

June 2020

Elk Island Public Schools

# THE WESTBORO REPORT



## PLANNING FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

As this year comes to an end, it is strange to say goodbye for the summer when I haven't had the chance to see most of you for the last three months. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of your patience and hard work as we continued our learning journey from home over the last three months. There have been many challenges that we have overcome and many successes that we were able to celebrate. As we head into an unknown future, I am confident that we persevere and move ahead together as we work towards our common goal of preparing our students for their future.

Over the summer, Elk Island Public Schools will be finalizing its work on our re-entry plan for the 2020-21 school year. Please stay tuned for more details in August, before the beginning of school.

We have one more staff change to announce. Our administrative assistant Holly Berube will be headed to our EIPS central office for an exciting new opportunity. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Melanie Pinto who comes to us from Ardrossan.

Before we leave for the summer, we have had a few requests for one last video message from our staff to our Westboro families. We hope you like it.

### [Westboro Staff Message to Families](#)

Please have a safe and restful summer and we can't wait to see you all in the fall.

Mike Lastiwka  
Principal  
Westboro Elementary

## AUGUST

24 School Open 9:00 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER

1 First day of school  
(Staggered start for  
ECS)

2 Early Dismissal

4 Welcome Back  
Assembly 9:10 a.m.

4 Newsletter

7 No School - Labour Day

8 First full day of school  
for ECS Regular  
students

9 First full day of school  
for ECS Logos students

9 Welcome Back  
Barbeque 5 - 7 p.m.

23/24 Photo Day

23 Logos Chapel 1 p.m.

25 Terry Fox Run

30 Orange Shirt Day

**PRINCIPAL**  
Mike Lastiwka

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## FIRST DAY

### FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

Grades 1-6 classes resume on **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, before the long weekend.**

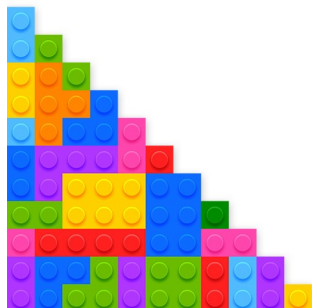
This week of school will be a staggered start for our Kindergarten Orientation classes and had been previously booked in June. If you did not receive your information, please contact the office after August 24<sup>th</sup> for your start date. Full-day Regular and Logos Kindergarten classes begin the week of Sept. 8th, depending whether you child is in the Group A (Logos) or Group B (Regular) program.

## YEARBOOK ORDERS



Now available for order.  
Visit: [www.iconexp.com](http://www.iconexp.com) and  
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Enter code: **WSBO2020**

Books arrive in September.



## EIPS DIVISION NEWS

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS FOR ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Throughout the summer break, Westboro Elementary will be closed and will re-open on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. If you have any school-related questions or concerns during this time, contact the Central Office at Elk Island Public School - the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2020-21 school year.

#### EIPS Central Office Summer Hours (July and August)

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	Wednesday, July 1	Canada Day
Closed	Wednesday, August 3	Heritage Day

*NOTE:* Student Transportation is also open during the summer months and operates during the same hours as Central Office. Student Transportation can't accept in-person transportation payments on the days it's closed.



### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION: 2018 - 2019 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2020-21 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.

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](mailto:st@eips.ca).

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit [www.eips.ca/transportation](http://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 offering its 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 adventure 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 in these locations:

Location	Date	Time
EIPS Central Office	August 18	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 20	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 20	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	9 a.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Office	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.

*NOTE: Date and time may change depending on the phase of the province’s relaunch strategy*

*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](http://www.eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq).

## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

**Westboro Elementary** has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2020-21 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 2020-21 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 Billie Jean Mephram at 780-467-7751 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

*Happy  
Summer One  
and All!*