

May 2019

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 6, 2019!

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 **Tuesday May 7th!**

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY - WEDNESDAY MAY 29th



Please join us in the Courtyard on Wednesday May 29th from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for coffee and donuts as a small token of our appreciation for everything that you do for our Westboro Community. We thank-you for your dedicated time in supporting our field trips, classroom projects, hot lunches and fundraising events. These events could not happen without your support.

Forever Grateful,
All Westboro Warriors



MAY

- April 29 - May 3 Education Week
- 3 Arbor Day
- Newsletter out
- 6 & 7 Class Photos
- 9 Gr. 6 PAT ELA Part A
- 14 Logos Meeting 7 p.m. at Sherwood Heights
- 16 Chapel 1 p.m.
- 17 & 20 **No School**
- 24 Hot Lunch
- 29 Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 30 School Council AGM 6:30 p.m.

3 / 10 / 24 / 31

**Swimming Gr. 1 - 3
In the mornings**

JUNE

- 5 Staff Meeting
- 6 Gr. 6 to YoWoChAs
- 7 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 elementary schools will be writing PATS in grade 6 only. this year.

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

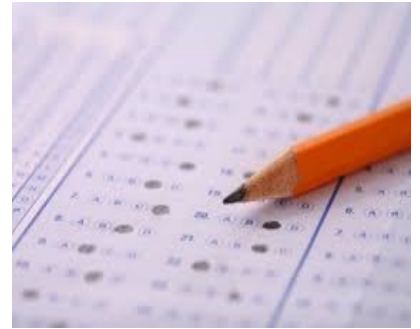
Thursday, May 9 - ELA Part A (writing)

Monday, June 17 - ELA Part B

Tuesday, June 18 - Math Part A and B

Wednesday, June 19 - Social Studies

Thursday, June 20 - Science



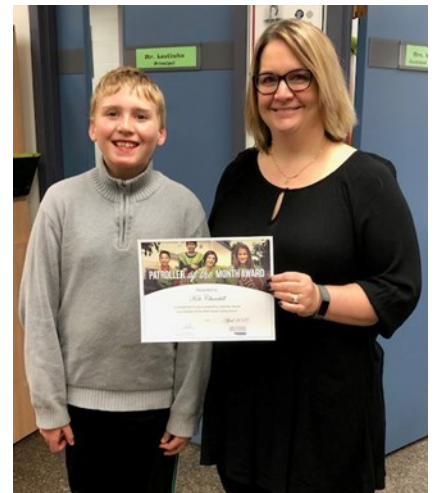
AMA PATROLLERS PICNIC

It's that time of year again! The AMA Patroller Celebration is fast approaching.

This year's AMA School Safety Celebration is on MONDAY, JUNE 10th at Millennium Place. Our responsible and dedicated AMA patrollers will be treated to some 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 Mrs. Werner at 780-467-7751.

AMA Patroller of Month: Kole



PARENT COUNCIL - HOT LUNCH & STYD

Wow, May already! Where has the year gone?

Thank you to the amazing committee for planning a fantastic family dance! And to all that attended and made it a fantastic event.

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 19, 2019 and April 18, 2020 for our spring STYD. Look forward to seeing you there!

We're in the process of planning the staff appreciation luncheon on May 15th, watch for the note to come home.

There will also be a bottle drive to help cover the short fall for the new barred instruments on Tuesday May 21st. Please drop bottles off in front of the school between 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Next meeting is our AGM on May 30th starting at 6:00pm in the library where we will start planning for next year. Hope to see you all there!

MAY/JUNE HOT LUNCH

As we close the final hot lunch ordering , Friday May 3, we want to thank all the Westboro parents for all their support! We could not continue this program without the parents who volunteer their time so thank you to our monthly volunteers. If you can assist with the final two hot lunches please don't hesitate to reach out to us at westborohotlunches@gmail.com. Thank you!

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.

PARENT COUNCIL/ LOGOS NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL /PARENTS' GROUP

Annual General Meeting

The final School Council meeting of 2018 - 2019 occurs

Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 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



Whoever dwells in the shelter of the most high will rest in the shadow of the almighty. I will say of the Lord," He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

PSALM 91:1-2

Prayer meeting will be May 6 at 9:00 am at Kerry Schnell's home. If you would like to join us or need more information contact her at (780)938-4606.

