

March 2020

Elk Island Public Schools

THE WESTBORO REPORT



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With the days beginning to get longer and the snow beginning to melt, it's hard to believe we are almost three-quarters of the way through the school year. On February 27th we had a bully prevention assembly in the gymnasium. What was special about this assembly is that it was led by our student council. They planned, organized, and executed a fantastic assembly. Watching them talk about how Westboro Warriors should be kind was one of my proudest moments as a principal. As an educator, I believe one of our most important roles is to help the future generation become contributing members of society. After watching our student leaders work, I'm confident that they will help build a world that everyone will want to live in. I hope all of you will join me in congratulating them on a job well done.

I'm sure by now you've heard that there is a lot of uncertainty as far as the future of education is concerned. Elk Island Public Schools is committed to making sure that we maintain high-quality education for all our students. Our school is planning on working closely with its parents and community members to ensure that we continue to have a school where kids can learn, thrive, feel safe and are excited to attend. To find out more information about what's happening from a division perspective please see the superintendent's blog at: <https://www.eips.ca/about-us/whats-new/tag/superintendents-updates>

We are looking forward to having a successful finish to the year and a continued strong partnership with all of our community members.

MARCH

- 5 Newsletter
- 6 No School
- 8 Daylight Savings Begins
- 10 Logos Meeting at Sherwood Heights 7 p.m.
- 16 Online School Interviews **opens**
- 18 Chapel 1:00 p.m.
- 18 Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Hot Lunch
- 20 Report Cards
- 21 Shop 'Til Ya Drop!
- 23 Online School Interviews **closes**
- 24 & 25 Interviews (4 – 7 p.m.)
- 26 Popcorn Sale
- 27 No School

***Spring Break
Mar. 28 – April 5***

APRIL

- 6 Welcome Back
- 7 Logos Easter Chapel
- 8 Early Dismiss

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PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES - ONLINE BOOKINGS

This term, Westboro is holding its student-parent-teacher conferences after the report cards go home. Conferences will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and 25, from 4 - 7 p.m.

Given the great success of the online booking system, we will once again use this system to book interviews. Please see the following page for the event code and how to choose your interview time. **This portal will open for bookings at 9 a.m. on March 16th and remain open for bookings until March 23rd at 3 p.m. For more information about this process, please visit our [school website](#).**

HOT LUNCH

Hi Westboro families!

We are so excited to try two new vendors this session for Hot Lunch. As always we are so grateful for the volunteers that help out with handing the lunches out to the kids. If you are able to volunteer please send myself and Janel an email to westborohotlunches@gmail.com. We also want to thank the parents again for sending in cash and cheques in a timely fashion. Just a reminder hot lunch ordering with close on March 6, with payment being due on March 9. **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted.

March 21 - Jugo Juice

April 17 - Boston Pizza

Thanks,

Heidi and Janel

POPCORN



On Thursday, March 26th, the PLACE class will once again be selling bags of popcorn to the students and staff of Westboro Elementary. Popcorn is \$1.00 per bag and each student can purchase up to 2 bags. All proceeds go to the purchase of Levelled Readers for our Westboro Community. Thank you for all your support.



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 Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25, 2020.

For parents that do not have internet access, computers will be available in the School Library beginning on Monday, March 16th 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 MONDAY MARCH 16th 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 MONDAY, MARCH 23rd 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.

LOGOS SOCIETY



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." - Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

March Logos Dates:

March 9 - Prayer Meeting @ 9 am - Check Logos Facebook Page for Updates. Please submit prayer requests at any time into the prayer box outside the school office.

March 10 - Logos Meeting @ Sherwood Heights @ 7 PM

March 18 - Chapel @ 1 pm in the Gym, Grades 1L/2L leading. All are welcome!

March 24 - Staff Spring Supper - "Bless the Staff/Staff Appreciation Supper" - Watch for details being sent home with your child! Please email westbororep@elkislandlogos.ca if you are able to help! Thank you in advance for helping with this event!

Upcoming Logos Dates:

April 7 - Easter Chapel with Brentwood K-6 Logos @ The Park Church

(1 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, AB, T8H 1Y7) Chapel Begins @ 1:30 pm - Watch for Field Trip forms being sent home for bussing.

All are welcome!

