

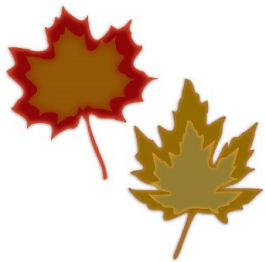
October 2019

Elk Island Public Schools

THE WESTBORO REPORT



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



October promises to be a very busy month. I am looking forward to the work that our teachers will be doing as we continue to work towards meeting the literacy and numeracy needs for the students at Westboro. We are also very much looking forward to the Shop Til Ya Drop fundraiser on October 18 & 19th and the Parent Student Teacher Conferences on October 23rd and 24th. 3

We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with loved ones and are thankful for the many bounties we enjoy each and everyday in this beautiful country.



KUDOS FROM WESTBORO

THANK YOU to all staff, parents, students and friends that attended and made our Meet the Teacher BBQ. It was a great evening!

A special thanks goes to the following:

- ◆ Nottingham Sobey's – discounted donations of hotdogs, buns and condiments!
- ◆ Mrs. Canning for organizing this great event.
- ◆ Billie Jean Mepham for picking up all the food and Mr. Lastiwka & Mr. Fujii for picking up the BBQ. And a special thank you to Mr. Lastiwka for manning the Barbeque!
- ◆ All the staff who attended for their help and for volunteering all evening!

October

4	Newsletter out
5	World Teacher Day
7 - 11	Read In Week
8	Logos Meeting 7 P.M. at Brentwood
9	Family Literacy Night 6 - 7:15 p.m.
10	World Mental Health
11	PD Day - No School
14	Thanksgiving Day
16	Chapel 1:00PM
17	Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
18	Hot Lunch
18&19	Shop 'Til Ya Drop!
19 - 25	Book Fair
21	Photo Re-takes
22	Photo Retakes for KR
23&24	S/P/T Conferences 4 - 7PM

November

6	Early Dismissal
6	Hockey Hooky Day
8	Newsletter
8	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 AM

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WESTBORO NEWS!

TERRY FOX

Congratulations goes out to Jordon who was the top fundraisers in our school for our Terry Fox run.

Congratulations to all our students who demonstrated excellent perseverance as they completed their run on the afternoon of September 20th. Students and families in Westboro Elementary managed to raise over \$981 in donations. What a fantastic accomplishment!

Excellent work, everyone!



LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school and you are invited to come and share in this celebration of literacy with us! This year's theme is "Arctic Adventure"

There will be a draw for \$25 in free books. The winner will get \$25 in books and the teacher will get to choose \$25 in books for the classroom.

The Scholastic Book Fair hours will be as follows:

Oct 19th Shop Til Ya Drop

Oct 21st -25th 8:30 - 2:30

Oct 23rd & 24th 4 - 7pm



We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting a Christian Book Fair this year too.

Oct 23rd & 24th 4-7pm

PICTURE DAY!

Picture Retake Day is Monday, October 21!!

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Picture retakes are scheduled for Monday, October 21st. If your child requires a retake, please return their picture proof sheets to the office or their teacher. Retakes for kindergarten and grades 1 to 6 students will be done in the morning starting at 10:30 a.m. and concluding at 12:30. The Kindergarten **Regular** class will have retakes on Tuesday the 22nd. Please be sure to let your student's teacher know if you would like your student(s) to have another picture taken.

READ IN WEEK! OCTOBER 7 - 11

We are excited about **READ IN** week that is taking place the week leading up to Thanksgiving (October 7th-10th) and the opportunity to highlight the importance and joy that literacy brings. To commemorate the 30th year of READ IN in the Edmonton Area, the theme is Celebrate with Stories. Some of the ways we will be celebrating literacy during the week are: inviting guests into our school to read aloud to classes or small groups of children, dressing up as a favourite book character, hosting a literacy evening for families, and culminating the week with bringing a story to life through music in the gym with Mrs. Richard. We would like to send a huge thank you to Nutrien and Ignite Heating and Air Conditioning for their generous donations for our Family Literacy Night. We look forward to a fun evening with our families, and it would not be possible without support from our community partners.