Our next meeting is on May 14 @ 7:00 pm at Sherwood heights school. This will be our last meeting before the AGM.

Nitza's Pizza fundraiser will start on May 1 and go to the 15th. Watch your child's backpack for the form!

Janeen Bielby

Westboro Logos Representative

INDIGENOUS STUDIES: MAY 2019

This month in Indigenous Studies, students in grades 5 and 6 will be completing the final steps for our “Project of Heart.” They recently completed Step 4 (Survivor Visit), viewing Rev. Mary Battaja’s story and her learning more about her experiences in residential schooling. If you wish to view this story, it is available through this link: http://wherearethechildren.ca/en/stories/#story_2. There are also many other stories available on this website to view; however, we do recommend caution if you are choosing to view them as a family as many contain content that may not be suitable for elementary-aged children.

Step 5 (Social Justice Action) will be explored more in the weeks to come. There are many Social Justice possibilities linked with Project of Heart, such as *Shannen’s Dream* and *Have a Heart*. We would like to explore with students how the video project we already created can be used as its own Social Justice action. How can it be more widely shared? How can we spread the message of coming together with others beyond what we have already done? Should you wish to look into this more, the video can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvGvjSYcmJs>

As always, we will continue to strive to:

“Grow together as learners to develop understandings that help us view others in a way that promotes kindness, respect and trust amongst all people in our community.”

NEW ONLINE STUDENT INFORMATION CORRECTION FORM

The new online Correction and Verification Form is now available through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account. Families can use the form to access and update information on file at any time during the school year. The online form replaces the paper form sent home with families each fall.

Submitted changes will be reviewed by school registrars and updated in PowerSchool as needed. Please only submit current updates so we have accurate information on file. For example, if you are planning a move this summer, please log in to your Parent Portal account **after** you move and submit the necessary changes at that time, not before. Please note: If your information requires updates, a Correction and Verification Form must be submitted for each child in your family to ensure we have correct information on file for each student record.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

May is an active month for Mental health awareness. Below is a list of events scheduled in May. We will start on May 1 with "Wear a Hat for Mental Health Day". I have also included resources for health classes as well. Information in the teen resources can be implemented for the upper grades.

Hats On! For Mental Health

May 1, 2019 is [Hats On for Mental Health Day](#). Albertans are invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. Schools will relax their hat rules and encourage students and teachers to build understanding by wearing hats to school. For more information, check the canwetalk.ca website created by the Canadian Mental Health Association and the ATA with support from Global Television.

Mental Health Awareness Week

[Mental Health Week](#) is May 6-12, 2019. A focus on positive mental health for students, families, schools and communities contributes to building a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. Students who are mentally healthy are resilient and better able to learn, achieve success and build healthy relationships. [Learn more](#) about supporting positive mental health in schools.

Dianna Graziano, M.Ed.

School Counsellor



Do you have a 5-7 year old child who:

- Loves adventure in the outdoors?
- Is excited about learning something new?
- Wants to participate in youth-led activities?

#203 Sherwood Park Scouts, Beaver Colony offers a world of adventure, outdoor experience, and friendship!

Registration opens on May 15 for the 2019/2020 season starting September 9.

Meetings are held on Monday evenings until mid-June.

Register before June 30 for the early-bird rate (save \$30!)

For more info please visit www.scouts.ca or contact Jason Greidanus at jgreidanus@gmail.com

EIPS DIVISION NEWS

DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY: MAY 1, 2016

THANK YOU! Driver Appreciation Day is May 6

Join us on May 6 as we recognize and thank our school bus operators for keeping the safety of our students their first priority. We encourage you, and your children, to take a moment to say thanks to our bus operators - who go above and beyond 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: 2019-20 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2019-20 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 registered will receive tentative route schedules and invoices by the end of the month—fees are due June 30, 2019.

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 the EIPS Central Services office.

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 2019-20 school year. Sessions and times are available at these locations:

Location	Date	Time
A.L. Horton Elementary	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 22	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 22	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 26	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 26	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 28	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 27	6 p.m.

A.L. Horton Elementary is located at 5037 48 Avenue Vegreville

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

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

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

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