

June 2019

Elk Island Public Schools

THE WESTBORO REPORT



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow! Is it June already? There is still so much to do before the end of the school year! Students are busy learning the final objectives, studying for classroom and Provincial Achievement Tests, going on field trips, and being active on our *Fun in the Sun Day*.

The staff of Westboro Elementary would like to extend their thanks to parents for their support over the past year. Your contributions and efforts to help our students is most appreciated. We are already busy planning for next year and wish all our graduating Grade 6 students the best of luck as they move on to Junior High. If you are leaving our school community we wish you a fond farewell and hope for all the best for you!

Staffing changes for next year: Mrs. Witzke is moving to our Grade 6 Regular class and Mr. Hay is moving to our Grade 5 Logos class.

From all of the staff at Westboro, thank you for a great year and we wish you a relaxing, fun and safe summer!



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 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". Best of luck to our students!

JUNE PAT DATES

GRADE 6

Monday, June 17
L.A. Part B

Tuesday, June 18
Mathematics

Wednesday, June 19
Social Studies

Thursday, June 20
Science

All PATs begin at 9:00 a.m.!!

JUNE

7 / 14 / 21 **Swimming Gr. 1 - 3**
In the mornings

- 5 Staff Meeting
- 6 Camp YoWoChAs
- 10 AMA Celebration
- 11 Logos Meeting (AGM)
7 p.m. at BWD
- 12 Parent Council (AGM)
Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Gr 6 PAT ELA Pt B
- 18 Gr 6 PAT Math Pt A/B
- 19 Gr 6 PAT Social Studies
- 20 Gr 6 PAT Science
- 24 Fun in the Sun Day
- 27 Last Day for Students
Gr 6 Farewell 1 p.m.
Report Cards posted at
3 p.m.

Summer Holidays!!!!

- 28 Operational day for
teaching staff

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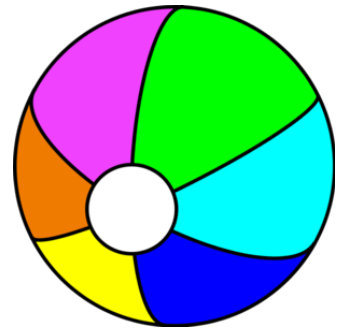
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HOT LUNCH

Thank you parents for all your support with the hot lunch program this year. A special thank you to all our parent/grandparent volunteers. It has been a huge success and we (students included) appreciate all your effort. We end the year with Wild Wing hot lunch on Monday, June 17th with the Grade 2s having their hot lunch on Tuesday June 18th. We would also like to express our gratitude to Save on Foods on Wye Road for helping us provide hot lunch to our students all year long.

Thank you parents for your support in our endeavour to help those in financial need with our new donate a lunch program. It has been a success and we will be continuing with it in the fall.

Please be aware that all files on westboro.hotlunches.net are deleted over the summer. This eliminates errors in the fall with students changing classes and teachers, as well as protecting the privacy of those leaving Westboro. In September, parents will need to re-register as a new user on the system and enter your children's new class number and teacher.



Have a super summer!

LOST & FOUND

If you need to check out the school's Lost & Found bins prior to the summer break please stop at the school anytime up until Wednesday, June 26th. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity after 2:30 p.m. on this day.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

If your child is currently enrolled at Westboro Elementary and will be attending next year, there is nothing for you to do.

If your child is currently enrolled and ***will not be attending*** in the 2019 - 2020 school year, please contact our office at 780-467-7751 or email (holly.berube@eips.ca) and inform us of this change.

If you are NEW to the Westboro community and would like to register your children, please contact the school office. Please click on this link to register [Online Student Registration](#).

Thank you for helping us plan for the next school year!

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY

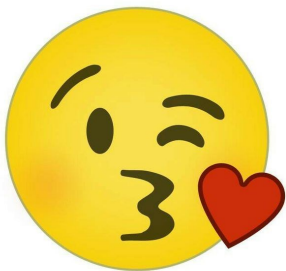
Effective September 1, 2019 - Students in kindergarten to Grade 6: No access to cellphones or personal devices during the school day, including during breaks and the lunch hour—the only exception, students with a diagnosed medical condition or an identified inclusive educational need. Additionally, each school will develop a personal communication device plan and detail where devices are stored during the school day.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our parents for the amazing staff luncheon they provided to us on Wednesday May 15th!

The staff always look forward to this, and appreciate the special lunch and delicious desserts!

KISS AND CRY



<http://www.emoji.com.br/>

Do you have a Kindergarten child attending school next year?

Are you already worrying about that first morning when you drop off your child for the full day of school?

Never Fear! Our Parents' Group and School Council have the perfect solution! Give your child a big good-bye kiss and then come and cry (or visit) with the other parents who are feeling the same as you! Please join us on September 9th & 10th, 2019

at 8:30 AM in the **Library**. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents, visit and talk about those school-drop-off blues!

All parents are also welcome to join us! We hope to see you there!



PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

It's June already and with that come the last month of school! WOW where did the year go?