Book Character Dress Up: Tuesday, October 8th

K-6 Family Literacy Evening: Wednesday, October 9th 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Culminating Activity in the Gymnasium: Thursday, October 10th 1 p.m. to 1:53 p.m.

Read In Week is a Division wide initiative held annually to encourage a lifelong love of reading and to enhance literacy awareness among students, staff, parents and community members. We invite all our families to participate in Read In Week with us by reading yourself, with your child or with someone in the community.

BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Book Character Dress Up Day

---Tuesday, October 8th ---

Westboro is excited to announce that we will be having a Book Character Dress Up during READ IN week on Tuesday, October 8th. On this day, students are invited to come to school dressed up as a character from a favourite book. The character must be from a book they have read, not just from a movie or cartoon they have watched. If you have a copy of the book, we encourage your child to bring it to school with them so they can share some information about their character. Make sure books are clearly labelled so they do not go missing.

Please do not feel like you need to go out and buy a costume, a simple homemade costume would be great. We can't wait to see students dressed up as we celebrate stories.

Thank you for all of your support!

Westboro Staff

BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to the Cupcake Kids from Cloverbar supplying the cupcakes for our Family Literacy Event.



The Cupcake Kids is a student led baking business run by students in the PLACE program at Clover Bar Junior High. Proceeds help raise funds for our program. Students complete all aspects of jobs.



WESTBORO WARRIOR CHALLENGE

In February, Westboro had the Sherwood Park Crusaders come and visited the school to talk to the students about what it means to be a part of a team. We started a challenge that day with some marbles and a jar. Every time a student displayed “Warrior” qualities, they bring a marble to fill the jar. At the beginning of this school year, students were challenged to fill the jar and if they succeeded we would have a great surprise for them. It looks like our Warriors were up to the challenge and will accomplish this goal. Our celebration for achieving this will be a school-wide field trip to watch the Crusaders play on Wednesday, November 6

PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!

School fee information for the 2019-20 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. To access your fee information, simply log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online - when available from your financial institution.

Don't forget to also log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child's account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2019.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees and [Westboro Elementary School Fees](#). Alternatively, contact Billie Jean Mephram at Westboro Elementary at 780-467-7751

PEP Talk

In partnership with EIPS Committee of School Councils



2nd Floor, 501 Festival Avenue Sherwood Park, AB T8A 4X3
www.pepsociety.ca

WHAT DO I SAY? Tips for talking the “talk” ...

Before you engage, prepare yourself...

1. Make a plan – sit where you aren’t disturbed and think. Reflect on the facts, not the emotion of anger or any other negative feelings. Organize your thoughts and decide in advance what you may say.. Negative and strong talk can result in your child “tuning out”.
2. Present the facts and set a tone of openness and support. Open the discussion with a statement of love and concern for your child. Then bring up what you have noticed or even found (drug paraphernalia in your home) or the missed curfews or slipped grades or change in behaviour.
3. Listen – after presenting the facts, ask your child for his/her response to the information you provided. Listen – hear what they have to say with love and concern and then determine if you need further help.. maybe a school counsellor or another professional

Examples of conversation starters

1. We love you and we are concerned about a few things. We are here to support you but some of your behaviour shows possible signs of drug or alcohol use. We know you are aware of the rules we have in our family and you have been breaking some of those rules.. i.e. curfew, grades, belligerent attitude . One of those family rules that you are also aware of is no drug or alcohol use by pre-teens or teens.
2. I’d like to talk openly with you about your concerns and mine. I’m interested in hearing your views even if we disagree. Can we do that now?
3. Even though you think everyone is using drugs or alcohol, it is also illegal and not allowable.
4. Are any of your friends using? How are you handling that? Is it hard to not use in that environment?
5. We won’t give up on you because we love you and we will continue to have this conversation. If you need outside help, we will be there to support you.

The purpose is for a two way, face to face conversation that gives your child room to respond, even if he/she disagrees with you. Talking to your kids about drugs and alcohol is a continuous process – not an event. Let your child know that you will want to continue to “check in with him/her”. If you feel the conversation is the same over and over, you may want to seek assistance from outside the family.