Theresa MacKenzie - westbororep@elkislandlogos.ca

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: kspa2006@gmail.com. We are happy to answer all your inquiries.



SCHOOL COUNCIL/ PARENTS' GROUP NEWS

Wow, March already!

Last month we had the annual penny carnival put on by our grade 6's to help fundraise for their year-end trip. It was a huge success and a huge thank you goes out to the parent committee and teachers for their support. Thank you to all that donated a cake, cupcakes or pie, all looked super yummy.

Our track team also went to the Journal Indoor Games and they had a good time. Good job to all that ran and supported the team

March brings us our choir singing at the Oil Kings annual Sing for Spring and the committee is starting to form to start planning out annual Family dance.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching, watch for information on booking.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 18 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 positions.

Please take a moment to pre read the resolutions so you have time to think about whether we support them or not.

We look forward to seeing you out there

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 5 Days"!** (kindergarten to Grade 6 - March 30 - April 3, 2020)

For more information and to register call Kasia at: 780-707-4481 or e-mail: kspa2006@gmail.com.

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!



WESTBORO PARENTS GROUP PRESENTS:

3rd Annual 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 annual fundraiser!

Saturday, MARCH 21

10:00am – 3:00pm

WESTBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

1078 STRATHCONA DRIVE, SHERWOOD PARK, AB

All are welcome!

Please save the date, we hope to see you there.

We are still accepting vendors. If you know of someone we would love to have them join us. Please have them email
westboropgtreasurer@gmail.com

You will have to come visit our amazing vendors to see what they have to offer.

Accepting Donations
for the Foodbank!



PEP Talk

In partnership with EIPS Committee of School Councils



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

TEST YOUR Knowledge!

Match the drug to the description

Drug A

Some people call me the most addictive drug because nearly everyone who uses me regularly becomes addicted. I kill more people per year than any other drug. Teenage girls use me more often than teenage boys. People who sell this drug to women imply that it will make them slimmer. Who am I?

Drug B

I am the most popular illegal drug. Most people relax when they use me but they also get clumsy and shouldn't drive. Using a lot daily can cause physical and psychological addiction. Users sometimes experience anxiety, panic and paranoia. I raise your heart rate but slow your brain. Who am I?

Drug C

I've been used for thousands of years. I'm natural, made by fermenting vegetables, fruits or grains. Like Drug A, I cause death. Using me often and in large amounts can cause serious brain damage, harmful to the liver, kidneys and digestive system. People say they use me to get happy, sociable or talkative. Who am I?

Drug D

We are a group of drugs that people use so they can stay awake all night, so they have lots of energy, or so they can lose weight. After you use me for awhile, we make you edgy, nervous, anxious and panic. You may even experience paranoia episodes, seizures, and aggression. Who am I?

Answers:

- A. Nicotine
- B. Cannabis (marijuana)
- C. Alcohol
- D. Stimulants, uppers or speed.

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 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 **\$776** 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 **\$543** 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 7:30 a.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. There is a \$75 fine for no helmet. There is also a fine of \$78 for no bell or horn on your 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 9

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2020 Parent Survey—open from March 9-26.

Annually, EIPS conducts a parent survey to gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its Four-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](http://www.eips.ca) TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Survey opens March 9, 2020

Survey closes March 26, 2020

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2020? If so, it's now time to register for kindergarten. To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit - available at www.eips.ca/kindergarten - 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.

Additional information regarding kindergarten can be found on our school website [Westboro Kindergarten Information Page](#).

DO MORE THIS SUMMER - SUMMER SCHOOL

Next Step Continuing Education Summer School and Camps:

Registration opens March 9

Summer School: Open to students entering grades 10-12 and mature students

With more than 25 credit courses, there are lots of ways to get ahead. Students can earn high school credits, upgrade marks and finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

- CALM (in class or self-paced)
- Physical Education 10
- Extreme CALM and Physical Education 10 combined
- English – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Math – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Social – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Sciences – 10-, 20- and 30-levels
- Film Production
- Work Experience and RAP

Summer Camps: Open to participants in grades 5-9

From sports to cooking to babysitting, campers enjoy a fun-filled program while making friends and learning new skills.

Camps include:

- Sports – volleyball, basketball and handball
- computer gaming and design
- cooking and baking
- babysitting

Registration opens on March 9.

Related information:

[Summer School](#)

[Summer Camps](#)