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WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

Weekly Newsletter

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 30: Beach Day

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

We would like to remind families to use the [STAY AT HOME GUIDE](#) to determine when to keep your child home from school and when it is safe to return. Complete the [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist \(for children under 18\)](#) with your child every day. The questionnaire will help determine if it's safe to send your child to school. If the answer is "Yes" to any of the questionnaire questions, DO NOT send your child to school. Stay home and see the instructions on the [STAY AT HOME GUIDE](#). If the answer is "No" to all the questions, your child can attend school. For more assistance you can call 811 and/or complete the self assessment tool at <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please contact the school immediately at 780-467-7751, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If you receive positive test results outside of school hours, please email Principal Mike Lastiwka at mike.lastiwka@eips.ca and Assistant Principal Shelby Labrecque at shelby.labrecque@eips.ca. Thank you.

MASK PROTOCOL

Parents who drop off and pick up students in person are reminded that even though they may be outdoors, public health measures remain in effect. Please ensure you maintain a minimum of two metres away from others who are not part of your immediate household and if that's not possible, a mask is required—even outside. The Chief Medical Officer of Health has indicated there has been outdoor spread when these measures haven't been followed, and we want to ensure our school community remains healthy and helps prevent further transmission of COVID-19.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that non-essential visitors are not permitted in the school. If you need to pick up/drop off your child or drop something off for them, please call the school upon your arrival at 780-467-7751, and a staff member will meet you at the doors to assist.

BEACH DAY

Summer is coming! On Friday, April 30, 2021, staff and students are encouraged to wear school appropriate beach wear.

QUARTER 4 FEES

Quarter 4 fees are now posted and payment is due within 14 days. Any outstanding fees from Quarter 1, 2, and 3 are also now due and require payment.

If any credits were present on the account, they have been applied and any outstanding balance will show as due. Please log into your PowerSchool account to see credits, fees, and make payment.

NOTE: As of May 13th, parents will have the ability to transfer overpayment credits between siblings, between schools, and between school and Transportation.

If you have any questions, please call Billie Jean Mepham at 780-467-7751.

ATTENDANCE

Please communicate your child's absence directly to the school office at 780-467-7751, or email general.wbo@eips.ca or click the [STUDENT ATTENDANCE](#) link on the homepage of the school website. These emails are both checked regularly by the school office staff. Do not communicate this information only to the teacher. Situations occur when the homeroom teacher is away, and your information will not be received by the office staff who are required to maintain an accurate record of attendance for students throughout the day.

When reporting a student's absence, a reason is necessary. If your child is ill, we will need to know what the symptoms of the illness are as part of the COVID-19 screening requirements.

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. 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.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Government of Alberta announced the province is [moving back to Step 1 restrictions](#), effective April 7, 2021. The province is [rolling out their vaccination program to eligible Albertans](#).

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Life is a lot sometimes. Talking about it can help. Call Strathcona County Family and Community Services at 780-464-4044 or visit <https://bit.ly/3kmGb3V>

IF YOU HAD A FARM POSTER CONTEST

If you had a farm, imagine how it would be. Draw us a picture, we can't wait to see! Calling all Grade 3, 4 and 5 students in Strathcona County and Fort Saskatchewan. The 2021 Agricultural Service Board Poster Contest is now open for submissions.

Visit our website for the full contest rules and entry guidelines:

<https://www.strathcona.ca/.../agricultura.../poster-contest/>

SPRING PROGRAMS

There's still time to register for spring programs. New programs have been added and spots are still available in many of our existing programs. Indoor, outdoor and virtual programs are available!

You can find all of our spring program information (including course descriptions, dates, times and locations) and register here: <https://reonline.strathcona.ca/.../category/browse/PROG>

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

TRIPLE P: DEALING WITH DISOBEDIENCE

Join us for Triple P: Dealing with Disobedience, a free program for parents and caregivers of children age 2 to 12.

This session will provide a tool box of ideas for you to create a plan with for your family. You will also be able to discuss common challenges in a supportive group of other parents.

This session will take place on April 26, 2021 from 1-3 p.m.

Please go to <https://www.strathcona.ca/.../parents.../parentsupport/> to register.