Parents Empowering Parents (PEP) Society was founded over 15 years ago in Strathcona County. We provide free innovative programs for parents/extended family and youth/young adults. Our groups are professionally facilitated and drop in - no registration required. For more information please visit our web-site www.pepsociety.ca or call our Support Line Days/Evenings Weekends 780.293.0737

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Thank you to those that continue to park in the designated zones. A reminder that there is absolutely no parking in the busing and handicapped zones. There is also no parking in the front stalls of the shopping center across the street. We are grateful that they let us use their other stalls. The by-law officers are very present and handing out tickets for these and other infractions.

PATROL NEWS

Westboro is so proud of our AMA Safety Patrollers. We have close to 40 patrollers this year. Way to go Warriors! These students volunteer their time to make sure that our school members are safe. Thank you for your care and consideration in respecting the hard work that these students show.

Patrollers of the Month – Kole and Logan



CHANGING SEASONS

Winter weather is quickly approaching! Please make sure you send your child to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play - boots, toques and mittens are the order of the day! The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions. Also, an extra set of clothes is recommended in case the ones your child is wearing gets wet or muddy.

A reminder that children enjoy the fresh outdoors three times a day, unless it is pouring rain, or the temperatures drop below -22° Celsius (including wind chill), as cited in our school handbook.

As well, many clothing items are lost by our students. If you are missing coats, sweaters, lunch kits or other items, please do stop by the school and check it out the Lost and Found

INDIGENOUS STUDIES

On September 24th we had the privilege of having Elder Wilson come to Westboro to continue to share stories and teachings from his culture. We learned stories about autumn, harvest, and preparing for winter. Students also all had the opportunity to learn about the potato dance. Maybe it's something to try at home. You are guaranteed to have fun if you do!

What is the potato dance?

- Elder Wilson taught us that the potato dance was used when two people were in conflict or disagreement. Using a position that encourages them to come together and see eye to eye, as well as a little humour mixed in, it is meant to help two people move past their differences.

How do you do the potato dance?

- Face your partner and put your arms out, with your elbows bent, and your hands grasping onto the upper part of your partner's arms.
- Place a potato between the forehead of you and your partner. Make sure to look each other in the eye.
- Try moving to the beat or even jumping without dropping the potato.
- Watch for laughter to ensue and dissent to disappear.

There are a number of YouTube videos showing the potato dance at pow wow celebrations available online if you want to find out more about it.

HALLOWEEN AT WESTBORO

Halloween will be celebrated in the following manner this year. Students will be allowed to change into their costumes in the afternoon only. **Please do not send your child(ren) to school dressed up.** Our regular classes will be participating in Halloween themed activities led by Mrs. Richard and Mrs. Werner. Following this activity, students will go back to their classes for the individual classroom celebrations, for the last two periods.

Please note that Westboro adheres to a strict policy of **no ghoulish or gory costumes.** As well, there are to be **no weapons or weapon-like props** included in the costumes at school.

This year, our Logos classes will be attending an alternate activity. Details will be forthcoming.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Wow, just like that September is gone! We had our first parent council and parents group meet with a great turn out. Also our first hot lunch Booster juice and Cobs bread which I've heard from many classes was a big success. Thank you Hot Lunch Committee.

Looking forward to the month ahead, our annual Shop Til Ya Drop is taking place over 2 days, October 18th & 19th. Anyone that is either looking to help out or possibly become a vendor please contact Karry Biri at westboroparents@gmail.com. At parent/teacher interviews on October 23 & 24, we will be doing a bottle drive, start saving now! Anyone able to volunteer an hour or two during those nights please contact Krystal Gibson @ (780)901-9945 (preferably by text)

Our next meeting is Wednesday October 16th @ 6:30 in the library, where we will be continuing our discussion around "choice in education" and what that looks like to you. If you are unable to attend but would like to have your voice heard please email westboroparents@gmail.com

STUDENT SAFETY

Just a reminder that students and visitors are required to enter through the front doors and sign in at our office if they arrive after the bell at 8:37 a.m.

If you are visiting our school for an extended period of time (volunteering in a classroom) please ensure that you sign in at the office as well as pick up one of our name tags. These practices ensure that our students remain safe at school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Please join us on Friday, November 8th at 10:30 a.m. for our annual Remembrance Day Service in our school gymnasium. Our service will pay tribute to the countless men and women who have served and continue to serve our country.