Parents Group sponsored and organized a ton of activities including:

- ◆ · Hot lunch
- ◆ · Shop Till Ya Drop
- ◆ · Family Dance
- ◆ · Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ · Crazy Bread for Crazy Hair Day
- ◆ · Spirit Wear
- ◆ · Alberta Opera

To name just a few. We are extremely blessed to have such an awesome group of volunteers to organize all of these.

I would like to take this time to thank both Amy Churchill and Matt Bissett, who are both stepping down from their roles on the executive with me for the past year, as well as Debbie Klita for the awesome job she does keeping me organized, getting the agenda out and writing up amazing minutes.

We encourage you to stay up to date by joining our Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Westboro-Elementary-School/199203767359517>) and by joining our email list (just email us at WestboroParents@gmail.com). This is a different list than the school so if you receive our agendas and minutes, you are on it and if you don't receive those, then you aren't.

I wish you all the best for the last month of school and throughout the summer and I'm looking forward to another awesome year next year.

Krystal Gibson, President

Parent Council

SUMMER HOURS

Westboro School will be closed July 2 - August 23 inclusive. The main office will reopen to the public on ***August 26th at 9:00a.m.***

SENSORY GARDEN UPDATE

Westboro's Sensory Garden is almost complete! Our Westboro Warriors have been busy filling our new outdoor space with their creativity. Throughout the school year students from varying grades have volunteered their lunch hours to paint window murals and create a variety of decorations to support each theme such as Remembrance Day, Fall, Christmas, Easter, and the Volunteer Appreciation Day.

In the fall, students planted their fall bulbs and were eager to see them bloom in the spring. As a result the flower bed was filled with daffodils, tulips and crocus plants in an array of colours. It made Spring feel like it was really here at last!

Our large planters have been filled with plants that require us to use our sight, smell, taste, and touch senses. Other areas of the garden such as the Construction Site and recycled tire areas provide areas for digging and playing. Students also collected numerous bags of pine cones for ground coverage in the flower bed. They collected the pine cones from our very own front yard. This added nice textures and contrasting colours but best of all, it was free! Well done Westboro Warriors!



Lastly, our shed will be built Wednesday, June 5th. The money donated from the Royal Bank of Canada was used to purchase the shed as we needed a space for storage. We will be sending the Royal Bank a thank-you note and picture of the Sensory Garden in its completion. If you have any inquiries regarding the Sensory Garden please see Andrea Perrotta (PLACE 2 teacher).



LOGOS SOCIETY

The final prayer meeting for this year will be held on Monday, June 10 at 9:00am. Kerry Schnell will be hosting so if you need directions or have questions her number is (780)938-4606.

Tuesday, June 11 is the Logos Annual General Meeting. It will be at 7:00 pm in Brentwood Elementary school. If you wish to vote at the meeting and have not paid for your family's membership you can get your membership in online at www.elkislandlogos.ca.

The final chapel of the year is Thursday, June 20 at 1:00pm.

Janeen Bielby

Westboro Logos Representative

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you all the desires of your heart.

PSALM 37:4



COMMUNITY GARDEN

We are Westboro Elementary and we are planting a community garden! Now, you may be wondering:

“What is a community garden?”

A community garden is a place where the community gathers to grow crops. Our garden will contain things like; carrots, beets, spinach, lettuce, green beans, peas, white potatoes, and sugar pods. Now, if you want to help out, you are more than welcome to!

You also might be wondering; “Why?”

Well, a community garden has many benefits. For instance, it is a way to contribute to a healthy lifestyle and a great place to stop by and pick up a healthy snack! It is also a way to save money on food and contribute to community building

Now, it is our responsibility to take care of the garden, but it’s called a *community* garden for a reason! Westboro Warriors plant and protect it, but the community has a part in this project as well! If you're wondering how you can help out, well, you can come by to water it, or weed it, or just show up and spend some time with the community!

The garden will be here all summer! And it would be greatly appreciated if you could stop by to help out every once in a while since this is a community project.

By now you’ve probably noticed the two large, wooden garden boxes right outside on the west side of the school. We have planted our crops in them, and you may notice a few of them already poking out.

Well, community gardens sure seem great! So let's keep them that way! Please respect the garden, and don't tear out the crops for fun! And if you see anyone doing so, please *do* get involved!

Well, we hope that you will consider this and help contribute to making a mind-blowing garden!

Written by: Anany and Jetta from 4R

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST FOR 2019 –2020

The Staples School Supply Lists are now posted on our home page of our website, [Westboro Elementary](#). All Staples orders will be delivered to Westboro Elementary on Tuesday, August 27th. You can pick up your child’s order anytime after 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to pick the school supplies that day, they will be delivered to the student’s classroom.

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

June is a month of many celebrations. The end of another school year, the anticipation of summer holidays, and the excitement of starting a new grade in September (i.e., moving to a new school or neighborhood, making new friends, having a new teacher, the welcoming of new students, or the transition from being the oldest class members to the youngest in Junior High).

