



November 27, 2020



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- November 30:** Last day to donate to our Christmas Campaign
December 2: Early Dismissal

ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to congratulate our Assistant Principal, Shelby Hines on her recent marriage! Mrs. Hines has also changed her last name and is now Mrs. Labrecque!

TWITTER

Did you know that we have a school Twitter account? Follow us [@WBOelementary](https://twitter.com/WBOelementary) to keep caught up on the most up to date happenings around the school!

SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION FEE WAIVER APPLICATIONS: DEADLINE EXTENDED

Elk Island Public Schools recognizes the global pandemic has put a strain on some families' finances and available income can change quickly in the current situation. As such, the Division has extended the deadline for requesting a waiver of your 2020-21 school and transportation fees. If you encounter circumstances where you're unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). Because of the pandemic, the new deadline is Feb. 15, 2021—if you're new to EIPS, the deadline is the latter of Feb. 15, 2021, or 45 days after registration. Each quarter—or trimester, as applicable—you'll receive an email notification letting you know fees are posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. To access your fee information, go to "Student Fees" on PowerSchool. There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. All fees are due within 14 days of being posted. **NOTE:** School Fees apply to in-school learners only. For more information about school fees, transportation fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca or westboroelementary.ca. Alternatively, contact the school at 780-467-7751

DISCOUNTED SOFTWARE FOR EIPS STUDENTS

All Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) students now have access to discounted software through the new EIPS OnTheHub webstore, available at eips.onthehub.com. Through OnTheHub, students can purchase software at significant discounts off standard retail prices. Users must sign in using their EIPS email address and password to access the product selection and take advantage of discount pricing. Included in the discounts is student-only access to Windows 10 for Education completely free! More information is available through the Help menu within OnTheHub.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more.

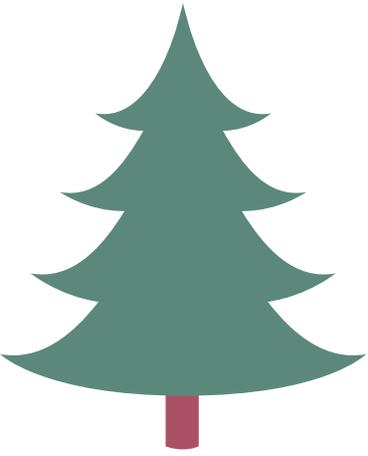
Click [here](#) to view the **December 2020 Newsletter**

STUDENT REMINDERS

Students are expected to bring a **lunch**, a **water bottle** and **at least 2 masks** to school everyday. We understand that these items can sometimes be forgotten and in that case we ask that parents/guardians please call the office to arrange drop off. An office staff member will meet you at the front doors to get the item and bring it to the student. If it is necessary for you to have someone other than yourself deliver lunch, please let the person know that he/she needs to call the school upon arrival and we will meet them at the front doors.

NO CHILD WITHOUT: FREE MEDICALERT FOR STUDENTS

In our ongoing effort to provide safe and caring schools for our students, Westboro Elementary is 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 years—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, the 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 780-467-7751. To learn more about the No Child Without program, visit www.nochildwithout.ca.



HELLO WESTBORO FAMILIES

Sending out a huge THANK YOU to our Westboro families who contributed towards our Christmas Campaign this year. We have been blessed beyond measure by your generosity and kindness. Together, we raised almost \$600 for families in need (maybe more as the deadline for these is Monday, November 30). Way to go Warriors! I am so proud to be a part of this school!

Gift cards will be donated to the organization we supported last year. This group is called "Hearts Thrift Store" or "The Christmas Campaign for Families in Need" (see both on Facebook). We will not be adopting a family per se but will give these cards to Teresa Roque who heads up these groups and they will be distributed as needed. If you are a family in need, or would like to sponsor a local family, please reach out to this organization. Every year, more and more families seek her help for necessities and everyday things. It is sad to hear, but we are happy to help, even in a small way!

Thank you for your generosity, your kindness and your empathy. We are a strong school full of warriors with very big hearts! Take good care everyone. Stay healthy and happy and may you be blessed by this giving as much as myself and others are!

A traditional blessing over you and your families this Christmas season: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace" Merry Christmas and happy holidays everyone!

Sincerely,

**STACEY BOUWERS (ON BEHALF OF OUR CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE)
MARY CHRISTENSON, SHERRY CAMERON, CHERYL REYBURN AND
SHAWNA RESALAT)**

Strathcona County Information

NEW PROVINCIAL RESTRICTIONS

New mandatory provincial restrictions announced on November 24, 2020 are now in effect for County residents, businesses and facilities. Restrictions will be in place for at least three weeks. Visit strathcona.ca to learn what these restrictions include.

COMMUNITY & FAMILIES

People are the most important part of this community, and together we thrive. Click [here](#) to find out more about programs and services that help engage and empower people of all ages and situations.

SAFE. SUPPORTED. CONNECTED.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused stress, hardships, and pressure for Strathcona County residents in ways some may have never experienced before. Trying to balance everything can feel overwhelming. Strathcona County Family and Community Services is here to support you through these challenging times. If you're stressed about finances, parenting, or just need to talk, call us at 780-464-4044.

Click [here](#) for more information.

REACH OUT SPEAK OUT

November is Family Violence Prevention Month in Alberta. Strathcona County is supporting the community by highlighting #WHERETOTURN as part of a campaign called Reach Out Speak out. Family violence is the attempts by one person in an intimate relationship to dominate and control the other. Family and Community Services is here to support - if family violence is affecting your life, learn where to turn or how to help someone you care about. We all have a role to build a safe, supported and connected community •strathcona.ca/SCspeakout 780-464-4044.



The poster features a dark blue background with a white speech bubble containing the text 'REACH OUT SPEAK OUT' and the website 'strathcona.ca/SCspeakout'. A QR code is in the top right corner. Below the speech bubble, it asks 'Do you feel unsafe or scared?' and 'Do you ever wonder if others feel unsafe or scared around you?'. The hashtag '#WHERETOTURN' is written in white. At the bottom, a table lists services and their phone numbers, along with logos for various partner organizations.

Help is available.	
A Safe Place (24hr)	780-464-7233
Family and Community Services	780-464-4044
Saffron Sexual Assault Centre	780-449-0900
Victim Services	780-449-0153

Let's build healthy relationships and end family violence

[Click on the image for a larger view](#)