We would like to extend an invitation to any war veterans or members of the military to join us, in uniform, if applicable. There will be reserved seating available for these honoured guests. Students are also invited to wear their club uniforms to school. e.g. Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, etc. to school for this special event.

We are also continuing with our Wall of Honour. Information regarding the Wall of Honour will sent home later in October. If you have submitted a Name Plaque in previous years, the school has kept it and will display it again.



HOT LUNCH

I want to start by saying **thank you to all our parents** who made our first hot lunch this year successful even with the confusion regarding payments! Please note hot lunch ordering for November and December will open October 14 - October 25 with **NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED**. As we are currently working on a new payment system please watch your emails for further information regarding payment for the next set of hot lunches.

Our next hot lunch is Wild Wing on October 18. We couldn't do it without our volunteers so we want to say thank you to those who help out in the school as well.

Our hot lunch schedule for November and December is as follows:

November - Papa John's

December - Swiss Chalet

Thank you!

Heidi and Janel

LOGOS SOCIETY NEWS

Apple Fundraiser

Thank you to all families who purchased and promoted our successful Apple fundraiser, supporting the Elk Island Logos Society. A total of 285 boxes were sold, 127 of those being sold by Westboro! We hope that online ordering helped make it easier. Funds raised from the Apple fundraiser will be used to help enrich our classrooms and enhance student learning.

Prayer Box

The prayer box located at the office is a great way to share prayer requests and have the support of the Logos community praying for you, your child, your family, etc. Please know that no request is too small or too large, this is one way for the Logos Society to build a supportive prayer community around its learners, families and teachers.

Thanksgiving Season

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we are reminded of how much we have to be grateful for. We are encouraged to take time to appreciate all of God's gifts and give thanks.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. -1 Chronicles 16:34

Theresa MacKenzie





THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents,
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on
Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24, 2019.

For parents that do not have internet access, computers will be available in the School Library beginning on Tuesday, October 15th at 9:00 a.m. for parents to make their own bookings. Interviews are for a duration of 10 minutes, however, if you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

KINDERGARTEN appointments are 30 min. Student-Led Demonstrations of Learning

GRADES 1-6 appointments are 10 min. individual bookings

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.ca and follow these simple instructions

Simply enter the code and press "Go"



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **check your junk mail folder**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.ca at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN TUESDAY OCTOBER 15th at 9:00 a.m.

For parents that do not have internet access, computers will be available in the School Library for parents to make their own bookings. Interviews are for a duration of 10 minutes, however, if you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE: Kindergarten conferences run for a period of 30 minutes. A one-on-one interview will be embedded into this time.

BOOKINGS CLOSE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22th at 3:00 p.m.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.ca website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly at (780) 467-7751.

WESTBORO PARENTS GROUP PRESENTS:

Fall Shop til ya Drop



Get the perfect Christmas present or that special item for yourself that you've been searching for.

With several NEW and returning vendors, fantastic auction items, this is an event you don't want to miss!

Friday, OCTOBER 18
4:00pm – 8:00pm
&
Saturday, OCTOBER 19
11:00 – 3:00pm

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

All are welcome!

Some of our amazing vendors this event are:

- Discovery Toys
- Earth Rebel
- Epicure
- Little Loopy
- Norwex
- Pampered Chef
- Sweetlegs SP with Kelly
- Tupperware
- Wayward Wood

AND MANY MORE.....

Accepting Donations
for the Foodbank!



EIPS DIVISION NEWS

HEAD LICE

REMINDER: Make head checks for lice a regular routine!

Head lice are one of the most common problems faced by school-aged children and their families. Typically, head lice are tiny, greyish-brown insects that live on the scalp and lay their eggs, or nits, in the hair close to the scalp—itching is the main complaint. Lice don't jump from head to head, nor are they dangerous. Having a head lice infestation, however, can cause stress, anxiety and hardship for staff, students and parents. As such, it's essential each of our families do their part at home by undertaking weekly routine head checks and, if head lice and nits are found, physically removing them.