Summer also brings a time to relax, spend time with family and friends, and witness both personal and physical growth in our children. The most consistent summer holiday advice teachers will share is to continue practicing your reading and math skills. Reading comprehension is the foundation of all academic tasks; including how to follow the instructions for assembling a new toy or bookshelf. In fact, kids who read 4+ books over the summer do better on comprehension tests than kids who read 1 or NO books. Over the summer, 1 – 3 months of reading skills can be lost by children if reading is NOT continued.

Reading is not always a welcoming event for our children who simply do not like to read, therefore, how do you engage the reluctant reader into wanting to read? Here are some ideas:

1. Pick reading materials that reflect the child's life, interests, and personalities.
2. Use graphic novels and higher-level picture books that are designed to engage reluctant readers. Comic books are a great way to make reading fun for children and build their reading skills without even knowing it!
3. Visit <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/10-weeks-summer-reading-adventures-you-and-your-kids>
 - ✓ ReadingRockets.com has a variety of educational games and printable worksheets for subjects relating to coding games, math, reading and writing, phonics and decoding, reading fluency, and improving typing skills.
4. Check your local library for kids' summer reading programs with activities and incentives for all ages.
5. Incorporate reading into everyday activities. Reading is all around us, and daily routines provide great reading opportunities. When you are in the kitchen cooking, have your child read the recipe while you work. Plan a day trip and ask your child to read you the directions from Google map or read signs as you are driving or walking.
6. Make time to sit with your child to read aloud together. Each day, take a few minutes to read part of a book, or find a story in the newspaper to read together. For older children, designate silent reading and then ask them to tell you about their favorite part or what has happened in the book.
7. Read books before you watch the movie. After the child has read the book, watch the movie and talk about how they are different, what your child likes, and what he or she didn't like.

Last, I wish everyone a wonderful and fun summer. I look forward to working with you and your children next year.

Dianna Graziano

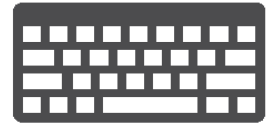
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What Is Safe To Search?



Did you know that 38% of females were first exposed to pornography accidentally via the Internet? Well, this was the case for a young female named Samantha. She was 10-years-old and working on a school project that required her to do research on Google.

Samatha was searching how a lemonade stand would be a fun summer job and the best recipes to make lemonade. While conducting innocent research, a pornographic video showed up on her screen. She didn't search anything or click on anything inappropriate, so how did this come up? It was a pop-up. Samantha was traumatized at the sight of the video. It was an extremely violent video. Scared that she would get in trouble if they found out on their own, she told her parents. Her parents were immediately concerned and confused as to how such an off-topic and inappropriate video could have just came up from a simple search.



HOMework FOR PARENTS!

For all devices and browsers, go onto the Google webpage and click on settings. From there, turn on safe search. It does a great job of filtering out inappropriate content. Other search engines that can be used by children that are younger include Kiddle, KidRex, and Quintura. Kid Info is a good resource for research and homework.

INDIGEDIOUS STUDIES

This month is National Indigenous History Month. If you would like more information or ideas on how you can acknowledge and celebrate at home, this is a great website to check out: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1466616436543/1534874922512>

We will be taking part by celebrating National Indigenous Peoples' Day on June 21st at Westboro. Students will gather in the gym for a whole school assembly right after lunch and from there will rotate through 4 different stations set up around the school. It is our hope that these stations will enable students to learn more about Indigenous culture while having some fun at the same time. Students will take part in traditional games, traditional dance, sampling bannock, and creating a heart garden. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to help, but did not receive the notice that went home the first week of June, please contact Mrs. Richard at courtney.richard@eips.ca.

We are excited to see how far Westboro has come in building understandings over this past year and look forward to continuing to learn together in the years to come.

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.”

STAFF FAREWELLS



We have a few staff members retiring or moving on. Our long time Educational Assistants Prabha Murthy, Linda Aabak and Rosan Bloski have decided to retire this year and start a wonderful new chapter in their lives. We wish them a happy retirement filled with all their hopes and dreams. Our Place 1 teacher Kim Young, is moving to a new school. We wish her all the best in her new adventures.

EIPS DIVISION NEWS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS FOR ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Throughout the summer break, Westboro Elementary is closed and will reopen on August 26 at 9:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services - the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2019-20 school year.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours

Open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone 780-464-3477
Address 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park



Statutory Holidays

Closed	Monday, July 1	Canada Day
Closed	Monday, August 5	Heritage Day
Closed	Monday, September 2	Labour Day

NOTE: Student Transportation will also remain open during the summer months and operate during the same hours as EIPS Central Services Office.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Westboro Elementary has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2019-20 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact our school directly. We'll discretely provide the backpack to your child at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at various businesses in the community during the summer months—including Staples and EIPS Central Services office. All supplies donated within our community are invested back into our region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact Chantel Werner at 780-467-7751 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

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 Services	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 21	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 22	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	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 Ave, Vegreville

EIPS Central Services 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.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FOR 2019 - 2020

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 returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices - all fees are due June 30, 2019.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration 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 Central Administration office.

