



March 25, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

March 26: No School in Lieu of Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 29 - April 2: Spring Break

April 2: Good Friday

April 5: Easter Sunday

April 5: Easter Monday - No School for Staff or Students

April 6: Classes Resume, Re-Entry to In-Class Learning

April 7: Early Dismissal

April 7: [World Health Day](#)

GEARING UP FOR KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend our upcoming virtual Kindergarten Information Night on Tuesday, May 4th. Make sure to attend to virtually tour the school; meet the staff; gain insight on play-based learning; and see what a typical day looks like.

Kindergarten Information Night 2021:

Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

The information session will be held via Google Meets and a link will be sent out to families closer to May 4th.

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible Elk Island Public Schools has also put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more. Find it by visiting www.eips.ca/programs-services/kindergarten.

Additional information regarding Westboro Elementary's kindergarten program, is available on our school website at <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/about/kindergarten>.

Keeping Them Safe While Helping Them Grow:

Supporting children's emotional growth in challenging times



PRESENTED BY
Dr. Alex Russell
Registered Psychologist and Author
and SCA Secondary



When: April 21 at 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Where: Virtually via Microsoft Teams Live Event: <https://bit.ly/3vfw0Ed>

Keeping them Safe while Helping them Grow: Supporting children's emotional growth in challenging times.

Knowing when and how to support our children at school is never easy. The dangers presented by a pandemic only add to the challenge of balancing the need to protect our children, on the one hand, while continuing to support their emotional growth on the other. This workshop offers clear and helpful guidelines to help parents navigate these challenges while maintaining close, supportive relationships with their children.

The workshop asks whether we are doing our kids a disservice by removing obstacles and doing our best to eradicate all stress and anxiety from their lives?

During the evening, Dr. Russell will offer a fresh perspective on raising self-reliant, motivated children, ready to take on the world.

This session will give parents the tools to:

- Understand parent-child dynamics
- Resist the pressure to over-parent
- Build trusting relationships with teachers and school administration so they can play an effective role in your child's life
- Understand problems such as ADHD, anxiety, and substance abuse
- Embrace failing as learning, not parental incompetence
- Enact common-sense strategies for parents worn out from worrying about their kids and their future

HAVE YOUR SAY! THE 2021 EIPS PARENT SURVEY IS NOW OPEN

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) wants to hear from you. Make sure to complete the 2021 EIPS Parent Survey—open from **April 6 - 20**.

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.

Plus, new this year, the survey includes a Part B, featuring questions about the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes. As you know, in Fall 2021, EIPS welcomes a new locally elected Board of Trustees. Your feedback will help the incoming Board develop a new EIPS Four-Year Education Plan—one that's responsive to student and community needs and focused on continuous improvement.

[TAKE THE SURVEY STARTING APRIL 6!](#) Survey closes April 20, 2021.

NOTE: The survey is anonymous and doesn't take long to complete. If you want to share the experience of more than one child attending an EIPS school, simply complete the survey again.

WATCH FOR THIN ICE

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Please remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take the proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice. For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice. And, grey ice is unsafe—the greyness indicates the presence of water.

ELK ISLAND LOGOS CHRISTIAN PROGRAM

The Logos Christian Program is an alternative program for students in Kindergarten to Grade 9, within a regular school setting. Students in the Logos Christian Program are taught Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Health and Life Skills from a Christian perspective by Christian teachers.

Click [here](#) to watch the video, "What is Logos?"

You can also visit <https://www.elkislandlogos.ca/> or <https://www.westboroelementary.ca/logos/logos-programs>



Enjoy your Spring Break
FROM ALL THE STAFF AT WESTBORO



See you on Tuesday, April 6th!

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Government of Alberta announced [changes to their COVID-19 restrictions](#) on March 8. The Province is [rolling out their vaccination program to eligible Albertans](#).

SPRING BREAK RECREATION PROGRAMS

Registration is on now for indoor, outdoor and virtual spring programs, including Spring Break! Find all spring program schedules and details here:

<https://reconline.strathcona.ca/.../category/browse/PROG>

All programs have been created to meet the provincial guidelines in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS

During the pandemic, the need for social connection is greater than ever. Community Connection grants encourage residents to engage in local activities that promote resilience, well-being and community connections in a way that meets Alberta Health Services COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

Micro-grants up to \$350 are available for residents to supplement a diverse range of neighbourhood and community-focused gatherings, events or activities.

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../gran.../community-seed-grants/>

STRATHCONA COUNTY LIBRARY UPDATE

The library reopened on Tuesday, March 16th for Browse & Go. We're looking forward to seeing you all again! You can find more details at <https://bit.ly/3bGqjY7>.

SPRING SAFETY TIPS

Enjoy spring responsibly

- Stay off ponds & ice surfaces (puddles okay!)
- Keep culverts and storm water drains clear of snow and ice
- Clear out eavestroughs and point downspouts away from your home
- Make sure your sump pump and weeping tiles are working
- Apply for a fire permit for open fires (grass/yard/brush)
- Remove dry and dead plant debris from under decks, in gutters or against buildings to reduce fire risk

How will you enjoy spring this weekend?

See more spring safety tips:

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../covid19/spring-and-summer/>