While head lice prevention and control is primarily the responsibility of the parent, the school does work discreetly with the teacher, students and families to prevent further transmission. To prevent the spread of head lice, we encourage you to speak to your child about preventative behaviour such as avoiding head-to-head contact and not sharing combs, hats, pillows and hair accessories. It's also important to teach children not to tease other students about head lice—anyone can get head lice. If you find head lice on your child, notify the school, physically remove the lice and nits using the proper lice comb, and keep your child home until all signs of active head lice are gone.

For more information about head lice prevention and treatment, visit www.eips.ca/programs-services/healthy-schools/head-lice. Alternatively, you can contact the school at 780-467-7751.

CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY: OCTOBER 5

October 5 is World Teachers' Day! Launched in 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Teachers' Day is celebrated annually around the world to recognize teachers and the integral role they play in providing quality education to students. On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives.

New this year, to honour the day, EIPS kick-started a new contest inviting friends, family, students and staff to share a story about how a teacher inspired them. Thank you to all those who have shared stories to date. Collectively they tell a story about the vital role teachers play in shaping the minds of youth and supporting their journey of success.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: OCTOBER 21 – 25

Schools throughout Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) are celebrating School Bus Safety Week October 21-25. The theme: Ready to Ride, which focuses on being a responsible rider. Throughout the week, various activities are planned, including information sessions, bus-safety lesson plans and bus-evacuation drills.

As part of School Bus Safety Week, we'd like to remind students and families all of the Division's school buses are equipped with a bus-pass scanner and GPS technology, which allows Student Transportation to better monitor and manage its more than 156 buses and 594 bus routes. Thanks to this technology, parents and students also have access to the Versatrans My Stop app, a mobile tool to help determine the location of a bus, projected arrival times and when a child is scanned onto a bus.

For more information about School Bus Safety Week and EIPS Student Transportation services visit www.eips.ca/transportation or contact Student Transportation (780-417-8151, st@eips.ca) directly.

NO CHILD WITHOUT: FREE MEDICALERT FOR STUDENTS

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, **Westboro Elementary** continues to be registered in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. The program is a national initiative that provides no-cost MedicAlert services to children - between the ages four of 14 - who have chronic health conditions. The goal is twofold: to help children with severe allergies, medical conditions or special needs and to assist schools with medical-emergency plans for students.

Once a child is registered, their school is provided with advice on a medical-emergency plan for that student and given a list of medications, allergies and medical conditions the student has. If your child has a serious medical condition or allergy and could benefit from MedicAlert services, contact the school office at **Westboro Elementary** 780-467-7751. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.

IMMUNIZATION CHANGES



Alberta Health Services, through the school immunization program, provides students who are eligible for publicly funded immunizations, an opportunity to be immunized at school. The following changes are being made to the school immunization program starting in September 2018:

- ◇ Routine delivery of Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunizations will move from grade 5 to grade 6. If your child was immunized in grade 5 they will not be immunized again in grade 6.
- ◇ The immunization records of all students in grades 1 through 9 will be reviewed throughout the school year.

With the following changes in place the 2018-2019 School Immunization Program is as follows:

- ◇ Grades 1- 9: Review immunization records of all students, and offer relevant vaccines to all children who are not up to date according to Alberta Health recommendations.
- ◇ Grade 6: Offer Hepatitis B and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Alberta Health recommendations.
- ◇ Grade 9: Offer Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (combined) vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine along with all other vaccines the student is eligible for according to Alberta Health recommendations.

If your child is due for an immunization you will receive an envelope containing immunization information and consent(s) for you to sign. Your child will not be immunized without your consent. Please call the number below if you have any questions regarding immunizations.

If Alberta Health Services does not have immunization information on your child you will receive a phone call or letter from the health centre requesting a copy of your child's immunizations to be delivered to the school (or health centre).

Immunization saves lives, prevents health complications and is the most cost effective disease prevention program in health care. As more people are immunized, the risk of disease for everyone is reduced. To learn more information about immunity, immunization, and how to protect you and your family, visit www.immunizealberta.ca or call Health Link at 811.

Sincerely,
School Health Nursing Team
Strathcona Public Health Centre
780-342-4600