slate of executive officers for the next year is elected.

LOGOS SOCIETY



Welcome to Spring! We have a couple of quick reminders for everyone as we enjoy the warmer weather. The next Logos Board meeting will be held on Tuesday May 8 at 7:00 pm in the library at Brentwood Elementary School Library. Please plan to join us for our last meeting before the June AGM.

May's Chapel will be held on Thursday, May 24 in the school gym. Worship begins at 1pm and we hope to see you there! Remember, details about activities or events related to Logos can be found on our website <http://elkislandlogos.ca> or on the Elk Island Logos Society Facebook page.

Blessings!

Rachel Milne

Westboro Logos Representative

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

SCHOOL COUNCIL / PARENTS' GROUP

Our annual Family Dance is being held in the school gym on Friday, May 11th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. The theme of the dance is Summer Time/Camp Out Fun and attendees are invited to come dressed ready for summer weather. This is always a fun night for all family members that includes music and dancing in the gym, a photo booth, silent auction and gift basket raffle in the music room, and a concession for drinks and snacks. Dance tickets are \$2 each, available only at the door. All proceeds from this event will be used towards replacing the barred instruments for the music room. If you are able to volunteer during school hours the week of the event or on the night of the dance, please contact Crystal Herbert at 780-719-8369 or ccannon3023@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 30th at 6:30 pm in the library. This is our Annual General Meeting and there will be drinks and snacks. We hope to see you there.

FIRST NATIONS, METIS AND INUIT EDUCATION

For the month of May we will be working on the last of our Seven Grandfather Teachings, Truth, which is represented by the turtle. 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 have been very busy this past month! Shirley Hill came to visit Westboro on April 12th to work with our grades 1, 2, and 4 students and also on April 13th to work with many different music teachers from varying districts. It was an amazing learning experience and we gained so much from the stories, cultural artifacts, and dances that Shirley shared with us. For more information on Shirley, you can visit her website at <https://www.prancingdeerarts.com/about>.

Students also completed the audio recordings for our Project of Heart song mid-April and all video recordings will be happening this month (May 11th). We are excited to see all our hard work come together when the final video is showcased at Westboro to celebrate Aboriginal Day on June 21st.

Lastly, Elder Wilson will be visiting Westboro on May 24th to share some spring themed stories with our classes. It is his last visit at Westboro this school year, but we are grateful that he will be returning to work with us again in 2018/2019.



COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Here we are at the beginning of May. Spring is finally here! A time when the sun shines brighter and the warmth slowly takes over the days. A time of change and a time of growth. It would seem the perfect time to introduce you to Carol Dweck's work. In 2006, Dr. Dweck shared her findings with the world in her best selling book, "Mindsets: the new psychology of success". This is truly a great read and is backed by substantial and convincing research. Almost unbelievable.

It would seem that people will adopt one of two mindsets in regards to their abilities and this can make all the difference. Those who take on a *fixed mindset* believe that they are born with certain abilities. They will tend to avoid challenges to protect their perceived weaknesses and they will put forth less effort. On the other hand, those who embrace a *growth mindset* believe that abilities can be developed. Challenges, criticisms, and even mistakes are seen as opportunities to learn and grow. They are far less likely to be discouraged and instead believe that with the greater effort they are more likely to succeed. Too good to be true? Dweck's research has been hailed as powerful and revolutionary, yet, some of us are reluctant to 'give in' to the simplicity of it all. A belief can't change your life. Nothing is for free.

But what if that belief was foundational to the way we viewed ourselves. From athletics to business to education to parenting, Dweck's work on mindsets is changing the landscape of the way people live. For those who embrace the growth mindset, this is not an easy life but they would tell you it's worth it. This mindset asks us to commit to the hard work of fostering positive relationships with adversity and failure. Yet, imagine living free of the pressure of perfection and experiencing intrinsic self-worth based on our courage rather than our continual success. The truth is, life will inevitably offer challenges and adversity. How we interact with this truth can make all the difference. At Westboro, we are talking about growth mindsets. In our staff meetings, in our student circles on Monday mornings, and within our classrooms. It is our hope that by building growth mindsets, our students will not only be better equipped for learning at school but also for living in this ever-changing world.

Throughout this year there has been a growing challenge to all of us. To lean into the areas of life that we tend to turn away from. Whether this is work of Dr. Alex Russell with anxiety, Dr. Kelly McGonigal with stress, or Dr. Carol Dweck with failure and setbacks, the challenge is there! Yet, so are the rewards. To grow and succeed in the face of adversity. To be resilient.

Mental Health Awareness Week will run this year from May 7th to May 11th. What an opportunity for us to lean in. To stand with each other and to stand with our kids. To move towards healthier living. The Public Health Agency of Canada defines positive mental health as "the capacity of each and all of us to feel, think and act in ways that enhance our ability to enjoy life and deal with the challenges we face. It is a positive sense of emotional and spiritual well-being that respects the importance of culture, equity, social justice, interconnections and personal dignity". And so, good health to you and all of yours.

EIPS DIVISION NEWS

DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY: MAY 1, 2016

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 7

Join us on May 7 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. On May 7, we encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators - all of whom go above and beyond the call of duty to provide safe and timely transportation to our students.

On behalf of **Westboro Elementary**, THANK YOU to our school bus drivers for a job well done.



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2018-19 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2018-19 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the pre-enrolment process are now registered. Families will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month - fees are due June 30, 2018.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the pre-enrolment process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office—683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as Central Administration.

LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURES: REGISTRATION



Elk Island Public Schools is once again running Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for *first-time school bus riders*.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim is to help ease any anxieties a family may have about riding the bus before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about: school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned and then venture out on a short ride.

The Little Elk Island Adventure is for *first-time school bus riders* entering the 2018-19 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

| Location | Date | Time |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| EIPS Central Office | August 21 | 6 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | August 23 | 10 a.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | August 23 | 6 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | August 27 | 6 p.m. |
| EIPS Central Office | August 29 | 6 p.m. |
| SouthPointe School | August 28 | 6 p.m. |

EIPS Central Office is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register for a Little Elk Island Adventure, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/b0svKmWAoqHRSvZs2>.

More information regarding busing for kindergarten students is available at: www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.